

# Social Medicine Program TouroCOM - Middletown

## Program Purpose

Social medicine is a dynamic and growing area of study across medical schools in the nation that merges medicine with content from areas such as Medical Humanities and Medical Sociology. This program seeks to enrich medical students with a better understanding of the social determinants of health in order to promote the development of student physicians who are critically engaged in the social conditions that help structure medical outcomes of patients and populations they serve. The program aims to further contextualize the social and historical factors affecting the health of communities and individuals.

## Why Should I Take Part?

In addition to supplementing your medical knowledge and clinical education, your participation in this program will help advance your knowledge on issues that impact health beyond the walls of the clinic. This additional training will supplement your scholarship, research, and patient interaction skills. **Participants who meet a minimum attendance of 5 events in 1 academic year, or 8 events in two academic years will additionally be eligible to receive a SOMA-Middletown certificate of participation as part of the Social Medicine Program.**

## Specific Objectives

- Be able to identify and discuss the social determinants of health and their components (economic stability, education, social and community context, health and healthcare, and neighborhood and built environments)
- Examine how societal influences impact healthcare, patient health outcomes, and health disparities
- Understand some of the particular needs of minority patient populations



# Schedule and Content

Please see the weekly breakdown below for articles, videos, and events for our scheduled sessions. These sessions will typically be guided group discussions, but may occasionally be lectures or presentations. Many sessions will simply require attendance and participation.

## Location: Jay Sexter Auditorium

<p>Thursday Aug 31, 2017 12:10-12:50pm</p>	<p>"Triage and its Social Implications"</p> <p>A presentation on <i>Five Days at Memorial</i>, by Sheri Fink - a story of life and death decisions made in an abandoned hospital during Hurricane Katrina, and how those decisions impacted the patients, hospital workers and entire community. A group discussion on the ethics of triage to follow.</p> <p>Special guests: Emergency Medicine Club &amp; Kelly Kohler</p> <p><a href="http://www.npr.org/2013/09/10/220687231/during-katrina-memorial-doctors-chose-who-lived-who-died">http://www.npr.org/2013/09/10/220687231/during-katrina-memorial-doctors-chose-who-lived-who-died</a></p>
<p>Thursday Sept 14, 2017 12:10-12:50pm</p>	<p>"The Fight Against Medical Discrimination"</p> <p>A look at various minority populations that often fall through the cracks of our modern medical system, and some stories on how their cultures have adapted to create their own.</p> <p><a href="http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/19603-new-book-explores-the-black-panther-party-fight-for-free-health-care">http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/19603-new-book-explores-the-black-panther-party-fight-for-free-health-care</a></p>
<p>Thursday Oct 26, 2017 12:10-12:50pm</p>	<p>"Research Ethics: Henrietta Lacks and the Ethics of Progress"</p> <p>A presentation on the radical exploitations in American medical research history, followed by a group discussion on more modern controversies and some challenges the research community faces in acquiring public trust.</p> <p><a href="http://www.npr.org/2010/02/02/123232331/henrietta-lacks-a-donors-immortal-legacy">http://www.npr.org/2010/02/02/123232331/henrietta-lacks-a-donors-immortal-legacy</a></p>
<p>Thursday Nov 16, 2017 12:10-12:50pm</p>	<p>"Serving the Underserved - In a Doctor's Words"</p> <p>A lecture by Dr. Aruna Panini, MD - a primary care provider will share her diverse experiences - working in rural Colorado, inner-city Atlanta, Appalachian Tennessee, a Navajo reservation, and now the Hudson Valley. Dr. Panini's insight can teach us how to approach individual care, while being conscious to community health concerns and obstacles.</p>

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