

Harvard medical professor to present annual Miller Lecture

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Alfred University's Jo Ann Miller Memorial Lecture, which annually offers a program on an ethical issue in medicine, is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m., in Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center. Admission is free. This year's keynote speaker will be Stephanie Woolhandler, M.D., M.P.H., associate professor of medicine and co-director of the General Internal Medicine Fellowship Program at Harvard Medical School. She will talk about "Single Payer National Health Insurance: The Ethical Imperative." Her research and teaching focuses on access to care and on healthcare financing reforms. Woolhandler earned a bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University, Stanford, CA, and an M.D. and M.P.H. (master of public health) from Louisiana State University and the University of California, respectively. She practices primary care internal medicine at the Cambridge (MA) Hospital and teaches at Harvard. She is also site director at Cambridge Health Alliance. In 1986, she co-founded Physicians for a National Health Program which advocates a single-payer system of national health insurance for the United States. She has authored more than 50 research articles on health care access and financing. Earlier this year, Woolhandler was named an honorary fellow by the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. She is a member of the American Public Health Association, the Society for General Internal Medicine, the American College of Physicians, and a fellow of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Woolhandler's most recent sources of research funding have come from a National Research Service Award and from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The lecture is made possible by a gift from Dr. Irwin Miller as a memorial to his wife. Miller earned a bachelor's degree in 1950, and a master's degree in 1952, from Alfred University, where he eventually returned to teach mathematics.