

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

# Forum Series 2013/14

*RESPECTING OPTIONS OF CARE AND THE PALETTE OF FAITH PRESENT*



## Ellen Goodman and The Conversation Project: Community Engagement about End-of-Life Wishes

Ellen Goodman, a Pulitzer Prize winning columnist, has spent most of her life chronicling social change and its impact on American life. In 2010, she co-founded *The Conversation Project* a grassroots public campaign, when a group of colleagues and concerned media, clergy, and medical professionals gathered to share stories of “good deaths” and “bad deaths” within their own circle of loved ones.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 7:30 PM**

**\$10** (Gen'l Public), **\$8** (UA Faculty/Staff with ID and Seniors), **\$6** (UA students with valid ZipCard)

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This program is presented by **Respecting Options of Care (ROC)** and the **Palette of Faith (POF)**. ROC is a collaborative whose mission is to educate community members about health care choices at the end of life and to empower them to communicate their wishes. POF is a coalition of health care and faith community readers dedicated to meeting the holistic needs of patients and families facing end-of-life issues. Their interfaith call to action is to ensure that all people will remain connected with their faith community throughout all the important seasons of life, especially illness, end of life, care giving and grief.

The goal is that individuals clearly express their informed personal choices, so that they are honored by providers across all health care settings. These conversations reduce the burdens on family members and loved ones, especially during times of crisis. This is a process that requires time for reflection, questions, expression of emotions and for seeking spiritual and medical guidance.

Members of **Palette of Faith** and **Respecting Options of Care** believe that individuals of our community will be well served by beginning these important conversations, using the tools that have been developed by **The Conversation Project**. For additional information visit <http://paletteoffaith.org>.