

# *Syllabus for Literature and Medicine 2008*

*November*

## **Orientation**

Lewis Thomas, "Leech, Leech, Et Cetera"  
readings to be done during the Orientation session as an example

*December*

## **Suffering & Healing**

Jhumpa Lahiri, "The Interpreter of Maladies" from book of same title  
E.J. Cassel, "The Nature of Suffering . . ."

*January*

## **The Other, Part I**

Rafael Campo, "Like a Prayer"  
Audre Lorde, "Breast Cancer: Power vs. Prosthesis"  
Rachel Naomi Remen, "Making Caring Visible"

*February*

## **Illness & the Family**

Anna Quindlen, *One True Thing*, to p. 185.

*March*

## **Research & Humanity or The Other, Part II**

Kirsten Emmott, "1852: J. Marion Sims Perfects a Repair for  
Vesicovaginal Fistula"  
material on syphilis experiments from the training manual

*April*

## **Health & Poverty**

Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickled and Dimed*, Ch. 2 (pp. 52-119)\*  
David Hilfiker, "Not All of Us Are Saints"

*May*

## **The Common Life**

Raymond Carver, "A Small Good Thing"  
Rachel Naomi Remen, "The Gift of Healing"  
Wendell Berry, "Health is Membership"