

**SYLLABUS**  
***Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care***  
**Lahey Clinic**  
**2012**

*Facilitator:* Martin Newhouse  
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**Session 1, January 26: *Healing and Uncertainty***

Atul Gawande, "The Case of the Red Leg," from *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science* (essay)  
William Carlos Williams, "The Practice" from *On Doctoring: Stories, Poems, Essays*, (ed. Richard Reynolds and John Stone) (essay)  
John Stone, "Gaudeamus Igitur" (poem)

**Session 2, February 23: *The Human Spirit in Adversity***

Jean-Dominique Bauby, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* (novel)  
Jorge Luis Borges, "Blindness," from *Seven Nights* (lecture)  
John Milton, "On His Blindness" (poem)

**Session 3, March 29: *Patients and Doctors***

Doris Grumbach, "Coming Into the End Zone" from *On Doctoring: Stories, Poems, Essays* (memoir)  
Anatole Broyard, "The Patient Examines the Doctor" from *Intoxicated By My Illness* (essay)  
Zora Neale Hurston, "My Most Humiliating Jim Crow Experience" from *I Love Myself When I Am Laughing . . . and Then Again When I Am Looking Mean and Impressive: A Zora Neale Hurston Reader* (essay)

**Session 4, April 26: *Dealing with Loss***

James Baldwin, "Notes of a Native Son," from *Notes of a Native Son* (essay)  
Anton Chekhov, "Misery" from *The Schoolmistress and Other Stories* (short story)  
Ranier Maria Rilke, "Sonnets to Orpheus II, 13" (poem)

**Session 5, May 24: *Traumas of War***

Pat Barker, *Ghost Road* (novel)  
Tim O'Brien, "The Lives of the Dead" from *The Things They Carried* (story)

**Session 6, June 28: *Sons and Doctors***

Abraham Verghese, *Cutting for Stone* (novel)