

Henry and Sylvia **WONG** FORUM IN MEDICINE

The Henry and Sylvia WONG FORUM IN MEDICINE for the advancement of research and public education by the Wongs, who are both McMaster Alumni.

The Crucial Role of Stories in the Age of Modern Medicine

Learning Objectives

- To appreciate the role of human narrative in the practice of modern clinical medicine.
- To understand that evidence based medicine is also a practice which exists within the modern narrative

Abstract

The human experience, and its story, has been at the center of the healing arts since prehistoric times. As medical knowledge has evolved, the narratives of science and technology have come to shape both our understanding of our world, and our understanding of what constitutes the best medical care. Now, in our age of evidence based medicine, will statistics replace stories? Or, in our age of diagnostics and pharmaceuticals, is the human narrative actually more crucial than ever to the compassionate and effective practice of medicine?

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

(please be on time)

Reception to follow - all welcome!

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(Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery-McMaster University)



8th Annual Day in Faculty Development 2015

Guest Speaker



Dr. Vincent Lam

**Emergency Physician and Lecturer
University of Toronto
Scotiabank Giller Prize Winning Author**

Dr. Vincent Lam is from the expatriate Chinese community of Vietnam. Trained in Toronto, he is an emergency physician and lecturer at the University of Toronto. His first book, *Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures*, won the 2006 Scotiabank Giller Prize. Dr. Lam is the co-author of *The Flu Pandemic* and *You*, which received an award from the American Medical Writers Association in 2007, and author of a biography of Tommy Douglas, published as a part of the *Extraordinary Canadians* series. His latest book is: *The Headmaster's Wager*.

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