

# Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

February 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Ethics in Healthcare 2017**

*A One-Day Conference for  
Collaborative Dialogue  
and Inter-Professional Exchange*



Date: May 19, 2017

Time: 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM

The Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine will host its annual Ethics in Healthcare conference on May 19, 2017 in the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF). This conference is designed to help healthcare professionals meet the challenges of the increasing number and range of ethical challenges in healthcare as they surface in their work as clinicians, members of ethics committees or ethics consult teams, and administrators. For a printable brochure, [click here](#).

**Intended Audience:** Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains, Physician Assistants, Trainees, Students, and Others

For more information about the conference and to register, [click here](#).



*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](#)

## THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

ANNOUNCES THE R. PALMER HOWARD DINNER FOR 2017



*The Resurrection Trade:  
Finding Poetry in Medical Archives*

**Leslie Miller**  
Department of English  
University of St. Thomas

**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (dinner); 8:00 p.m. (presentation)

**Location:** Kinnick Center, Radisson Hotel in Coralville

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of more upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, please [click here](#).

## QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

*Although goals of care discussions themselves promote the communication that may help to earn trust, differences in preexisting trust may ultimately influence the end-of-life experience of residents and families.*

Rosemond et al. (for more, see [J Palliat Med](#); 2016)

## READING ETHICS AT UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in January, please click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#); [article 3](#)).

## UIHC ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This 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. Consults can be ordered by UIHC clinicians through EPIC. Consults can also be requested by calling (319) 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call. For more information, please [click here](#).

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY PRESENTATION



*The Evolution of University Urology  
as a Reflection of University Priorities*

**Charles Hawtry, MD**

Professor Emeritus, Department of Urology  
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017

**Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 2117 Medical Education Research Facility (MERF)

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

## 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, [click here](#).

CLINICAL RESEARCH  
ETHICS SERVICE

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, [click here](#).

HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to read "[Notes from the John Martin Rare Book Room, January 2017.](#)"

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society and the John Martin Rare Book Room now have a large number of video and audio recordings of HOMS lectures from 1985-2016. To access the recordings, [click here](#).

THE AMERICAN OSLER SOCIETY  
WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

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, [click here](#).

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE  
ACTION COLLABORATIVE ON CLINICIAN  
WELL-BEING AND RESILIENCE

Every year in the United States, about 400 physicians take their own lives – a rate more than double that of the general population. Physicians experience high rates of depression, burnout, and poor work-life balance. This phenomenon cuts across all ages, stages, and career paths – from trainees to senior practitioners. And these challenges are not unique to physicians. Nurses and other clinicians experience similar effects on performance, health, and well-being.

**Bottom line: The people we rely on to keep us healthy may not be healthy themselves.** This fact is not only worrying in and of itself – it also has serious implications for patients. Clinician burnout has been linked to increased medical errors and patient dissatisfaction. How can we ensure that our care workforce is healthy, resilient, and functioning at its highest capacity?

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## NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE (CONTINUED)

### ACTION COLLABORATIVE ON CLINICIAN WELL-BEING AND RESILIENCE

The National Academy of Medicine will build a collaborative platform for supporting and improving clinician well-being and resilience across multiple organizations, including clinician and consumer groups as well as health care organizations and policy making bodies. This “action collaborative” will provide the venue for a set of collaborative activities, grounded in evidence-based knowledge, to **(1) assess and understand the underlying causes of clinician burnout and suicide, and (2) advance solutions that reverse the trends in clinician stress, burnout, and suicide.** Activities of the collaborative will include working meetings among participating groups, public workshops, and stakeholder engagement activities.



For related resources, to subscribe to the collaborative’s mailing list, or to get involved, [click here](#).

## BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Barg FK, Kellom K, Ziv T, et al. LVAD-DT: Culture of rescue and liminal experience in the treatment of heart failure. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2017 Feb; 17: 3-11.
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- ⇒ Halpern SD, Goldberg D. Allocating organs to cognitively impaired patients. [N Engl J Med](#). 2017 Jan; 376: 299-301.
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- ⇒ Rieder TN. In opioid withdrawal, with no help in sight. [Health Aff \(Millwood\)](#). 2017 Jan; 36: 182-185.
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## BIOETHICS IN THE NEWS

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- ⇒ [Using Patents to Restrict Harmful Applications of CRISPR](#). BioEdge, January 21, 2017.
- ⇒ [Catholic Healthcare in Colorado may Clash with New Assisted Suicide Law](#). BioEdge, January 21, 2017.
- ⇒ [For Driverless Cars, A Moral Dilemma: Who Lives or Dies?](#) The Associated Press, January 18, 2017.
- ⇒ [An Adorable Swedish Tradition has its Roots in Human Experimentation](#). Atlas Obscura, January 3, 2017.
- ⇒ [Finding Trust and Understanding in Autonomous Technologies](#). The Conversation, December 30, 2016.
- ⇒ [Big Leaps in Gene Editing Raise Ethical Questions about Human Application](#). NPR, December 24, 2016.

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