

Alumnus to deliver Miller Memorial Lecture

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Dr. Ralph Crawshaw, a member of Alfred University's Class of 1942 and who is one of the architects of Oregon's policies governing allocation of healthcare resources, will deliver the annual JoAnn Miller Memorial Lecture on Ethical Issues in Medicine at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in Harder Hall at Alfred University. Crawshaw, author of an acclaimed book, *Compassion's Way: A Doctor's Quest into the Soul of Medicine*, published in 2002 by Medi-Ed Press, Bloomington, IL, will speak on "Compassion's Limits in Medicine." Crawshaw's lecture is open to the public, free of charge. In addition to being an author and an activist in health and public policy, Crawshaw is a professor emeritus in psychiatry and public health at the Oregon Health Services University. Dr. C. Everett Koop, former U.S. Surgeon General and now director of the Koop Institute at Dartmouth College, called Crawshaw "a physician who never gave up in the struggle to keep our profession humane." *Compassion's Way* "offers an easily followed path into the mystique of the doctor-patient relationship that can only reassure and empower physicians while leading patients to understand that pain and suffering need not mean loneliness." (more) AU alumnus to deliver Miller Lecture 2-2-2 "As his book so eloquently attests, compassion for Dr. Crawshaw is neither an abstract concept nor simply a desirable emotion," writes Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, chairman of the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University Medical Center. "For Crawshaw, (compassion) is at the center of his being as a true physician and healer." An educator and a private practitioner, Crawshaw is also a prolific writer, contributing to both professional journals and the popular press, and frequent speaker on issues relating to bioethics and access to health care. He's advised governors on health care issues, testified before Congress and organized and chaired numerous conferences and symposia on a variety of topics, including impaired physicians, bioethics, health care allocation, and health policies. A member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Royal Society of Medicine, Crawshaw has the Oregon Health Sciences University of Medicine Meritorious Achievement Award, the Oregon Health Forum Lifetime Achievement Award, a special Presidential Award from the American Psychiatric Association "for being an inspiration to other psychiatrists," a Letter of Commendation from President Bill Clinton, the Order of Lenin Pirogov Medal for Humanitarian Services from the Russian government, the American Medical Association's Benjamin Rush Award for outstanding civic accomplishment, and the Prudential Foundation Award for Outstanding Leadership in Health Care Services, as well as numerous other awards. Crawshaw attended Alfred University from 1938 to 1940 before transferring to Middlebury College in Vermont where he earned a BA degree in 1943. After three years in the U.S. Army as a member of the Mountain Troops, Crawshaw entered medical school and received his M.D. degree from New York University College of Medicine in 1947. He completed his internship at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, and residencies at the Menninger School of Psychiatry in Topeka, KS, and Oregon State Hospital in Salem, OR, then served from 1951 to 1954 as a lieutenant with the US Marines' Medical Corps.