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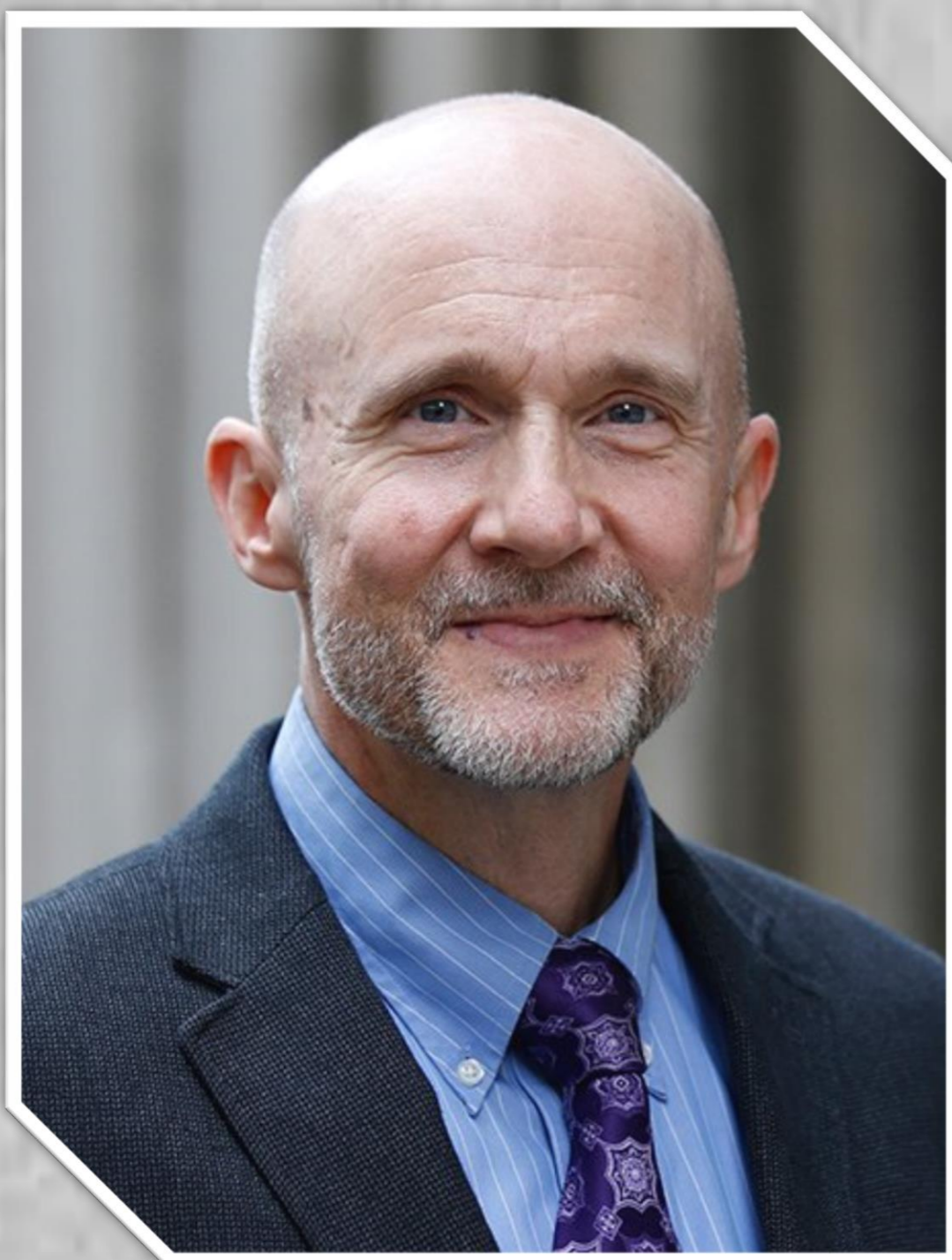
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Topic of the Lecture

Merleau-Ponty and Medicine: Language, Creativity, and the Body

Summary of the Lecture

In this talk I discuss the role Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology of embodiment might play in bringing attention to the lived experience of illness, challenging medicine's predominate focus on the pathophysiology of disease. Merleau-Ponty understands language as a gesture that is the very embodiment of thought. The creativity of language is the foundation for being-with the other, whether in health, illness, or even the approach of death.



Speaker: Craig Irvine, Academic Director of the Master of Science in Narrative Medicine program, Columbia University, New York, USA.

Date and Time: Friday, 16 March 2018 at 4:00 pm

Venue: Balvant Parekh Centre for General Semantics and Other Human Sciences, Vadodara.

About the Speaker

Craig Irvine is a founder and Academic Director of the Program in Narrative Medicine at Columbia University. Professor Irvine, who holds a doctorate in philosophy, is a co-author of *The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine* (Oxford University Press, 2017). For more than 15 years, he has been designing and teaching cultural competency, ethics, Narrative Medicine, and Humanities and Medicine curricula for residents, medical students, physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, dentists, and other health professionals. He has over 20 years of experience researching the history of philosophy, phenomenology, and narrative ethics, and over 25 years of experience teaching ethics, humanities, the history of philosophy, logic, and narrative medicine at the graduate, undergraduate, and preparatory school levels. He has published articles in the areas of ethics, residency education, and literature and medicine and has presented at numerous national and international conferences on these and other topics.