undertake. One can take steps to drive safely in avoiding what is being called the deadly “D’s”: Distracted or Drunk Driving. It is said that the most effective life-saving traffic safety tool for a commuter may be the daily transit pass, reducing any chance of being involved in an accident by more than 90%.

While no mode of travelling can be free of risk, we would like to explore Transportation safety in general through the US Department of Transportation Service in most of its mode of transportation. Public transportation accidents can involve crashes from buses, trains, airplanes, subways, boats, cars, motorcycles and any other moving vehicles often involving multiple passengers. They can be devastating. If you are involved in any public transportation accident or if you become a victim, be sure to be able to take photographs of the scene, exhibiting property damages and personal injuries. You should also obtain a copy of the police report.

Many public transportation entities such as public buses and trains are considered like common carriers requiring the driver to take a higher degree of care and diligence to assure the safety for the passengers. Liability can become difficult to explain in public transportation, especially when such transportation is owned by the state or the municipality. This explain why a city, a state or a municipality may have governmental immunity from suit unless you follow special procedural rules to file for a claim.

We will overview different modes of transportation through statistics
published by the CDC, placing Motor Vehicle Accident (Unintentional) as the 5th leading cause of death in the USA. Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) represented also 31.9% of all accidental deaths in 2010, accounting for 93 percent of transportation-related deaths. However, motor vehicle crashes have shown a decrease by 20.2 percent over the past 10 years, which has resulted in fewer motor vehicle fatalities and injuries. We believed that many safety factors, including better built cars, speed control, seat belts, multiple car-air bags etc. may have contributed to a decline in fatalities among drivers except among the motorcyclists who persisted in avoiding wearing their full protective gear including helmet.

Hired carriers and transportation professionals have better safety records than private operators, commercial ships and their seasoned crews. They accounted for 41 vessels-related fatalities while recreational boating experienced 672 fatalities. Transit fatalities have stayed about the same while transit ridership has increased. The number of injured persons has also declined in recreational boating to 6.1% probably due to the efforts of the coastguard to educate boaters because it is well known that operator errors accounted for 70% of the accidents in 2010.

Aviation fatalities mark the stark contrast between commercial air carriers and general aviation. Only 2 fatalities were attributed to large US carriers whereas general aviation accounted 450 fatalities in 2010. The loss of control in a flight was the leading cause of death, representing 41% of fatal personal flying accidents.

If 32,885 Motor Vehicles Fatalities were encountered across the nation in 2010 and 35,092 were recorded in 2015, the numbers of driving accidents has continued to show a sharp increase as reported on highways although the number of highway fatalities has shown a decrease to 21%, record low in the same period compared to the previous 1949 published statistics.

Motorcycle fatalities accounted for 13.7% of all the Motor Vehicle fatalities. In contrast, these fatalities has been trending upward reaching 55.4% for the last 10 years. It is hopeful to observe that a number of states has adopted a helmet law, resulting in a decrease in fatalities among motorcyclists, in crashes (MCA).

Buses and Motor Coaches has recently captured the headlines due to recent fatalities and multiple casualties, trending to a 5% increase and forcing the Federal Motors Carrier Safety Administration to step up inspection on commercial buses. And as a result, they shutdown 54 unsafe coach operators in 2011.

“Distracted and Drunk” drivers have added to the fatalities and were reported in 18% of fatal crashes in 2010. Alcohol is the leading contributor in pedestrians, vehicle occupants, cyclists. Drunk drivers (13,365) showed an increase to 40.6% motor vehicle fatalities. Improvement in Drunk driving awareness programs and enforcement efforts for a Zero Tolerance may have had a positive impact in decreasing crashes and fatalities.

Other factors have contributed to the improvements like Education, Traffic enforcement, Infrastructure, safety belt, airbag technology and helmet laws etc. Remember that the safest way to avoid any accident is it use the public transit as opposed to commuting by car. This mean of travelling is ten times safer the using the car.

So the next time you decide to commute, think about the best lifesaving-traffic safety/tool, use the daily metro pass. This mean of travelling is ten times safer than travelling in a car. Be safe and value Life.

