

# SPECIAL TOPICS

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**Location: HSC, Level 2, Classroom 2 – 1A**

**3:30pm- 5:00pm**

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## **Creative Writing Workshops to Promote Anti-racist Behavior**

***Maria Basile, MD, MBA & Alaba Danagogo, MD/MA Candidate 2025***

How do we deploy all we've learned in medical school to confront divisive and destructive work environments? Can we use creative writing to shed light and spirit onto the dark moments and behaviors of our colleagues, staff and patients?

Please join Dr Maria Basile and 2<sup>nd</sup> year med-student, Alaba Danagogo, as they provide examples of this approach from medical schools and other healthcare settings. Even if you know you're not racist, even if you hate that people call you "woke," even if you don't consider yourself creative (or a writer), there's much to learn and discuss, and a way forward for all of us to change the culture in our communities of practice, maybe even in the world!



**Alaba Danagogo** is a second-year medical student in the Master's Program in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics at Stony Brook University's Renaissance School of Medicine. She graduated with a Biology major and an English and Textual Studies minor from Syracuse University. Alaba's love for creative writing was fueled by classes she took in the English department as an undergraduate. She writes poetry and fiction that touch on the raw aspects of the human experience and shares them in ways that offer novel, yet relatable perspectives. Her current work in the Scholarly Concentration Program studying creative writing workshops as tools for promoting anti-racist behavior provides the basis of this presentation.



Award-winning poet, surgeon, hospital and health plan administrator, **Maria Basile**, MD, MBA is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine and the Associate Director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics at the Renaissance School of Medicine, Stony Brook University. A graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine and the Willenbrand School of Business at Adelphi University, Dr Basile founded PQL Communications Inc in the summer of 2021 to inspire physicians and other healthcare leaders to communicate with their most authentic voice so that they can lead beyond their credentials with effectiveness and love. She is a Past-president of the Suffolk County Medical Society and Vice-speaker for the Medical Society of the State of New York.