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**New Yorker Writer, Best-Selling Author to Speak  
April 26 at UAMS about Nation’s Opioid Crisis**

LITTLE ROCK — Patrick Radden Keefe, an award-winning staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine and author of the *New York Times* bestseller “Empire of Pain,” will present a free, public lecture April 26 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Entitled “The Secret History of the Sackler Family and OxyContin,” the lecture will examine the history and use of oxycodone in the United States and promote awareness and understanding of the opioid crisis at home and around the world.

As part of the annual History of Medicine and Science lecture series organized by the UAMS Department of Neurosurgery and the UAMS Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, continuing education credit will be available.

The lecture will begin at 5 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute at 501 Jack Stephens Drive on the UAMS campus, with parking available in UAMS Parking Deck 3 at 4000 W. Capitol Ave.

A book signing will follow, and books will be available for purchase at the event.

A Zoom option is available, and registration is required for both the in-person event and the virtual option. To register, visit: [medicine.uams.edu/neurosurgery/events/history-of-medicine](https://medicine.uams.edu/neurosurgery/events/history-of-medicine).

“Empire of Pain” was a finalist for the National Book Critics Award for nonfiction. Keefe is also the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers “Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks,” and “Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland.”

“Say Nothing” received the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction and was selected as one of the 10 best books of 2019 by *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune* and *The Wall Street Journal*. It was named one of the top 10 nonfiction books of the decade by *Entertainment Weekly*.

Keefe's previous books are “The Snakehead” and “Chatter.” His work has been recognized with a Guggenheim Fellowship, the National Magazine Award for Feature Writing and the Orwell Prize for Political Writing.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and eight institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,275 students, 890 medical residents and fellows, and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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