

# 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

*When patients invoke the vegetable clause, they are not making a statement about CPR preferences. They are making a statement about post-CPR preferences. Recognizing this difference is essential because clinicians can only provide a fully informed recommendation about CPR when outcomes are discussed.*

Breu AC. ([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](#)

## CCOM HUMANITIES DISTINCTION TRACK

The purpose of the Carver College of Medicine Humanities Distinction Track (HDT) is to encourage, support, and recognize medical students who pursue scholarship in ethics, writing, or the humanities. This track will promote students' growth as professionals and also further the promotion of humanism in medicine. Participation in the track includes the completion of a major project. Past and current projects have involved works of poetry, prose and photographic art, as well as historical research, empirical studies, and policy analysis. To learn more about the HDT, [please click here](#).

Co-Directors of the Humanities Distinction Track:

Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD

Jason T. Lewis, MFA

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 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](#).

HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society  
presents:



[\*Ring the Fire Bell: The Incredible Story of an Iowa Civil War Medical Center\*](#)

**Charles Driscoll, MD**  
Professor Emeritus  
Clinical Family Medicine  
University of Virginia

**Thursday, September 27, 2018, 5:30-6:30**

**Book Signing at 6:30**

MERF Rm 2117 (Medical Education & Research Facility)

**Friday, September 28, 2018, 12:00-1:00**

**Book Signing from 1:00-1:30**

Box lunches will be available for the first 25 attendees  
(Lunches are provided through a generous gift by Dr. Robert Rakel)

Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS) Conference Room

**DIRECTIONS:** Take elevator B to the 4th floor. Exit the elevator to your right and immediately take another right at the wooden compass. You will pass the Nursing/Telecommunications offices. Enter the glass doors on the left BEFORE reaching elevator BW. The conference room (C44-A GH) is straight ahead.

EXAMINED LIFE CONFERENCE

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

**Location:** Medical Education Facility (MERF), Carver 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

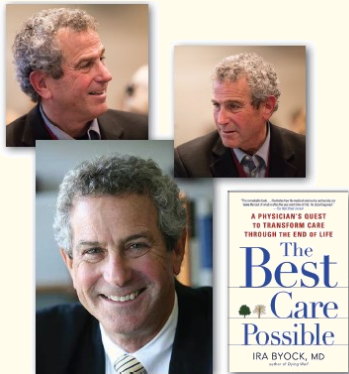
## EXAMINED LIFE CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

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](#).

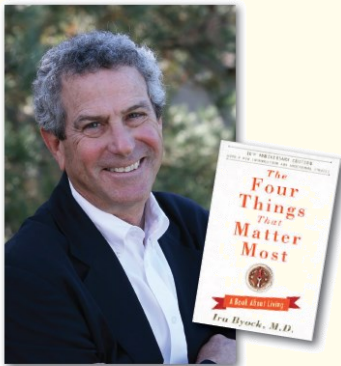


## UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS



Renowned physician and author **Ira Byock, MD, FAAHPM**, will present “Saying ‘The Four Things that Matter Most’” at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The presentation, part of the UNESCO City of Literature Iowa City Book Festival, is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Prairie Lights bookstore will provide books for purchase, and Dr. Byock will be available to sign copies following his presentation. [Pre-registration is recommended.](#)

Dr. Byock will also be the keynote speaker the following morning, Monday, Oct. 8 at the professional conference “The Best Care Possible” from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. His keynote presentation is entitled “The Best Care Possible: Clinical and Cultural Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Fees: Physicians \$60; Students \$20; all other attendees \$30. For additional information or to register, please go to [www.medicine.uiowa.edu/cme](http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/cme) and click on Upcoming Programs, or go directly to <http://bit.ly/BestCareConference>. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 5, 2018.



## BIOETHICS RESOURCE

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society published a monograph in 2017 called *Medical Professionalism Best Practices: Professionalism in the Modern Era*. The purpose of this document is to advance the national dialogue about medical professionalism. To read the monograph, [click here](#).



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