

**SYLLABUS**  
**Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care®**  
**Lahey Clinic - 2009**

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**Location:** 4 West Conference Room (off cafeteria)

**Day and Time:** Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 PM

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**Session 1: January 22 (snow date January 29): *Betrayed by the Body***

Robert Murphy, *The Body Silent* (memoir)

Chris Adrian, "A Child's Book of Sickness and Death" (story)

Lucia Perillo, "Poem without Breasts," "Second Poem without Breasts"

**Session 2: February 26 (snow date March 5): *The Wounded Healer***

Abraham Verghese, *The Tennis Partner* (memoir)

William Carlos Williams, "Old Doc Rivers" (story)

Veneta Masson, "Guilt" (poem)

**Session 3: March 26 (snow date April 2): *Endings***

Simone de Beauvoir, *A Very Easy Death* (memoir)

David Rieff, *Swimming in a Sea of Death* (memoir)

Dylan Thomas, "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" (poem)

**Session 4: April 30: *Battling Despair***

William Styron, *Darkness Visible* (memoir)

Jane Kenyon, "Having It Out with Melancholy" (poem)

Gerard Manley Hopkins, *Sonnet 65*

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**Session 5: May 28: *Agents of Death/Angels of Mercy: Social Stigma and the Individual Conscience***

Atul Gawande, “The Doctors of the Death Chamber” (article)  
Jim Shepard, “Sans Farine” (story)

**Session 6: June 25: *Compassion and Connections in the Hospital***

Thomas Moran, *The World I Made for Her* (novel)  
Chris Adrian, “The Sum of Our Parts” (story)