

## Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and fellows, and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach*; his promotion of the concept of “living divided no more” has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



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#### **Nominators had this to say:**

“One of the unique things about Gopal is that he emphasizes the importance of bedside rounding, ensuring that clinical decisions are formed with patients, making them feel very involved in their care, in addition to emphasizing empathy and good bedside manner in caring for patients. In mentoring his residents, he strongly emphasizes the importance of clinical skills as a primary guide in

clinical decision-making. He ingrains this mindset in coaching residents and guides residents to be highly sought after for fellowship and attending positions.”

“Gopal has transformed our residency into a dynamic, state-of-the-art program, overcoming challenges and innovating while maintaining constant support for our [residents].”

“Gopal is a forward-thinking educator who has made important curricular innovations in our program. In 2013, he established training pathways on global health, urban health, HIV care, medical education, and patient safety and quality improvement. These pathways have allowed residents to enrich their residency experience and have offered opportunities for mentorship and scholarship tailored to residents’ career aspirations. These structural curricular changes are just one example of how Gopal’s work has placed our program in the forefront of internal medicine residency education innovation.”