Maxime Coles MD

January, 26 2018: Reaction du Dr Marie Claude Rigaud aux propros emis par Le 45th President de Etats Unis decrivant Haiti et d'autres pays comme "s..t holes".

Over the last two weeks, many highly qualified professionals of Haitian descent have voiced their dissent about the calumnious attacks on their homeland by the "bully" US President. Many have handled their anger and sadness silently, others have engaged in an unpasive criticism of a homeland they used to call “HAITI CHERIE”. Most have been absorbed by the obscene accusations, developing a sense of guilt directed at themselves or at their fellow countrymen.

For myself, I share wholeheartedly the rage, anger and sadness of my compatriots for these delirious accusations that adds to the more than 200 years mistreatment suffered by the First Free Black Republic in the Western World.

However, as a psychiatrist, behavioral scientist and public health professional, I would rather engage my Haitian compatriots, my “natifs-natals” in the task of analyzing, reviewing and assessing the foreign political and environmental factors that have negatively impacted the development of Haiti.

Personally, while I was deeply upset and saddened by Mr Trump’s statements, I can find echoes in the reflection of such hostile and disrespectful comment, throughout the course of Haitian history. When Haiti gained its independence in 1804, it challenged the western world concept of black inferiority.

As stated by Sidney Mintz, many in the Western World were unable to forget or forgive Haiti for her ―arrogance.‖ In retaliation, a worldwide political climate of hostility toward and neglect of Haiti was popularized and practiced by many under the leadership of the US.

Despite the fact that the Haitian leaders assisted Latin and South America in gaining their independence from Spain, the US opposed Haiti’s participation to the first meeting of OAS.

Several historians, including Patrick Bellegarde Smith have listed a number of steps taken, after 1804 and throughout recent years, to ensure the lapidation and demise of our homeland. One can cite, the mismanagement of the country’s economy, adverse impact of the unjustified American Occupation on the country’s dignity and pride, the mislabeling of Haitians as “Boat People” and the false accusation of “bearer of AIDS.”

The 2 centuries old discriminating attitude toward Haiti, under American leadership has imposed a division in the social class of the country, in order to maintain the western world predominance, already encouraged by the open statement of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

At the time, addressing the political situation of Haiti, FDR stated that the US should constantly raise the “va-nu-pieds” I.e, barefoot people, against those bearing shoes to tear them apart. He stated that this was the only way to ensure a continued US predominance on a country of “niggers” which gained its independence using their weapons. He went on to add that Haiti was a bad example for the 28 millions afroamericans living in America.

Such statement has ensured stagnation and lack of progress among us, implementing the class problems and creating division as well as continuing to hamper progress toward the development in Haiti. Actually, while not as obscene as Mr Trump’s statements, FDR’s directives meet the same standard of hostility and disrespect for Haiti. Moreover, in following the FDR’s principle described, we would be ignoring our ancestors’ critical lesson: “Union Fait La Force” that led us to our successful 1804 revolt but rather lose our national strength and dignity.

Fellow Haitians and Haitian Americans, what should we do?? How should we manage and address this new wave of hostility and disrespect toward our homeland? For the good of our kids and the next Haitian American generation, how can we defend and/or restore the pride and dignity of our battered Haiti?

One things we should not do, is wasting time trying to address and expect an intelligent response from an individual who has no respect for even himself or anything that does not bring him money and personal power. Nothing good or noble will transpire from engaging with someone who has been described by those close to him as a “street fighter”.

Instead, I propose we educate each other, especially our young ones, to rally, stop doing the work of those hostile to Haiti and Haitians, stop assisting them in “badmouthing” Haiti; instead, publicize events and agents of Haiti’s noble and glorious past.

Let us remember and bring to life the brave soldiers who fought beside the American troops to assure their independence from the British, in Savannah GA. Remember well our ancestors: Toussaint Louverture, Jean Jacques Dessalines, Alexandre Petion, Andre Rigaud, Jean Pierre Boyer and many others who fought for the independence of the first black republic in the world.

We must take steps to ensure that we all learn about Jean-Baptiste Point Du Sable, Blessed Pierre Toussaint and others who have contributed in assisting the US and Western World. They surely deserve recognition.

