Wake County Medical Society Book Club Discusses Mistreated by Dr. Robert Pearl

After months of postponed meetings due to COVID-19, nine members of the WCMS Book Club were able to meet on July 28th via Zoom to discuss “Mistreated,” by Dr. Robert Pearl.

For Dr. Robert Pearl, these kinds of mistakes are a matter of professional importance, but also personal significance: he lost his own father due in part to poor communication and treatment planning by doctors. And consumers make costly mistakes too: we demand modern information technology from our banks, airlines, and retailers, but we passively accept last century’s technology in our health care.

Solving the challenges of health care starts with understanding these problems. Mistreated explains why subconscious misperceptions are so common in medicine, and shows how modifying the structure, technology, financing, and leadership of American health care could radically improve quality outcomes. This important book proves we can overcome our fears and faulty assumptions, and provides a road map for a better, healthier future.

Join the Wake County Medical Society Book Club to Discuss Rethinking Policing

You are invited to the next Wake County Medical Society Zoom Book Club meeting on Wednesday evening, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing an NPR Podcast titled “Rethinking American Policing.”

Fresh Air Host Terry Gross talks with journalist Jamiles Lartey about systemic racism in American policing. He writes about criminal justice, race and policing for the non-profit news organization ‘The Marshall Project.’ “Policing wasn’t always this way. It wasn’t always this big. It wasn’t always this bureaucratic,” he says. “Sometimes as a society, you need to rethink institutions.”

Jamiles Lartey is a New Orleans-based staff writer for the Marshall Project. Previously, he worked as a reporter for the Guardian covering issues of criminal justice, race and policing. Jamiles was a member of the team behind the award-winning online database “The Counted,” tracking police violence in 2015 and 2016. In 2016, He was named “Michael J. Feeney Emerging Journalist of the Year” by the National Association of Black Journalists. In his off time, Jamiles is an avid drummer, playing and recording with artists in the New Orleans area.