

NARRATIVE MEDICINE

National & International

GAIN THE SKILLS AND VALUES OF NARRATIVE UNDERSTANDING
IN PATIENT CARE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

These are some of the more well-developed national and international partnerships that the Columbia Program in Narrative Medicine has established. Many of these on-going collaborations began when one person from a medical center or university elsewhere participated in a Narrative Medicine Basic Workshop.

Paris-Descartes Medical School

Francois Goupy is an epidemiologist on the faculty of Paris-Descartes, the leading medical school of Paris and maybe of France. After taking our Basic and Advanced NM Workshops, Dr. Goupy introduced Narrative Medicine to his colleagues on the faculty. Once several more Paris-Descartes faculty trained with us in the Workshops, they introduced a Narrative Medicine elective for medical students early in their training. Several NM faculty and Masters of NM have done visiting professorships at Paris-Descartes. Narrative Medicine training is now required of all medical students, and the faculty are establishing rigorous training for their colleagues.

University of Lisbon

University of Lisbon has established a Narrative Medicine project in the Department of Languages and Literature. They bring clinicians and humanities scholars together for symposia, graduate seminars, and clinical programs at hospitals. Several of their faculty have paid extensive visits to Columbia for intensive pedagogic training. They are publishing an anthology of essays on narrative medicine and hosting an international conference on narrative medicine in Lisbon in March 2015.

Kings College London

With funding from the Wellcome Trust, we have partnered with Kings College London in a variety of scholarly projects. We have shared visits to and from Kings College, and our Masters students have taken part in some of their programs. We co-sponsored an International Conference on Narrative Medicine in London in June of 2013.

Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires

After several physicians from Buenos Aires's Hospital Italiano took our NM Workshops, they initiated a host of narrative projects for their faculty, staff, and patients. Several NM faculty from Columbia have made visiting professorship visits to Buenos Aires for continued education and cross-fertilization. They currently bring narrative medicine methods to pediatricians, pediatric residents, medicine residents, and in-patients in the pediatric hospital through the arts therapy and clown programs.

Weill/Cornell School of Medicine

A graduate of the Masters of Science in Narrative Medicine program, Dr. Susan Ball is an internist and AIDS doctor on the faculty at Cornell. When she completed the Masters, she became Principal Investigator of an extension of the Columbia NIH project to enhance social and behavioral sciences and the humanities in the medical school curriculum. Dr. Ball now directs a growing program with teaching missions in the medical school, medicine residency program, geriatrics, bioethics, and palliative care. Her memoir of her work as an AIDS physician from the beginning of the disease was written during her Masters training and is being published in February 2015 by Cornell University Press.

Western University in London, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Shannon Arntfield is a gynecologist and obstetrician who completed the Masters in NM on a sabbatical year funded by her university. She now directs a Narrative Medicine program at Western with a scholarly, research, and educational mission. She has received funding from one of the largest medical funding bodies in Canada. One of her research staff, Tavis Apramian, had also completed the Master of Science in Narrative Medicine; he now is an MD/PhD student there and continues his work with Shannon.

Ongoing Partnerships

There are a host of on-going partnerships with universities or medical centers. In many cases, it is through the agency of a graduate of the Masters program who brings his or her narrative medicine skills "back home" to an institution in which they worked prior to the Masters. In other cases, a graduate has been hired after completing the Masters to teach or practice narrative medicine skills. Here are some of the institutions in the US and Canada with our continued collaboration:

- Sophie Davis School of Medicine, CUNY, New York, NY
- Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn NY
- Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn
- Memorial Sloane-Kettering in New York
- Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Bronx, NY
- Ossining Maximum Security State Prison (Sing-Sing), Ossining, NY
- Hofstra University Medical School and North Shore Hospital, Manhassat, NY
- University of California at San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- Dartmouth University School of Medicine
- University of Central Florida
- Baylor College of Medicine
- The Bronx County Courthouse
- University of Baltimore School of Law