For others who have found fame and success abroad, outside the homeland, lets make sure we are available to defend the country while rescuing her when she is being attacked. Lets make sure we give Haiti all credit and homage to protect her identity and respect an intelligent response from an individual who has no respect for even himself or anything that does not bring him money and personal power. Nothing good or noble will transpire from engaging with someone who has been described by those close to him as a “street fighter”.

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Spread the words about Haiti’s glorious past. Display and proudly claim our pride “HAITI SOIS FIERE” and achievements by Haitian Americans who are being recognized throughout the world in the fields of Medicine, Literature, Education, Science and Engineering.

Remember to recognize all positive achievements while avoiding criticisms.

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Un confrère m’a invité à son programme de radio pour une causerie sur les déviations sexuelles ayant cours un peu partout à travers le monde, et semblant être de plus en plus fréquentes parmi les jeunes couples ces jours-ci.

Un homme marié a commandé une poupée spéciale, électroniquement manufacturée, alors un robot avec tous les attraits féminins et capable de sensation, pour lui prodiguer tout le plaisir qu’il recherche dans un rapport sexuel. Lorsque la femme eut vent de la liaison secrète existant entre son mari et la poupée, elle décida d’intervenir aussitôt en sectionnant, à l’aide d’un objet tranchant, les parties génitales et la hanche de la poupée, privant ainsi son mari du plaisir qu’il tirait de ses rapports avec celle-ci. Les hommes ne sont pas les seuls à faire usage de ces jouets sexuels pour satisfaire leurs besoins émotionnels ou donner cours à leurs ébats. Depuis des lustres, les femmes ont recours de plus en plus, aux fameux dildo, à vitesse multiple tenez vous bien, pour s’assurer que leurs besoins sont satisfaits et éviter, si nécessaire, toute intimité avec le genre masculin.

La France et la Chine semblent être en tête dans la production de ces jouets sexuels qui apportent tant de plaisir aux hommes et aux femmes qui se les procurent. Il existe plusieurs aspects de la problématique des jouets sexuels qui concernent tant de plaisir aux hommes et aux femmes qui se les procurent.

Il existe plusieurs aspects de la problématique des jouets sexuels qui méritent d’être approfondis ici. D’abord, c’est le problème de ceux-là ou de celles-là qu’un partenaire sexuel régulier n’arrive plus à exciter et à faire rentrer dans un rapport intime comme c’en était bien avant le cas.

Il surgit alors un problème d’excitation sexuelle dans le couple ou Sexual Arousal problem. Pour ressentir ce besoin d’intimité, ce désir d’accouplement, les gens ont alors recours à des objets inanimés pour aider à provoquer l’excitation recherchée. Certains par exemple se sentent éveillés seulement par des cadavres ou objets morts : c’est la nécrophilie.

D’autres éprouvent cette sensation seulement pour des animaux ou en se recouvrant de la peau ou de la fourrure de certains animaux sans nécessairement avoir besoin d’entrer toujours en contact sexuel avec l’animal ou pratiquer en d’autres termes un acte de zoophilie.

Un troisième groupe irait jusqu’à chercher des partenaires sexuels à leurs conjoints et se contenterait de rester à les regarder performer l’acte sexuel en leur présence.

Pour l’édification des lecteurs, il existe une grande variété de comportements sexuels deviants dont les plus notables, comme le Soft crush ou hard crush, le Yiffing and furries, cuckolding et foot worshipping, méritent ici d’être mentionnées et font partie intégrante du jargon sexuel en vigueur.

On sait que l’usage de films pornographiques a souvent été pour les couples âgés, surtout pour les hommes, une sorte de « rampe de propulsion » chaque fois qu’ils cherchaient à donner un soulagement nouveau à leur vie sexuelle en voie d’extinction. Mais de plus en plus de couples évoluent, particulièrement dans la quarantaine, sont en train de recourir aux méthodes ci-contre et d’en faire usage. A part le problème d’excitation sexuelle dont mention a été faite plus haut, il ya aussi un problème d’absence d’orgasme qui est bien plus fréquent chez les femmes que chez les hommes. Pour attendre l’orgasme ou le climax, certaines personnes aiment se voir humiliées, battues, attachées à une chaine, pieds et poings liés, se faire cracher dessus ou se faire étrangler pour avoir un orgasme. Dans ce dernier cas, mort peut s’en suivre. On parle alors d’asphyxiophillie ou asphyxie érotique.

