Dr. Campo, one of our nation’s leading poets will help us explore and understand the link between creative self-expression and healing. He will also help us define a broader “biocultural” narrative of the illness experience, in contrast to the restrictive biomedical narrative encountered in most health care settings. He will finish his presentation by focusing on strategies for integrating the humanities in the delivery of health care.

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