
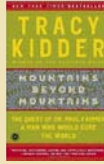



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THE COMMON BOOK PROGRAM



*Mountains Beyond Mountains:
The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer,
A Man Who Would Cure the World*




“Remind[s] us that we’re implicated in all the problems [Farmer is] working to solve His complicated humanity only makes him more like the rest of us in our shortcomings – and leaves us asking why we aren’t all a little more like him in our virtues.”
-- *Newsday*

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Why have a common book program?

- Improved Graduation Rate Task Force, Spring 2009
http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/announcements/20090115_Improved_Graduation_Rates_Report.html?20090115-1232062689016572-Improved_Graduation_Rates_Report.html
- Research links connections between first-year students & faculty with persistence
- Enrollment Management Council -- Increased Student Retention

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Goals of Auburn Connects!

1. promote intellectual community on campus (to aid in retention)
2. help students gain a global/broad perspective promote a culture of service
3. emphasize individual empowerment/the need for hard work
4. prompt the academic engagement students will need for success during their Auburn careers.
5. be able to link to a range of programming during the academic year

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Mountains Beyond Mountains:
What are the Major Topics?


- Global Awareness
- Public Health
- Infection and Disease (esp. Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS)
- Multicultural Communication & Understanding
- Haitian Life, Culture, and History
- Personal Determination
- Obligations & Responsibilities
- Making a Non-Profit Organization Work



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Mountains Beyond Mountains:
What's Next?

- March 9, 7:45-8:45, 8009 Haley Center, casual introduction for ENGL 1100-1120 instructors
- March 23, 4-5:30, Workshop for ENGL 1100-1120 Instructors
- March 31, Deadline for proposal submissions
- April 13, 5-6pm AUSC 2310, Pizza and kick-off event featuring the film, *Sun City Picture House*
- Early May– Faculty Development Activities – Keep watching *AU Daily*

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How can you participate?

- Propose to bring in a related speaker or sponsor a connected event. Proposals due March 31 (link at <http://www.auburn.edu/auburnconnects/resources.html>)
- Organize a panel showcasing your colleagues' or your students' research
- Assign the book as a required or supplemental text in a class you are teaching next year
- Encourage your students to participate in events
- Read the book

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