Dans tous ces cas ou l’on a fait un usage répété d’objet inanimé pour éprouver une quelconque envie ou désir de performer sexuellement, on doit parler de fétichisme sexuel.

Il existe une grande différence entre le manque de désir sexuel qui s’accompagne d’une forme de libido atténué, et le fétichisme sexuel qui n’engendre de désir sexuel qu’en présence d’un objet inanimé. Dans le premier cas, le problème peut être d’ordre organique ou médical,
donc plus facilement corrigeable alors que le problème requiert une thérapie à long terme, et bien plus soutenu lorsqu’il s’agit d’un cas de fétichisme sexuel. Recherchant les causes de telles anomalies de comportement, beaucoup incriminent le manque de communication entre les couples comme étant l’élément essentiel à la base d’un tel problème. En effet, plus il existe de moyens de communication à être mis à la disposition de l’espèce humaine, plus on semble incapables de communiquer entre soi, On s’éloigne de plus en plus l’un de l’autre, et l’on ne se parle presque plus en face. Les enfants ne parlent plus à leurs parents et entre eux... Les parents modernes envoient des texto à leurs conjoints et à leurs enfants et vice versa. Même dans les rares cas où l’on se retrouve face à face, chacun a encore les doigts sur le clavier de son téléphone plutôt que de se parler entre soi. Il faut aussi admettre que la société moderne a engendré une sorte d’autarcie à tous regards ou le sens communautaire et le partage des ressources individuelles ou personnelles se trouvent de plus en plus banalisés. Bref, C’est le cas de répéter ici que la courbe de progression de l’humanité s’est toujours développée de manière spirale, à savoir que plus l’on avance dans certains domaines ou dans une certaine direction, plus on semble régresser dans d’autres.

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RECETTE POUR UNE VIE À DEUX

Tout te dire sans rien te cacher
Travailler et tout partager
T’écouter sans se disputer
Dialoguer et mutuellement concéder.
Pêcher et autant de fois pardonner
Jouer ensemble pour ne jamais s’ennuyer.
Te conquérir chaque jour sans te dominer
T’obéir sans servilité
Te conseiller sans te dicter
Te suggérer sans te pressurer
Te guider sans te diriger
T’éclairer sans t’aveugler
Te donner sans te limiter
T’assister sans te diminuer
T’aider sans t’handicaper
Te supporter sans jamais t’humilier
Te stimuler sans te bousculer
T’entourer sans te cloîtrer
Te protéger sans se materner
Te cajoler sans t’étouffer
Te garder sans te posséder
Vieillir ensemble et toujours plus t’aimer
Ainsi corps, âme, esprit fusionnés
Cheminer vers l’éternité.

Jean Serge Dorismond
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June 30 was report cards day, a milestone at this all-boys Catholic grade school. A fastidious one that sealed the fate of two students in more ways than one. “As expected, Jean Pierre wins all possible awards with a special mention for best written composition. We call him Malis.” Applause by parents and fellow students was like a coronation. “Marcel Pierre unfortunately earns the title of Bouki,” said the Brother with leer. The fact that he shared same last name as the best student was not lost on anyone and was a cause for permanent ribbing; today would be no different, “Bouki bouda boule,” repeated the class in sing-song. That was a painful spectacle to witness as a student was being humiliated in public.

While Jean solidified his reputation as Malis, smart student, and left with his ego puffed-up, Marcel fought hard to keep his face free of tears but his forlorn expression betrayed the agony unfolding and the shame enfolding him. The sting of public rebuke, if not outright flagellation, had an edge sharp like a blade and made him feel worthless like excrement and small like a flyspeck. This type of opprobrium by one’s peers can lead to permanent psychologic scar and can turn the victim into a bitter and antisocial being bent on revenge. Men in power with such background cause so much damage to society.

