Emory University Center for Ethics
presents

**Open Wound: The Tragic Obsession of Dr. William Beaumont**

*Join the author for a reading and discussion of his celebrated new book*

with

**Jason Karlawish, MD**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2012  
**Time:** 4:00pm  
**Location:** Center for Ethics Commons 102  
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*Jason Karlawish* will read from and discuss his recently published novel *Open Wound: The Tragic Obsession of Dr. William Beaumont.* Based on true events along the 19th century American frontier, *Open Wound* artfully fictionalizes the complex, lifelong relationship between Dr. Beaumont and his famous patient Alexis St. Martin, a young fur trapper whose shotgun injury never completely healed, leaving a hole into his stomach. Eager to rise up from his humble origins and insecure about his rural medical apprenticeship, Beaumont seized the opportunity to experiment on his patient to establish his legitimacy as an elite physician and secure his prosperity. Beaumont personifies the best and worst aspects of American ambition and power.

The author is a physician and researcher at the University of Pennsylvania.

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