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This Visions & Voices event took place on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. The day's agenda was as follows:

10:30 am: Mayer Auditorium, Health Sciences Campus

The morning event will feature a medically focused conversation facilitated by Dr. Henri Ford.



4 pm: Bovard Auditorium, University Park Campus

The afternoon event will feature a lecture by Dr. Farmer.

[Dr. Paul Farmer](#) is a medical anthropologist, physician and founding director of [Partners In Health](#), an international nonprofit organization that provides direct healthcare services and has undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. [Dr. Farmer](#) is the Presley Professor of Social Medicine and chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital; and the United Nations Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti.

Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the United States and in Haiti, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, Lesotho and Malawi have pioneered novel community-based treatment strategies that demonstrate the delivery of high-quality health care in resource-poor settings. Dr. Farmer has written extensively on health, human rights and the consequences of social inequality. His is the author of *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*; *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor*; *The Uses of Haiti*; *Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues*; and *AIDS and Accusation: Haiti and the Geography of Blame*. His most recent book, *Haiti After the Earthquake*, was published in July 2011. He is the subject of Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*. Dr. Farmer is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award from the American Medical Association, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship and, with his PIH colleagues, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

Organized by Pamela Schaff (Pediatrics and Keck Educational Affairs), Erin Quinn (Family Medicine) and Lyn M. Boyd-Judson (Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics). Co-sponsored by Keck School of Medicine's Program in Medical Humanities, Arts and Ethics; the USC Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics; and the USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics.

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