Smart money bet then, Jean sure winner in life, and Marcel the loser. Both were eight years of age but from two different worlds. Jean was book smart but a lightweight on practical stuff. He lived in Turgeau. Whereas Jean’s fingers were made for writing, Marcel’s were good at tinkering and fixing broken objects and he had plenty of common sense and street smarts. He lived in Sans Fil.

Fast forward twenty years later and thousands of miles away from home, in Brooklyn, USA. Marcel who had been one of numerous boat immigrants at the tender age of twelve, had morphed into a husky young lad and fine craftsman as carpenter, specializing in home renovation and doing a brisk business at that. Good at design, he had the knack to spin any shack into a spiffy flat. When he left school that dreadful June day and was sent back packing, remis à ses parents, he made himself a promise he would fight his way through in life and be successful. His eyes had welled up on his way home,
absorbing his classmates’ sneers. He took the trek alone; his parents were too busy earning a meager living and couldn’t afford to miss work.

If truth be told, he couldn’t understand his teachers. They spoke a language he was not familiar with: French. Kreyol was what his parents used at home and the one idiom he felt comfortable with. Strangely, he picked up English real fast and did well in school once he came to America. He went to trade school upon graduating from high school and after working with a company, he learned enough about the business side of the profession that he went solo. He had found a winning formula: hire licensed electricians and plumbers as subcontractors and do the rest of the work himself to finish on time and deliver well. His final product was so well liked his reputation grew quickly by word of mouth.

Jean’s patrician upbringing gave him a haughty attitude and he saw the world as the worthy class, i.e. the intellectually gifted versus the unworthy, i.e. the butler class slated for menial work. He definitely looked down on any profession involving manual labor. He became a passionate of letters with special liking for the Greek classics and French literature. His academic success continued. He however had an uneven training. He could recite Homer but wouldn’t know the nuance of a carburetor versus fuel injection or how to fend for himself when confronted with hardship in life and did he ever?

His grades were superlative and he was admitted to the Sorbonne. He wanted to pursue a doctorate in literature but had to stop after his bachelor’s degree because his parents were killed during a robbery at their pharmacy and he swore he wouldn’t return back home. A half-sister, who adored him but whom he didn’t exactly care about much because her mother came from humble parents, helped him emigrate to the US. He enrolled in a graduate program but refused to do side jobs as was the common practice of immigrants trying to make ends meet. He wouldn’t take a factory job or drive a taxi because they were beneath him. Thanks to his academic performance, he was able to tutor French. He was able to obtain a Master’s degree but found it difficult to land a cushy position or at least his definition of one. He picked an adjunct position at a community college over a high school post as a teacher. He was attracted to the glamor of the former but didn’t grasp that the latter came with far better perks. An adjunct professor is not on a tenure tract and has few if any benefits with a lower pay to match. Once he landed that job, despite his precarious financial condition, he turned down the tutoring position he once had. He lived in the clouds and thought very highly of the self.

Jean’s and Marcel’s paths crossed by happenstance. Marcel had just finished doing some remodeling for a client who insisted on showing it to a girlfriend in his presence. Her name was Mica Pierre. She had bought a small condo in a seedy neighborhood needing major rehab and wanted him to take a look. A week later, on a Saturday morning, Jean went to evaluate the property and the scope of the work. He rode
his shiny, new beamy. “Mr. Marcel Pierre, this is my brother, Mr. Jean Pierre,” said the sister as they stepped out of their modest Toyota Tercel, quite a bit aged with a dull coat of paint. Both men looked at each other and a gloating smile on Marcel’s face, cocky and self-confident, was met by a sheepish one from Jean. They both recognized each other as childhood classmates always do and the reality of their economic status was blaring like a truck’s horn. Marcel’s attire said a lot, all clad in newfangled designer clothes and work boots.

Both had to have flashback of the last conversation they had that June day. “You sully the Pierre name, you crétin. You won’t accomplish much in life, I bet you,” Jean admonished him while poking his index finger on his chest to drive home the putdown. What a turnaround!

