… surrogate decision-makers for older hospitalized adults consider many patient-centered principles when making decisions. Contrary to our hypothesis, they prioritize patient well-being principles over patient preferences principles….

Devnani et al. (J Gen Intern Med, 2017)

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
**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.

**READING ETHICS AT UIHC**

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in January, 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.”

For a listing of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2017/2018 Presentations and Events, click here.

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 1985-2017. To access the recordings, click here.

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

**ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2018**

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

Date: May 18, 2018
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 in cooperation with the UI College of Nursing will host its annual Ethics in Healthcare conference on May 18, 2018 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, Attorneys, Physician Assistants, Trainees, Students, and Others

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE 2018 R. PALMER HOWARD DINNER**

**Viral Markets: Economics, the Environment, and Emerging Disease in the Twentieth Century**

**Richard C. Keller**
Professor
Department of Medical History and Bioethics
University of Wisconsin

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018
Time: 6:00 pm (reception); 7:00 pm (dinner); 8:00 pm (presentation)
Location: Kinnick Center, Radisson Hotel in Coralville

For more information and to register, click here.
HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY
FEBRUARY PRESENTATION

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

Tócame el Trigémino: Asuerotherapy, Popular Culture, and the Global Medical Establishment in the Early 20th Century

Mariola Espinosa
Associate Professor, History Department
Director, Global Health Studies Program
University of Iowa

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Time: 5:30-6:30 pm
Location: 2117 MERF (Medical Education and Research Facility)

In the late 1920s people across Europe and the Americas were enthralled by a Spanish physician whose controversial methods promised to cure patients of their chronic ills. Fernando Asuero became famous—and notorious—by developing a treatment for a range of maladies focused on targeting the trigeminal nerve. This talk explores the Asuero phenomenon to see how a physician and his work captured the imaginations of political leaders as well as popular masses in Spain, elsewhere in Europe, and in Latin America.

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. In case of a tie, judges reserve the right to split a prize. This competition is open to all medical students and physician assistant students enrolled in the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Submissions 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 20, 2018

For more information, click here.
CAROL A. BOWMAN CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Established by Richard Caplan, MD

Sponsored by the UI Carver College of Medicine Program in Bioethics and Humanities in conjunction with the UI Carver College of Medicine’s Writing and Humanities Program

**Purpose:** To encourage medical students to reflect on their new experiences in the world of medicine and to encourage the process and discipline of putting words on paper effectively, and to enjoy the satisfactions of creative effort.

**Contest Guidelines:** Entries may be of any length or literary genre (fiction, essay, poetry, drama, memoir). The winning submissions will be published with author approval to be distributed (gratis) online and in *The Examined Life Journal*. Only medical students of the UI Carver College of Medicine are eligible to enter this contest.

**Contest Deadline:** April 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm

For more information, click here.

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BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE


BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)


BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

⇒ How should we decide what to do? The Conversation, January 29, 2018.

⇒ An ultrasound on Instagram suggested the baby could be in danger. Does a physician have a duty to warn? STAT News, January 25, 2018.


⇒ What the great divide over IVF coverage can tell us about the future of other high tech interventions. STAT News, January 24, 2018.

⇒ Trump Admin will protect health workers who refuse services on religious grounds. NPR, January 18, 2018.

Registration is now open for several upcoming pediatric ethics webinars hosted by the Children’s Mercy Kansas City Bioethics Center. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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