

**Annual Douglas West Endowed Memorial Lecture
Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

**Previous Lecturers
1997 – Present**

1997	Ira Byock, MD <i>President, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Chair, Palliative Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School Director of Palliative Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Professor, Dartmouth Medical School, Departments of Anesthesiology and Community and Family Medicine</i>
1998	Sherwin B. Nuland, MD <i>Author, National Book Award Winner Clinical Professor Surgery, Yale University</i>
1999	Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, DBE, FRCP <i>Founder, St. Christopher's Hospice, United Kingdom Author</i>
2000	Anna Quindlen <i>Columnist, The New York Times Pulitzer Prize Winning Author</i>
2001	Timothy E. Quill, MD <i>Director, Center for Ethics, Humanities and Palliative Care, University of Rochester Medical Center Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry and Medical Humanities, University of Rochester School of Medicine</i>
2002	Robert N. Butler, MD <i>President & CEO, International Longevity Center-USA Pulitzer Prize Winning Author</i>
2003	Diane E. Meier, MD <i>Director, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Director, Center to Advance Palliative Care</i>
2004	Jerome Groopman, MD <i>Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Chief of Experimental Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Author, Writer for The New Yorker</i>
2005	Wendy S. Harpham, MD, FACP <i>“Happiness in a Storm: Facing Illness and Embracing Life as a Health Survivor” Physician, Author, Lecturer, Patient Advocate and Cancer Survivor</i>
2006	Charles F. von Gunten, MD, PhD, FACP, FAAHPM <i>“Since It’s Broken, Let’s Fix It: Overhauling MD Training to Improve our Healthcare System” Provost, Center for Palliative Studies, San Diego Hospice & Palliative Care Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Diego Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Palliative Medicine</i>
2007	Christine K. Cassel, MD <i>“What Palliative Care Can Teach American Medicine” President and CEO, American Board of Internal Medicine Former Chair, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development, Mount Sinai School of Medicine</i>
2008	Jane E. Brody <i>“Jane Brody’s Guide to the Great Beyond” Best Selling Author Personal Health Columnist, The New York Times</i>

2009	Gail Sheehy “Passages in Caregiving” <i>Best Selling Author</i>
2010	Pauline W. Chen, MD “Doctor and Patient: Lost in Translation” <i>Surgeon, Best Selling Author and Online Columnist for the New York Times</i>
2011	Diane E. Meier, MD “A Doctor Goes to Washington: Palliative Care and Health Reform” <i>Director, Center to Advance Palliative Care</i> <i>MacArthur Foundation Fellow 2008</i> <i>Professor, Departments of Geriatrics and Internal Medicine;</i> <i>Catherine Gaisman Professor of Medical Ethics, Mount Sinai School of Medicine</i>
2012	Siddhartha Mukherjee, MD, PhD “The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer” <i>Best Selling Author</i> <i>Assistant Professor, Columbia University School of Medicine</i>
2013	Amy J. Berman, BS, RN “Charting My Own Course: A Palliative Care Journey Through Illness” <i>Senior Program Officer, The Hartford Foundation</i>
2014	Katy Butler “Knocking On Heaven’s Door” <i>Award-winning Author, Journalist and Teacher</i>
2015	Atul Gawande, MD, MPH “Being Mortal” <i>Surgeon, writer, and public health researcher</i> <i>Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health</i> <i>Professor, Department of Surgery at Harvard Medical School</i> <i>Executive Director, Ariadne Labs</i>
2016	R. Sean Morrison, MD “How Palliative Care is Transforming American Medicine” <i>Co-Director, Patty and Jay Baker National Palliative Care Center</i> <i>Director, National Palliative Care Research Center</i> <i>Director, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute</i> <i>Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine</i> <i>Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</i>
2017	Lucy Kalanithi, MD, FACP “When Breath Becomes Air” <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Stanford School of Medicine</i>
2018	Jeremy Boal, MD “The End of the Beginning” <i>Executive Vice President & Chief Clinical Officer of Mount Sinai Health System</i> <i>President of Mount Sinai Downtown</i>
2019	Albert L. Siu, MD, MSHS “Missing from the Formulary of American Health Care” <i>Chair Emeritus, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine</i>

2021	<p>Louise Aronson, MD, MFA Author of “Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life” <i>Professor, UCSF Division of Geriatrics</i></p>
2022	<p>Kat Chow and Stephanie Chow, MD “Seeing Ghosts and Making Change: How a Mother’s Passing Shaped a Writer and a Geriatrician” <i>KC: Reporter, Writer, and Author of Seeing Ghosts: A Memoir</i> <i>SC: Assistant Professor, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine</i></p>
2023	<p>Rosanne M. Leipzig, MD, PhD “Honest Aging: A New Way of Growing Old” <i>Gerald and May Ellen Ritter Professor, and Vice Chair, Emeritus, Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine</i></p>
2024	<p>Kimberly S. Johnson, MD, MHS “Disparities in the Care of Persons with Serious Illness: It <i>Does</i> Matter If You Are Black or White” <i>Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, Duke Palliative Care, and Senior Fellow in the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development at Duke University Medical Center</i></p>