They went through the motions of the evaluation of the work but at the end Jean found fault with the price and wanted to beg off even though Marcel did put a discount out of graciousness. Jean’s ego was unsettled and fitful. Embarrassed and jealous, he couldn’t wrap his brain around the fact his classmate long ago referred to as Bouki could now surpass him financially without as much as a college degree. Jean had to remain in seething silence as his half-sister overruled him and pleaded with Marcel to take on the job and extend the payment plan so she could afford it. Marcel could have evened the score and turned it down but he was comfortable enough in his skin to give in. At the end of the project, Jean thanked him for his kindness and asked for forgiveness, a seminal transformation of a mind-set.

This begs the question: was there ever a Bouki when they were young, in the first place? Furthermore, even if one is book smart, is it a shield from acting like a Bouki when making life changing decisions?

DE GUSTIBUS

Ma muse veut exalter ces victuailles
De notre cuisine tropicale.
Elles sont sans égales,
Éclectiques échantillons de notre patrimoine régal,
Et sont connues sous le nom local
De solobay,
Mieulieuse locution pour les cordes vocales,
Délices gustatoires pour la cavité buccale.

Les haricots, ô si délicieux,
Comme de la manne tombée des cieux,
Pour notre éblouissement soutenu, sans tête ni queue,
Revêtent des éponymes géographiques tels que :
Congo, je nwa, France,
Titillant notre exubérance,
Le jour, la nuit, les joies faciles, les amis,
Tout me semblait définitivement acquis.
Vivre était tout naturel sans penser à plus,
Jusqu’à l’instant fatal où Laura n’était plus.
En colère, indigné, avec le cœur blessé,
Je veux parler à ce prédateur étranger.
Je viens revendiquer mon bien exproprié,
Pour que lui reviennent pleine vie et santé.
Qui es-tu pour oser changer sa destinée?
Tu ne sembles pas connaître l’éternité,
Ayant tout créé pour une courte durée.
Trop égoïste, tu ne veux rien partager,
Mais imposer, à tout, une vie limitée.
En quoi consiste donc ta supposée puissance
Si c’est pour donner une fragile existence
Qui ne peut résister à la moindre nuisance ;
A peine venue, elle est déjà en partance… !

Pourquoi, Omniscient, tu ne peux pas deviner
Ni comprendre ce qu’est :
Aimer et être aimée
Quand ciel et terre chantent ses trente-trois ans.
Maman me disait que tu es partout présent ;
Que tu aimes beaucoup chacun de tes enfants ;
Et qu’elle te parlait avec le cœur content ;
Qu’elle recevait de tes mains, toujours à temps,
Tout pour nourrir sa famille et les autres gens ;
Que sa vie, était de toi, le plus beau présent ;
Précieux comme son petit garçon de neuf ans ;
9Qu’elle te disait Merci en prière, en chants.
Pourquoi, pour sauver sa vie, étais tu absent ?

Lazare n’avait plus de Mère pour l’aimer,
Et ne demandait pas d’être ressuscité !!!!
Mais Laura avait besoin d’être dorlotée,
Elle voulait vivre, s’épanouir, s’éclater,
Jouir de cette douce planète où elle est née.

Si tu devrais être la Créateur savant,
Tu devais, pour le moins, avoir le cœur aimant,
Etre un talentueux artiste au souffle puissant,
Dicter ta volonté à tous les éléments,
Dominer le feu, l’eau, le vent, surtout le temps.
La nature passe de l’Hiver au Printemps,
L’humain n’a pas besoin de tant de changements.

Si tu maîtrisais tonnerre, orage et leurs flammes,
Tu pourrais bien réveiller une dormante âme,
Rendre immortelle la vie d’une belle femme,
Avec la magie d’une impérative voix
Qui retrouverait un écho divin en moi.

Si vraiment du tombeau, tu connus la froideur,
Si tu es encore sensible à la douleur,
Si tu ne restes pas indifférent aux pleurs,
Si pour toi, le temps est hier encore et demain

Plus haut que Josué, Tu n’as qu’à lever la main,
Du couchant au levant, le soleil passera,
De son profond sommeil, Laura se lèvera
Et en toi son cœur reconnaîtra le vrai Dieu
Vivant et tout puissant, Maître de tous les cieux.
Every day, every night, with friends and easy joys:
It seemed I had it all, I was a very lucky boy!
For living was easy and natural to me
Until that fateful moment when my Laura ceased to be.
My heart was broken, no longer carefree,
I sought the cruel savage who stole her from me.
I looked everywhere for my mother divine,
And wanted her home again, feeling so fine…
Who are You, God, Who changes destiny?
You don’t understand how long is “eternity.”
Sharing everything you create
For such shortened, unfair, restrictive dates,
You are selfish, imposing such limits to fate!
Just how did You gain Your almighty repute
By such fraudulent actions—it doesn’t compute!
Too delicate, fragile to stay in our sight,
Our Laura departed to eternal night.

