

# Learning Communities

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MSM QEP Learning Communities  
The MSM Diversity Committee  
& The Office of Faculty Affairs and Development

*Present*

## A BOOK CLUB & PANEL DISCUSSION

Lunch Provided

## MY OWN COUNTRY

*A Doctor's Story*

ABRAHAM VERGHESE



"Remarkable...  
An account of the plague  
years in America, beauti-  
fully written, fascinat-  
ing and tragic, by a doctor  
who was changed and  
shaped by his patients."  
—Perri Klass, *The New  
York Times Book Review*

### Book: My Own County by Abraham Verghese

Working in Johnson City was Abraham Verghese, a young Indian doctor specializing in infectious diseases. Dr. Verghese became by necessity the local AIDS expert, soon besieged by a shocking number of male and female patients whose stories came to occupy his mind, and even take over his life. Verghese brought a singular perspective to Johnson City: as a doctor unique in his abilities; as an outsider who could talk to people suspicious of local practitioners; above all, as a writer of grace and compassion who saw that what was happening in this conservative community was both a medical and a spiritual emergency.

#### SAVE THE DATE

**FEBRUARY 13, 2015**

**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

**NCPC 306**

RSVP\*: [QEP@msm.edu](mailto:QEP@msm.edu)

Subject Line: RSVP Bookclub

\*Must RSVP for Lunch

#### PANELISTS:

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DR. JAMES MCCOY**

**MODERATOR: DR. MERYL  
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