

# Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

“Single-payer insurance is one way of ensuring universal access to necessary health services, but Canada’s story demonstrates that ongoing attention must also focus on the reliable delivery of effective patient-centered care.”

To read more, click here: [Ivers et al. \(JAMA Intern Med; 2018\)](#)

## 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](#).



*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.

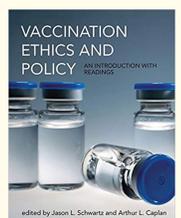
[More Details About The Program](#)

## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT



**Paul Greenough, PhD**, an Affiliate Faculty member in the Program, recently had a book chapter published entitled “**Coercion and consent in smallpox vaccination.**”

This chapter appears in a book edited by Jason L. Schwartz and Arthur L. Caplan called *Vaccination Ethics and Policy: An Introduction with Readings*. This book examines the full range of ethical and policy issues related to the development and use of vaccines both domestically and internationally.



## 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 September, click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#)).



## 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](#).

For a list of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2018/2019 Presentations and Events, [click here](#).

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY OCTOBER PRESENTATION

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



*Dr. Nurse: Knowledge, Politics, and the Making of the Academic Nurse*

**Dominique Tobbell**  
Director and Associate Professor  
Program in the History of Medicine  
University of Minnesota

**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2018

**Time:** 5:30-6:30 pm

**Location:** Room 40, College of Nursing

## EXAMINED LIFE CONFERENCE

**Dates:** October 25-27, 2018

**Location:** Medical Education Facility (MERF), Caver College of Medicine

The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine will host its annual three-day conference focusing on the links between the science of medicine and the arts. The program seeks to encourage healthcare professionals, medical educators, patients and their family members to define methods for incorporating writing, humanities, and the arts into medical education, patient and self care, and/or professional development schemes; identify the role that writing, humanities, and the arts can play in such activities; identify avenues to pursue that can improve their creative or reflective writing; and describe and utilize the mechanics of writing for publication. Upon completion of this conference the participant will be able to identify tools to enhance their understanding of medical education, patient and self care, and/or professional development needs; discuss the ethical, emotional, and psychological requirements of these needs; describe methods that can be used to increase the well-being and communication skills of medical learners, healthcare provider, patients and family members; and examine publication practices.

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



**BIOETHICS RESOURCE**  
**THE COPE TEAM**

The COPE Team is an interdisciplinary team that provides emotional support to staff who have had a work-related experience that might challenge their ability to cope. They provide individual and group debriefing sessions as well as training to front line staff as part of a peer-to-peer support program. Their contact information is (319) 356-0470 and [UIHC-COPE@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:UIHC-COPE@healthcare.uiowa.edu)



**THE RUTGERS JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS**  
**A CALL FOR PAPERS**

The [Rutgers Journal of Bioethics](#) is an undergraduate journal exploring the intersection of ethics, biology, society and public policy. It has been published each year since 2009. While the journal solicits articles from all persons wishing to participate in the open discussion on bioethics, it is staffed by students at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. The journal welcomes all unsolicited original essays, book reviews, editorials and art. Some example subjects are medical treatment, biological warfare, research ethics, medical sociology, social justice, history of medicine/science, medical case analysis, eugenics, gene therapy, human cloning, medical malpractice, and healthcare policy; however, you are not limited to these topics.

***Submission Guidelines:***

**COVER SHEET:** Article title, author name(s), institutional affiliation, date of submission, abstract, and contact information (e-mail and phone number).

**SUBMISSIONS:** Submit as a shared Google document in double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. The following submission types are accepted: opinion editorials (1-3 pages in length) and research papers (8-15 pages in length of content, not including citations).

**CITATIONS:** Use the style guidelines outlined by the American Psychological Association (APA). Do not submit articles with more than 30 citations.

To submit, email your cover sheet and submission to [rubioethics.journ@gmail.com](mailto:rubioethics.journ@gmail.com).

**The submission deadline for the Fall issue is November 10th.**



## BIOETHICS LITERATURE

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- ⇒ White J. Drawing lessons from canada's experience with single-payer health insurance. [JAMA Intern Med.](#) 2018 Sep; 178: 1255-1257.
- ⇒ Winters JP. When parents refuse: Resolving entrenched disagreements between parents and clinicians in situations of uncertainty and complexity. [Am J Bioeth.](#) 2018 Aug; 18: 20-31.

## BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

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- ⇒ [Would you pay to participate in a clinical trial?](#) BioEdge, September 21, 2018.
- ⇒ [You need a new kidney to stay alive. Would you reject one from someone who died of a drug overdose?](#) STAT News, September 18, 2018.
- ⇒ [British grandparents use dead son's sperm to create child](#). BioEdge, September 15, 2018.
- ⇒ [You discovered your genetic history. Is it worth the privacy risk?](#) Fortune, September 10, 2018
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