Welcome to the monthly Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter provided by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

**Program in Bioethics and Humanities: Our Mission**
We are committed to helping healthcare professionals explore and understand the increasingly complex ethical questions that have been brought on by advances in medical technology and the health care system. We achieve this through education, research, and service within the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care, University of Iowa, and the wider Iowa community.

More Details About The Program

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**Program Highlight**
**UIHC Ethics Consult Service**

The UIHC Ethics Consult Service is a resource for patients, family members, or health professionals at UIHC who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient’s care. During the first two years of the Service, there were 73 ethics consults. The word cloud pictured to the left provides a suggestive...
If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in November, please click on the following links (article 1; article 2).

snapshot of the scope of ethical issues seen by the Service. The most common ethical issues were decision-making capacity, surrogate decision-making, refusal of treatment/plan by the patient and/or family, best interests of patients, rights and duties of healthcare professionals, goals of care, conscientious practice and moral distress, patient autonomy, medical futility, informed consent, and advance care planning.

Consults can be ordered by UIHC clinicians through EPIC or by calling 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call.

For more information about the Service, please click here.

We provide free consultation on ethical issues related to research design, tissue banking, genetic research results, informed consent, and working with vulnerable patient populations. In particular, we assist clinical investigators in identifying and addressing the ethical challenges that frequently arise when designing or conducting research with human subjects. These include ethical challenges in sampling design; randomized and placebo-controlled studies; participant recruitment and informed consent; return of individual-level research results; community engagement processes; and more. For more information, please click here.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: 2117 Medical Education Research Facility (MERF)

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to hear:

Russell Currier
Past President
American Veterinary Medical History Society

Iowa’s Richard Edwin Shope MD: His Contributions to Influenza Research and One Medicine/Health

Richard E. Shope MD (1901-1966) was a pioneer microbiologist who investigated a variety of human and animal diseases. Dr. Shope joined the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute at Princeton to work with Dr. Paul Lewis, the discoverer of polio virus. In 1928, he left tuberculosis research to investigate hog cholera where he observed his first outbreak of swine influenza. Later he isolated the virus from pigs and its co-pathogen “Haemophilus influenzae suis”, and postulated that the swine virus was related to the human 1918 pandemic virus.
SUMMER ETHICS FELLOWSHIP FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics) is now accepting applications for its 2017 Medical program.

FASPE Medical is a fully-funded, two-week summer program that uses the conduct of doctors and other medical professionals in Nazi Germany as a launching point and backdrop for an intensive study of contemporary medical ethics. FASPE Medical is predicated upon the power of place. Fellows visit Auschwitz and other sites in Germany and Poland where they consider how to apply the lessons of history to the ethical challenges in medicine today.

In 2017, the program will take place from Monday, June 19 to Friday, June 30. All program costs are covered, including round-trip travel from New York to Europe, European travel, lodging, and food.

FASPE Medical is open to all current MD and DO students.

To learn more about FASPE and to apply, please visit: www.FASPE.info.

Completed applications are due by Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Thorin R. Tritter, Executive Director of FASPE, at ttritter@FASPE.info.

ROBERT D. SPARKS WRITING CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to examine the influences of history, ethics, culture, literature, philosophy, sociology, or related frameworks on medicine, the practice of medicine, and the human condition.

Two $1,200 awards will be given to the best submissions that examine a significant issue in medicine using ethical, historical, or cultural perspectives. This competition is open to all medical students and physician assistant students enrolled in the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Submission should be 2500-5000 words in length, double spaced with 1-inch margins in a 12 point font (approximately 12 to 20 pages).

Deadline for entry: March 21, 2017

For more information, please click here.
The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanities. Candidates must be currently matriculated students in approved schools of medicine in the United States or Canada. The successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper based on his or her findings at the annual meeting of the American Osler Society. The stipend for the coming year will be $1,500, and up to $750 additional may be available to support travel to the annual meeting contingent on submission of a paper acceptable to the Committee at the conclusion of the studentship.

**Deadline for entry: March 1, 2017**

For more information, please [click here](#).

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**BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE**


Cryonics: Hype, Hope, or Hell? The Conversation, November 22, 2016.
