

# ***VITAL SIGNS: The State of the Art and Science of Medicine and Society***

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference for Physician-Scholars  
in the Social Sciences and Humanities**

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The *National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities* is a biennial meeting of MD/PhD graduates and trainees whose work focuses on the intersections of the social sciences and humanities with medicine and health. Our vibrant community includes current and future physician-scholars in anthropology, economics, ethics, history, law, literature, philosophy, psychology, public health, sociology, and much more. The variety of cross-disciplinary methods offers promising solutions to intransigent problems of suffering and care. The 2013 conference provides a venue for MD/PhD graduates and trainees to share their scholarship, for connecting trainees with established physician-scholars, and for fostering dialogue and stewardship over the issues, work, and careers in which humanities and physician-scholars engage.

This year we are pleased to team up with Helena Hansen and Jonathan Metzl to offer an additional symposium on Structural Competency: New Medicine for the Institutional Inequalities that make us sick. The symposium explores a new clinical politics for understanding the relationships among race, class, and symptom expression, and provides an opportunity to engage with health practitioners and health professional students in discussing the pathologies of institutions and policies.

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