GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Location: Zoom *(please RSVP for link)*
4:30pm- 6:00pm

Narrative Medicine Theory and Practice: The Double Helix Model

Liam Butchart, MD, MA

The genesis of the medical humanities as an academic discipline engendered a need for a theoretical framework, which narrative medicine provided. Now, it is one of the most significant domains of thought within the medical humanities. This talk traces the development of narrative medicine, particularly through the Columbia School initially led by Rita Charon, and critically examines its implicit goals and theoretical assumptions as they have changed over time. A new approach to narratological medicine, the double helix model, is outlined and placed in dialogue with the Columbia School's version of narrative medicine, with the goal of improving narrative medicine theory and practice.

Liam Butchart, MD, MA, is currently a resident physician in psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai–Morningside/West program (New York, NY). He graduated from the Stony Brook University Renaissance School of Medicine and received his MA in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics from Stony Brook University. His research interests include psychoanalysis and literature, medical humanities, bioethics, and the intersection of the mental health illness experience with the arts.

Please RSVP here or to
bioethics@stonybrookmedicine.edu