Why, Mr. Powerful, can’t you absorb:
Thirty-three is too young to depart from this orb?
But You cast me aside on the stormiest seas,
Without my dear mother still here to guide me…
Mama always said You “always are here”
That You love each and every child You hold dear,
And that she spoke to You with the happiest heart;
That she’d always received, direct from Your part,
Everything that she needed right from the start!
And that for her, life’s great gift was the finest of all,
As precious as her son of nine, grown so very tall!
And she always gave thanks, in hymns and in prayers,
So, why didn’t You save her, why weren’t You there?

Lazarus had no Mother, to guide and to love,
And never did ask for Your help from above,
But Laura had so much more to give of her love!
She wanted to live, grow, to love and have fun,
Enjoying this planet wherein she’d begun.

If You, really, truly are playing Your part,
You should, at the least, have a loving, true heart!
Be a talented artist with a powerful breath,
Dominate water, wind, fire, and earth,
And dictate the rules and banish all death,
Nature will pass from winter to spring,
But we humans should not want for any dear thing!

If You truly are master of thunder and rain,
You could make my sweet Mama be living again,
Fill her beautiful body with immortality,
And with imperative magic, find an echo in me!

If You really remember the coldness of the tomb,
Then You must recognize the bond
born in Mother’s womb,
And You do not remain cold, indifferent to tears,
If for You time won’t matter, whether minutes or years!

Oh, Lord, higher than Moses, please lift up Your hand,
And my Mother, my Laura will once again stand!
From the deepest of sleep, Lovely Laura will rise,
And by this act Your status once more I’ll surmise,
That You truly are Yahweh, Omnipotent and Wise!
Dear AMHE members, family, and friends:

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Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP)
2018 Call for Applications
Release Date: February 1, 2018 | Application Deadline: March 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m. ET
Purpose
The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) offers four-year postdoctoral research awards to increase the number of physicians, dentists, and nurses from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to:

Developing careers and achieving senior rank in academic medicine, dentistry, or nursing;
Fostering the development of succeeding classes of physicians, dentists, and nurses from historically disadvantaged backgrounds;
Improving the health of underserved populations; and/or
Working toward understanding and eliminating health disparities by achieving senior rank in academic medicine, dentistry, or nursing.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
To be eligible for this award, applicants must be physicians, dentists, or nurses who:

Are from historically disadvantaged backgrounds;[1]
Are U.S. Citizens, permanent residents at the time of application, or individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services[2] (Changes in federal policy or law may necessitate that we consider adjustments in eligibility and grant terms.);
Are completing or have completed their formal clinical training. (We will give preference to those who have recently completed their formal clinical training or—in the case of nurses—their research doctorate.); and
Are not related by blood or marriage to any Officer[3] or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.
Federal, state, tribal and local government employees who are not considered government officials[4] under Section 4946 of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply.

Physicians must be Board-eligible to apply for this program. A dental applicant must be a general dentist with a master’s degree or a PhD or have completed advanced dental education. Nurse applicants must be registered nurses with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline completed by the application deadline.

Full eligibility criteria (including footnotes) are available in the CFA.

Key Dates
March 15, 2018 (3 p.m. ET)
Deadline for receipt of completed online applications.

March 16, 2018
Deadline for postmark of hard copies of applications.

July 11–13, 2018
Applicant interviews with national advisory committee members in Chicago.

December 2018
Notification of awards.

Total Awards
RWJF will fund up to 10 four-year awards of up to $420,000 each in this grant cycle. Scholars will receive an annual stipend of up to $75,000 each, complemented by a $30,000 annual grant to support research activities. As detailed on page 6 in the Call for Applications, additional awards are available through partnerships with the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Nephrology, and the American Heart Association.