



Western Michigan University

Medical Humanities Workgroup



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About Us: Under the direction of [Dr. Fritz Allhoff](#) (Philosophy) and [Mr. David Charlton](#) (Philosophy), the Medical Humanities Workgroup is a new initiative on the campus of Western Michigan University, coordinating individuals from the campus and broader Kalamazoo community with interests in the humanistic dimensions of medicine and health. To this end, we understand the medical humanities quite broadly, including, but not limited to: medical ethics, history of medicine, medical anthropology, religious approaches to health, health narratives, health education, conceptions of wellness, and so on.

The function of the workgroup will be, initially, simply to put people with shared interests in contact, as well as to celebrate the strength that WMU and the surrounding community has in this regard. In due course, we hope to expand our efforts by: providing a platform for extramural funding; offering appropriate curricular support; and developing event programming, such as through reading groups, lectures series, and film series. With the continued interest and support of the campus and local community, the workgroup will flourish into a dynamic, powerful resource which will serve myriad research and educational goals.

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