

# SUHP 2009 Summer Assignment

In preparation for the lecture and discussion at SUHP, you are asked to complete the reading and writing assignment included below. **You must complete the reading prior to coming to SUHP. Additionally, you are required to complete the written assignment, print it out, and bring it with you to SUHP.** You will turn in your written assignment at SUHP check-in. You will not be allowed to check in at SUHP without the written assignment completed.

## **Reading Assignment:**

*Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder.

Mountains Beyond Mountains is available at local libraries and bookstores. You may also purchase a used, discounted copy online at half.com, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and borders.com.

\*\*Mountains Beyond Mountains will also be used during the First Year Honors course HNPG 009, so you are encouraged to take notes and bring them with you in the fall.\*\*

## **Writing Assignment:**

**Choose ONE of the following essay prompts and write a 2-3 page reflection paper responding to the prompt. You are encouraged to use specific examples for both the book and your own life.**

1. How did the book Mountains Beyond Mountains influence your ideas about civic engagement and personal responsibility? How might you participate in civic engagement while a student at UC Riverside?
2. What is the significance and meaning of the book's title Mountains Beyond Mountains, taken from the Haitian proverb "beyond mountains there are mountains." What does this phrase mean to you and your own life?
3. Do you think Paul Farmer inspires others to work for the common good? Explain how and why you think this. What effect or meaning does Paul Farmer's story have on you personally? How might you participate in civic engagement at UC Riverside?
4. How do you believe Paul Farmer's unique childhood influenced who he became as an adult? How did your own childhood influence the person you are becoming? What are your goals and how might your experience at UC Riverside help you achieve these goals?

## **Essay Guidelines:**

2-3 pages

12 pt. Font, Times New Roman

Double Spaced

1-inch Margins