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Evangeline Andarsio, MD is a Clinical Associate Professor at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine (WSU-BSOM). Dr. Andarsio is the Director of the Remen Institute for the Study of Health and Illness at WSU-BSOM and Director of the National Healer's Art Program.

Dr. Andarsio graduated from Wright State University School of Medicine in 1984 and is double boarded in Family Practice and Obstetrics and Gynecology. She had been in private practice for over 25 years as an Ob-Gyn and recently retired from her medical practice of Ob-Gyn as of January 2016. Dr. Andarsio has experienced the blessing and inspiration of genuine and meaningful relationships with patients, while also dealing with the increasing challenges and difficulties of the day-to-day practice of medicine.

During her career in medicine Dr. Andarsio has held various leadership positions including President of the Montgomery County Medical Society in 2010, delegate of the Ohio State Medical Association for her county medical society, Chair of the Montgomery County Medical Society Task Force on Medical Liability Reform, Chair of the Academy of Medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine, Delegate for the Ohio AMA Delegation, and is currently serving as a Councilor for District Two of the Ohio State Medical Association. In holding these positions, Dr. Andarsio became a spokesperson to represent doctors in the Professional Liability Crisis in Ohio and was a key speaker in the Ohio statewide rally at the statehouse in Columbus, Ohio.

During the past 16 years, Dr. Andarsio has dedicated time to developing the spiritual connections in the medical profession and in the doctor-patient relationship. Her training in these areas includes attending various workshops with Rachel Naomi Remen, MD at the Institute for the Study of Health and Illness in Bolinas, California and obtaining certification of advanced studies in spirituality and Spiritual Direction at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Andarsio has passion not only for being of service to her patients but also to be of service for other physicians and health care professionals - to "heal the healer" in this complex health care system. Her hope is to assist physicians in reclaiming the idea of physician as healer and rekindling this aspect in the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Andarsio began a "Finding Meaning in Medicine" group modeled after Dr. Remen's outreach program for physicians in February of 2004. She is also one of the directors of Dr. Remen's Healer's Art program for medical students at her Alma-Mater Wright State University School of Medicine which started in the winter of 2006. Dr. Andarsio gives talks and workshops for physicians, medical students, and other health care professionals.

In 2015, Dr. Andarsio accepted Dr. Remen's invitation to become the Co-Director of the National Healer's Art Course at the Institute for the Study of Health and Illness at Commonweal in Bolinas, California. In 2015, Dean Margaret Dunn, MD transferred the Institute to WSU-BSOM and the Institute has been renamed the Remen Institute for the Study of Health and Illness (RISHI). The National Healer's Art Course is taught annually in over 80 American medical schools and 7 countries abroad at this present time. More than 18,000 medical students have completed the Healer's Art course. Dr. Andarsio teaches alongside Dr. Remen at the National Healer's Art Faculty Development Workshops since October of 2015 where faculty from medical schools in United States and internationally trained to start the Healer's Art Course in their respective medical schools. Dr. Andarsio has assisted Dr. Remen in presenting Healer's Art Workshops at The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Conference on Medical Student Education (Jan 2016), the Association of American Medical Colleges (Nov 2016), and the upcoming Gold Humanism Honor Society 2017 National Conference.

Dr. Andarsio initiated and chairs the Annual Medicine-Spirituality Conference sponsored by Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Premier Health, Hospice, and others. Topics have included the medical-spiritual connections in End of Life care, Mindfulness, Narrative Medicine, and other topics. Over a thousand people have attended the Med-Spirit Conferences including physicians, nurses, residents, medical students, social workers, counselors, chaplains, and other health care professionals.

Dr. Andarsio started the Annual Physicians' Retreat in 2010 in which physicians meet to reflect and discuss the connections of Medicine and Spirituality as medical professionals and in their own personal lives. In 2011, with Dr. Remen's support, she initiated a Midwest Regional Healer's Art Faculty Retreat, which then led to a National Healer's Art Faculty Retreat in 2013.

Dr. Andarsio has received hospital Physician Excellence Awards, an Outstanding Alumni Award at WSU-BSOM in 2011, and a Physician Mentor Recognition Award from the AMA Women Physicians Congress in 2009. She is a Harvard Macy Institute Scholar since participating in the Program for Leading Innovations in Health Care and Education in June 2013.



