**UMMC Common Reading Project**

**Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death In A Storm-Ravaged Hospital**

*Sheri Fink*

**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2014  
**Time:** 12 noon  
**Location:** CW106 (Classroom Wing)  
**Format:** Interactive discussion with experts on pertinent topics in medical ethics

To participate, read book by January 17, 2014

✦ Lunch served to first 100 attendees ✦

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*By Sheri Fink*

After Katrina struck and the floodwaters rose, the power failed, and the heat climbed, exhausted caregivers chose to designate certain patients last for rescue. Months later, several health professionals faced criminal allegations that they deliberately injected numerous patients with drugs to hasten their death.

*Five Days at Memorial*, the culmination of six years of reporting, unspools the mystery of what happened in those days, bringing the reader into a hospital fighting for its life and into a conversation about the most terrifying form of health care rationing.

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**What is a Common Reading Project?**

Many institutions adopt “common readings” as an academic exercise to bridge campus divides. Typically a book is selected by a committee and introduced campus-wide. Lectures from the author(s), group discussions, and seminars ensue to ensure a rich exchange of thoughts and ideas among various institutional sects.