



THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON
MEDICINE
 & **RELIGION**

Responding to the Limits and Possibilities of the Body

March 7-9, 2014 | The Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile

Medicine exists because of the limits and frailties of the human body, as well as its possibilities; and medicine is shaped by what we expect the body to be and do. As such, health care practices depend on and display answers to important questions about human embodiment: To whom does the body belong? How is one's body related to oneself? What is a normal human body? What, if anything, does the human body tell us about how medicine should respond to bodily suffering and death? What kind of knowledge about human embodiment can science give, vis-à-vis the great religions?

The 3rd Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion invites health care professionals and scholars to reflect on these questions and their implications for contemporary medicine. The conference is a forum for exchanging ideas from an array of disciplinary backgrounds and approaches, including both analytical and empirical scholarship, descriptions of what is as well as arguments about what should be, accounts of relevant experiences as well as reflections on the meaning of those experiences. Moreover, the conference invites participants to address these and other questions by looking to the traditions and practices of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Baruch Brody, PhD

Andrew Mellon Professor of Humanities in the Department of Philosophy, Rice University

Arthur W. Frank, PhD

Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Calgary

Ingrid Mattson, PhD

Muslim Religious Leader and Scholar of Islamic Studies, Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario

Allen Verhey, PhD

Robert Earl Cushman Professor of Christian Ethics, Duke Divinity School

Friday | March 7, 2014

10 AM - 1 PM

Registration Open

1 PM - 2:15 PM

Parallel Sessions

- Changing Body Image: From the Perspective of a Plastic Surgeon, a Psychiatrist and a Theologian
- Body Talk: How We Cover, Uncover and Use Our Bodies in Health and Healing
- The Body in an Age of "Enhancement"
- Self-Care and Prevention: Religious Insights

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

BREAK

2:30 PM - 2:40 PM

Welcome

- Farr Curlin PhD
- Daniel Sulmasy, PhD

2:40 PM - 3:40 PM

Keynote Lecture

- Arthur W. Frank, PhD

3:55 PM - 5:15 PM

Plenary One

- Allan Verhey, PhD
- Baruch Brody, PhD
- Ingrid Mattson, PhD

7:00 PM

Room Available for Muslim Prayer

Saturday | March 8, 2014

4 AM - 5:20 AM

Room Available for Muslim Prayer

7 AM - 7:45 AM

Open Time for Religious Services

7 AM - 8 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8 AM - 9:15 AM

Parallel Sessions

- Religious and Spiritual Dimensions of Trauma, Resilience, and Post-traumatic Growth
- Rendering the Body in Poetry, Art, and Medicine
- Measuring Spirituality: Pitfalls and Possibilities
- Communities, Traditions, and the Abundant Life

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM

BREAK

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Parallel Sessions

- Engelhardt: Philosophy of Difference, Theology of Unity
- Three Recent Books on Medicine and Religion
- Organ Donation Attitudes and Fatawa: Interdisciplinarity and Epistemology in "Islamic" Bioethics
- Walking Together: Christian Communities and Faithful Responses to Mental Illness
- Questions of Meaning: Special Needs Perspectives

10:45 AM - 11 AM

BREAK

11 AM - 12:20 PM

Plenary Two

- Allan Verhey, PhD
- Baruch Brody, PhD
- Ingrid Mattson, PhD

12:20 PM - 1:50 PM

Lunch Break

1:50 PM - 3:30 PM

Abstract Sessions

- Philosophical Perspectives on Embodiment
- Respecting the Body
- Ethics and Values in Practices of Care
- Embodied Suffering and Empathic Care
- The Body at the End of Life

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 PM - 5 PM

Parallel Abstract Sessions

- Contemplative Prayer and Embodied Healing
- Religious Factors and Aggressive Medical Care
- Ancient Christian Traditions: Nature, Body, and Healing
- The Sonic Dimension of Spiritual Integration and Healing
- Conceptualizing Medicine: History and Possibilities

5 PM - 5:15 PM

BREAK

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Special Panel: Measuring the Body

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Reception and Posters

7 PM

Room Available for Muslim Prayer

Sunday | March 9, 2014

4 AM - 5:20 AM

Room Available for Muslim Prayer

7 AM - 7:45 AM

Open Time for Religious Services

7 AM - 8 AM

Continental Breakfast

8 AM - 9:40 AM

Parallel Abstract Sessions

- Evolving Concepts of Illness, Healing, and Death
- Spirituality and the Medical Professions
- Embodiment: Some Implications for Care
- Religion and Care in Mental Health

9:40 AM - 9:55 AM

BREAK

9:55 AM - 10:25 AM

Student Essay Award and Presentation

10:25 AM - 11:45 AM

Plenary Three

- Allan Verhey, PhD
- Baruch Brody, PhD
- Ingrid Mattson, PhD

11:45 AM

Closing Remarks

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