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The Albert Schweitzer Fellows for Life Lecture Series
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Leadership by Example: Idealists Creating Change

*Exemplary individuals share their wisdom
 and their achievements promoting social justice*

Dr. Rob McKersie



Rob McKersie has dedicated his life to helping others and championing social justice. Brought up in a family of teachers, Dr. McKersie was first drawn to a career in education. Working with inner city youth in Chicago and eighth-graders in East Palo Alto, California, he witnessed the paucity of available health care for disadvantaged students and their families. At mid-life, he was inspired to become a doctor and received his medical degree from Rush University. Dr. McKersie became a family physician and for the better part of a decade worked on the South and West sides of Chicago. He currently specializes in treating high-risk obstetrics in inner cities and internationally. He regularly volunteers in Nepal, where he sees patients and teaches physical diagnostic skills to Nepalese healthcare providers. In 2005, Dr. McKersie published a memoir, *In The Foothills Of Medicine, A Young Doctor's Journey From The Inner City Of Chicago To The Mountains of Nepal*.

Dr. McKersie received one of the first Schweitzer Fellowship awards when the Chicago Program was inaugurated in 1996. As a Schweitzer Fellow, he worked with Music Theatre Workshop (now *Story Catchers Theatre*), helping girls in prison create original productions about their lives. Today, Dr. McKersie serves on the Chicago Schweitzer Advisory Council, and on the board of Himalayan Health Care. He is a spokesman for Physicians for a National Health Program and reviews articles for the Narrative Matters section of *Health Affairs*. He is a faculty member at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency Program in Lawrence, MA, and lives in Boxford, MA with his wife Michele and his two children, Robbie and Mia.

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600 S. Paulina, Lecture Hall 540

Thurs., November 19, 2009 6:00pm

Free. Light meal will be served, reservations suggested.

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