

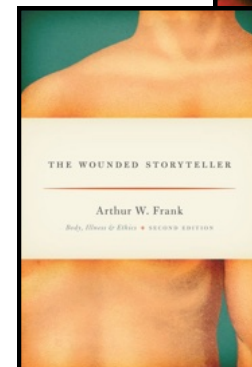
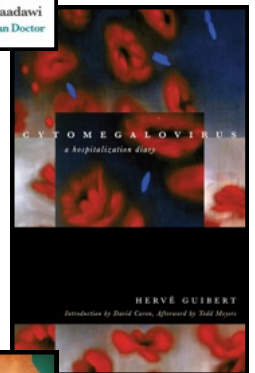
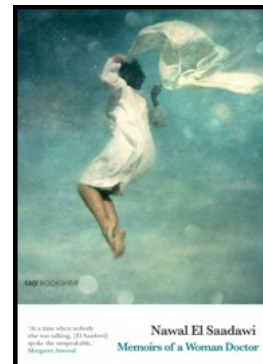
MDA 300x

THE PRACTICE OF NARRATIVE MEDICINE

FALL 2025
Thursday, 2 - 3:50

An emerging field in medicine and a focus for top tier med schools such as Columbia and USC Keck is that of *narrative medicine*. How do doctor and patient tell their stories and how do they practice healing and health/care with these stories? In this MDA 300x Dornsife Toolkit class, you will learn not only what it means to communicate the experiences of health, healthcare, and healing (as patient and as doctor), but how to engage in the practice of such communication. Over the course of the semester, you will be introduced to the field of narrative medicine, its guiding principles and some representative texts (memoirs, essays, film, etc.). You will learn about the role of narrative medicine in the experiences of illness, diagnosis, and healing both from the patient and the physician's viewpoints, drawing links to our current context within the pandemic and exploring newer platforms for narrative medicine such as social media.

Students will meet with leading experts in the field and artist-patients, and will learn outside of the classroom space in and around USC. This course will include writings, films and online content authored by physicians and patients and will result in a portfolio of narrative medicine work authored by students themselves.



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