



It Takes More Than Medical School to Make a Physician

AMSA Book Discussion via Webcast

Friday, January 30, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. EST

The Spirit of the Place by Samuel Shem, M.D.

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We invite students, medical students, residents, physicians, health care professionals as well as those in the medical humanities field to join us for our inaugural AMSA book discussion via webcast with physician-writer **Samuel Shem, M.D. author of THE HOUSE OF GOD and THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE.**

AMSA chapters should consider hosting a group book discussion by watching the webcast together on campus.

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Time: 7:00 p.m. EST via live Skype webcast

To register: You should send an e-mail directly to AMSABookDiscussion@gmail.com with your Skype username and the number of participants at your location. You can download Skype's free software at <http://www.skype.com/getconnected/>.



This session is limited to 25 participants (group viewings are recommended).

For additional information about the book and the author go to the Official Website of Samuel Shem at <http://www.samuelshem.com>.

Samuel Shem, M.D. (pen-name of Stephen Bergman, M.D., Ph.D.) will be a keynote speaker during **AMSA's 59th Annual Convention – Win Back Our Profession** to be held March 12-15, 2009 in Arlington, VA / Washington, DC at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. For more information and registration go to the website <http://amsa.org/conv/>

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with more than a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States. Founded in 1950, AMSA is a student-governed, non-profit organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. With more than 67,000 members, including medical and premedical students, residents and practicing physicians, AMSA is committed to improving medical training as well as advancing the profession of medicine. AMSA focuses on four strategic priorities, including advocating for quality, affordable health care for all, global health equity, enriching medicine through diversity and professional integrity, development and student well being. To learn more about AMSA, our strategic priorities, or joining the organization, please visit us online at www.amsa.org/.



"He infuses mercy into the practice of medicine."
Boston Globe, 12/08/2008

"When a class has this much enthusiasm for a book, it bodes well for its future."
Carol Donley, Co-Director
Hiram College Institute of
Medicine and Humanities.
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