Nora Gallagher is an American writer of memoir, fiction and essays whose work, as one reviewer put it, "is renewing the language of ultimate concerns." Her most recent book, *Moonlight Sonata at the Mayo Clinic*, is a memoir that explores her experience with a baffling affliction poised to take her sight. A map of illness, uncertainty, and faith that is both meditative and highly relatable for anyone who has experienced life-threatening illness or supported a loved one who has, *Moonlight Sonata* was published by Alfred A. Knopf on May 21, 2013.

Moonlight Sonata at the Mayo Clinic is part three of a quartet on modern faith as it is lived out. The quartet begins with *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith* published by Knopf in 1998. Followed by *Practicing Resurrection: A Memoir of Work, Doubt, Discernment, and Moments of Grace*. *Things Seen and*

Unseen was a bestseller and a finalist in the Spiritual category of the 1998 Books for a Better Life Awards. An excerpt was a finalist for Best Spiritual Essays.



Rabbi Abie Ingber is a pioneering advocate of immigrant and refugee rights and interfaith collaboration. He founded and now directs the Center for Interfaith Community Engagement at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Xavier is a Jesuit university where Rabbi Ingber works with people of all faiths and ages toward the goals of mutual understanding and social justice. He previously served as executive director and rabbi at Hillel Jewish School Center and the University of Cincinnati.

The son of Holocaust survivors from Poland, Rabbi Ingber grew up in Canada and received his undergraduate degree in microbiology and immunology from McGill University as well as a master's degree and rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College. As a teenager, he talked his way into John Lennon and Yoko Ono's bedroom during their 1969 "Bed-in" in Montreal and convinced them to sign a petition for Russian Jewish emigration. More recently, his work on behalf of refugees and interfaith understanding has taken him around the world to Darfur, Uganda, and Kenya with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; to Cameroon to talk with Muslim students; to the Museum of Dialogue of Cultures in Poland; and to Korea to lecture at two universities.

He has served as vice president of the Interreligious Information Center in New York City and as a founding board member of the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University where he co-created an award-winning exhibit on Pope John Paul II and the Jewish people, which has toured 18 cities and been seen by over a million people. In 2007 he co-convened the first Catholic-Jewish Lay Conference at the Vatican.

Rabbi Abie Ingber's work has been recognized with many awards, including the 2008 Eternal Light Award from the Center for Jewish Catholic Studies in Tampa, Florida and the Dr. Martin Luther King Award from the University of Cincinnati. In 2012, President Barack Obama invited him to the White House. His passion for Tikkun Olam (which means "healing the world" in Hebrew) has led him to meet not only with refugees around the world, but also with three popes, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, human rights activist Elie Weisel, and Miep Gies, the woman who tried to save the life of Anne Frank during the Holocaust. In 2016, Rabbi Ingber received Roosevelt University's highest honorary degree, the Doctor of Social Justice, *honoris causa*.



Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund is passionate about loving her family, God, and being part of faith communities. Sarah's mission is to join with others to spread hope and love to people in pain and on the margins. Sarah is an ordained minister and has served as pastor to churches in Brooklyn, NY, Minneapolis, MN, and New Smyrna Beach, FL.

She holds degrees from Trinity University (B.A), Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Rutgers University (MSW), and McCormick Theological Seminary (D.Min.). Sarah serves as a Vice President for Christian Theological Seminary in

Indianapolis, IN. Sarah received the Bob and Joyce Dell Award for Mental Health Education from the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network in 2015 for "her outstanding authorship and leadership in breaking the silence about mental illness in family and in church and offering healing and hope." She is Vice Chair of the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network. Sarah is a national speaker and author of the highly acclaimed *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family and Church* (Chalice Press, 2014). Sarah blogs at sarahgriffithlund.com and tweets @revlund.



Lauren A. Taylor, M.Div., M.P.H. is a health services researcher based at Harvard Business School, where she is earning her doctorate in health policy and management. Prior to joining HBS, Lauren co-authored a book titled [The American Health Care Paradox](#), which has been reviewed in media outlets such as CSPAN and The New York Times and has become required reading at a variety of medical, public health and nursing schools across the country.

Lauren's current work focuses on organizational theory and strategy in health care, with a particular emphasis on the integration of health and social services. Lauren holds a BA in the History of Medicine (2008) and a Master in Public Health (2009) from Yale University. She has also worked as a health care chaplain and studied ethics as a Presidential Scholar at Harvard's Divinity School.