In 2006 Stephen Kiernan wrote the book *Last Rights: Rescuing the End of Life from the Medical System*, to raise people’s awareness on death and the options open to them. It has been said this book will radically change the way people face mortality. His book has been featured on OprahSelects.com.

Kiernan is a graduate of Middlebury College, and received an MA degree from Johns Hopkins University and an MFA degree from the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop. He has taught at Middlebury College and the New England Young Writers Conference, and many other venues.

He has broadened the discussion of his 2006 work in *Last Rights* to include research on medical curriculum, the politics of business in medical care, and ways to improve the system at end of life. He has been a featured speaker at the medical schools at Bozeman, MT; University of Vermont and Johns Hopkins University.

Over his decades as a journalist, Stephen Kiernan has written for the Boston Globe, the AARP Bulletin and many other newspapers and magazines. He has won 40 awards, including the Bechner Institute’s Freedom of Information Award, and the 2003 George Polk Award for medical reporting.
Overview

Our speaker will introduce us to people and situations at the end of life. While many of our audience is familiar with this topic, this seminar is poised to discuss the current trends, voids, actions and responsibilities we all have with regard to this subject matter.

In our panels, we will hear the individual voices of End of Life. What is the cost? Who are those primarily providing the care? How is the care evaluated, standardized and are we making progress? Where are children in this medical milieu? How do our end-of-life practices impact, if at all, our preventative practices, self-care and social responsibility to one another.

What are the responsibilities and remedies available at end of life with respect to our government, the law, academia, medical institutions and society at large? Who has a say? Will we as citizens look to the available remedies and make changes which are beneficial to all concerned? Where is hope in suffering?

Your participation in this seminar will leave you with information on the current trends, legislation, academic movements, grass-root movements, medical initiatives and so many more areas of care for those addressing the questions at end of life. Participate with us in discussion groups; lectures; hands-on networking with current legislative initiatives and educational opportunities to improve and bring hope to the suffering. Your input is important; please consider this valuable opportunity to ask the tough questions.

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