

Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

June 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

... the absence of time and the centrality of technology are key drivers in medical encounters, and have eroded much of the humanitarian aspect of clinical medicine. The empathic relationship that physicians and patients once enjoyed is fast fading.

Bain ([Philos Ethics Humanit Med](#), 2018)

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, [click here](#).



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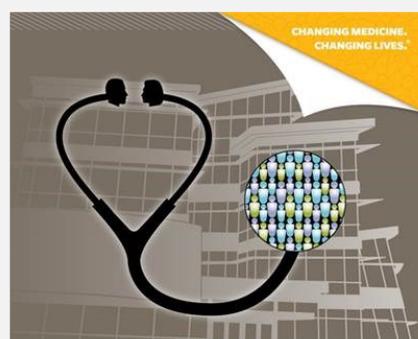
Program in Bioethics and Humanities: *Our Mission*

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](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

ETHICS IN HEALTHCARE 2018



On May 18th, the Program in Bioethics and Humanities hosted its 3rd annual *Ethics in Healthcare* conference on the campus of the Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City. We were delighted to host professionals from throughout the state of Iowa, as well as some from the states of Illinois and Minnesota, to this one-day meeting focused on collaborative dialogue

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 May, [click here](#).

HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to visit the [John Martin Rare Book Room website](#). On this website you will find resources, [digital exhibits](#), and news/highlights, such as [Notes from the Rare Book Room](#).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

and inter-professional exchange. Three large group lectures followed by small group case-discussions allowed us to engage a range of challenging topics. Dr. David Moser guided us through the nuances of



The keynote speaker,
Dr. Annie Janvier

assessing decision making capacity in patients with medical or psychiatric conditions. Dr. W. David Clark helped us clarify our understanding of ethical issues related to palliative sedation at the end of life. Dr. Christopher Buresh described a caring and careful approach for

handling difficult patient-provider relationships. And as our keynote speaker, Dr. Annie Janvier (from the University of



Small group case-discussions

Montreal) drew from her work

as a neonatologist and ethicist to explore how parents and health professionals view the value of life and concerns about disability in the context of neonatal care. Participants made the Conference a time of genuine engagement, and we all benefited from the wealth of experience, depth of insight, and range of perspectives they brought to our discussions. We look forward to *Ethics in Healthcare 2019!*



The conference director,
Dr. Lauris Kaldjian



Large group lecture

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Don't be mean: Treat your team members with respect

Aaron Lacy

Aaron Lacy is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine who recently took an advanced elective called *Editorial Writing for Medical Students* (IM:8449). This four week advance elective is directed by Brittany Bettendorf, MD, an Affiliate Faculty Member in the Program. This elective allows students to understand and practice the skill of writing

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT (CONTINUED)

Opinion Editorials aimed at improving the public's understanding of health and healthcare. Students learn how to effectively engage a broad, non-medical audience through their writing, with the goal of producing an Opinion Editorial piece that can be submitted for publication to a local or national newspaper.

Aaron Lacy's Opinion Editorial was published in KevinMD. To read his opinion editorial, [click here](#).

BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE

- ⇒ Andrews JE, Moore JB, Weinberg RB, et al. Ensuring respect for persons in compass: A cluster randomised pragmatic clinical trial. [J Med Ethics](#). 2018 May 2. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Bain LE. Revisiting the need for virtue in medical practice: A reflection upon the teaching of Edmund Pellegrino. [Philos Ethics Humanit Med](#). 2018 Apr 10; 13: 4.
- ⇒ Bates V. Sensing space and making place: The hospital and therapeutic landscapes in two cancer narratives. [Med Humanit](#). 2018 May 2. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Bibler TM, Shinall MC, Jr., Stahl D. Responding to those who hope for a miracle: Practices for clinical bioethicists. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2018 May; 18: 40-51.
- ⇒ Blumenthal-Barby J, Opel DJ. Nudge or grudge? Choice architecture and parental decision-making. [Hastings Cent Rep](#). 2018 Mar; 48: 33-39.
- ⇒ Doukas DJ, Volpe RL. Why pull the arrow when you cannot see the target? Framing professionalism goals in medical education. [Acad Med](#). 2018 Apr 24. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ Downing NL, Bates DW, Longhurst CA. Physician burnout in the electronic health record era: Are we ignoring the real cause? [Ann Int Med](#). May 8. [Epub ahead of print]
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- ⇒ Kpanake L, Tonguino TK, Sorum PC, et al. Duty to provide care to Ebola patients: The perspectives of Guinean lay people and healthcare providers. [J Med Ethics](#). 2018 May 21. [Epub ahead of print]
- ⇒ O'Leary D. Why bioethics should be concerned with medically unexplained symptoms. [Am J Bioeth](#). 2018 May; 18: 6-15.
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BIOETHICS IN THE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)

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- ⇒ Suah A, Angelos P. How should trauma patients' informed consent or refusal be regarded in a trauma bay or other emergency settings? [AMA J Ethics](#). 2018 May 1; 20: 425-430.
- ⇒ Weinberg JK. The dilemma of the "doctor in the family". [Narrat Inq Bioeth](#). 2018; 8: 47-52.

BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

- ⇒ [New Documentary Tells Personal Story of VSED](#). BioEdge, May 19, 2018.
- ⇒ [American Medical Association Stands Firm on Assisted Suicide](#). BioEdge, May 13, 2018.
- ⇒ [Iowa Bans Most Abortions as Governor Signs 'Heartbeat' Bill](#). NPR, May 5, 2018.

The [Conley Art of Medicine](#) contest for medical students, residents, and fellows is now open through September 25, 2018, with a \$5,000 prize for the winning art entry. The [Conley Ethics Essay](#) contest for medical students, residents, and fellows is now open through September 25, 2018, with a \$5000 prize for the winning essay.