



# UCI Medical Humanities Initiative

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## Health • Healing • Well-Being

The Medical Humanities Initiative is focused on understanding the human dimensions of health, healing, and well-being through an unprecedented collaboration among the schools of Arts, Humanities, and Medicine at the University of California, Irvine (UCI).



The Medical Humanities Initiative recently co-sponsored a public debate on physician assisted suicide that drew a crowd of more than 400 community and university members. Pictured above from left to right include: Douglas Haynes (History), Aaron Kheriaty (Psychiatry & Human Behavior), Erwin Chemerinsky (Law School Dean & Professor of Law), and Adrian Preda, MD (UCI Healthcare).

## Medical Humanities Initiative Goals

The UCI Medical Humanities Initiative will support faculty research projects in the three schools; harness existing curricular content; develop new course content towards a Medical Humanities minor/major and coursework for graduate and medical students; and promote scholarly and public conversations about health, healing, and well-being.

## Programs

Each quarter, the Medical Humanities Initiative funds programs to support the goals of the Initiative. Programs include:

- Call for Faculty Funding for Workshop and Conferences (Fall)
- Call for Faculty Funding for Research, Course Development, and Community Engagement Programming (Winter)
- Call for Student Best Essay Prize (Spring)

## Fall 2015 Events

### Life and Death: Exploring Contemporary Consequences

- Public Debate on Physician Assisted Suicide
- Tobis Lecture on End-of-Life Care
- Stem Cell Symposium

### Cure, Care and Corruption Series

- Series of six plays presented by the Drama Department



**“In advancing a holistic framework of health, healing, and well-being, the medical humanities initiative seeks to promote a model of health care that is patient-centered, culturally sensitive, and responsive to community needs.”**

## Professor Douglas Haynes Initiative Director



## Questions?

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## Medical Humanities Executive Committee



**Douglas Haynes**  
History



**Aaron Kheriaty**  
Psychiatry & Human Behavior



**Johanna Shapiro**  
Family Medicine



**Richard Brestoff**  
Drama



**James Kyung-Jin Lee**  
Asian American Studies

## Medical Humanities Work-Group Chairs



**Research**  
Lisa Naugle, Arts-Dance



**Teaching and Learning**  
Sven Bernecker, Humanities-Philosophy



**Community Engagement**  
Richard Kelly, Anesthesiology-Medicine

## Academic Initiatives at UCI

The Medical Humanities Initiative is sponsored by UCI's Office of the Provost and the Executive Vice Chancellor through the Office of Academic Initiatives.

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