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Why Humanities & Art are important in Medical Education

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Background

- Medical and Nursing Education Curricula focused only science and medicine
- Students pressured by demanding studies
- No time and opportunities to be exposed in philosophy, humanities and arts
- Medicine graduates have to deal with complex human feelings and situations besides complex medical problems
- Sex and gender issues addressed only in medical and not socio-economic context
- Majority of physicians do not feel concerned about personal and family issues of their patients

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Central Issues



1. Women seeking medical advice need to understand not only their treatment options but also how a treatment affects their professional and family life
2. Importance of health literacy for all
3. Physicians should be trained in compassionate care to face complex health and life issues as in serious chronic diseases.

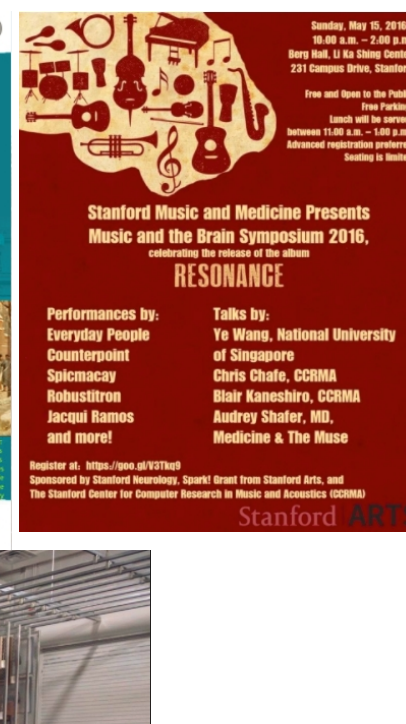
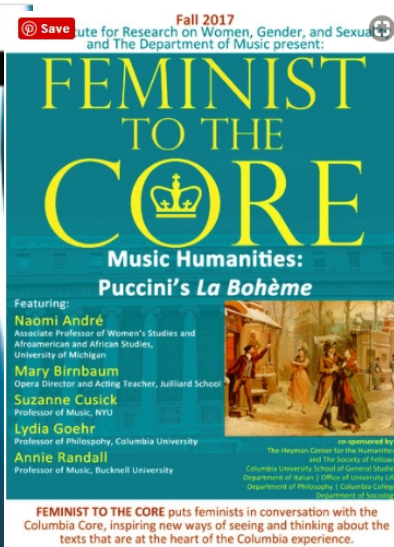
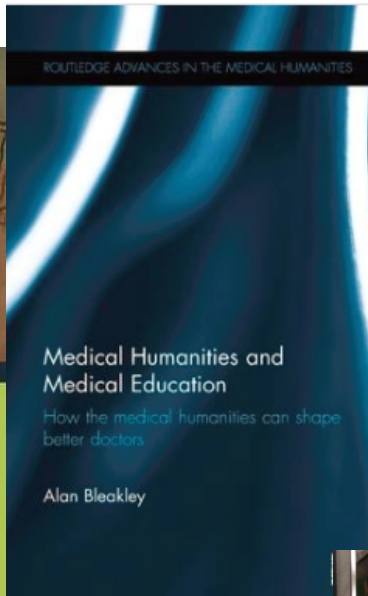
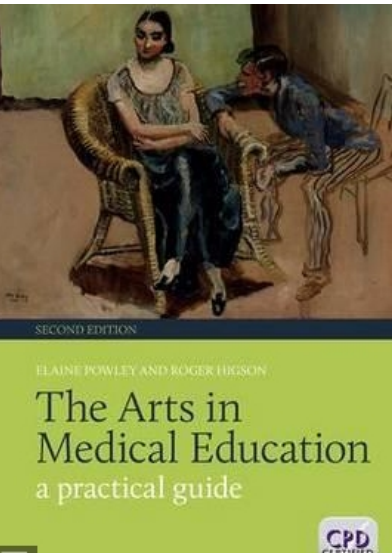
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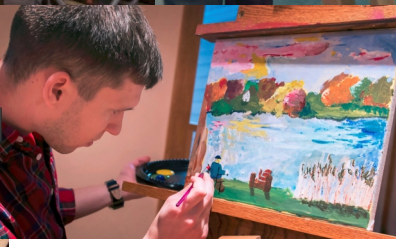
1. Introduce health literacy and healthy living in all education levels
2. Introduce humanities and arts in medical education
3. Introduce compassionate care and communication skills in medical internship programs

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The synergy of medicine, humanities & arts



Performing
medicine: the role
of theatre in
medical education
-- Kohn 37 (1): 3 --
Medical Humanities



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