

# BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER

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**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.

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## Program Highlight

[Iowa Public Radio Interview](#)

On a recent edition of *River to River*, host Ben Kieffer talked with Dr. Lauris Kaldjian (Program faculty member) and Dr. Edward Bell (Professor of Pediatrics) about a study indicating aggressiveness as key in saving preterm infants. Tundi Brady, the mother of a child born at 23 weeks, also joined the conversation. If you would like to listen to the interview, please click [here](#).

## Publication Highlight

[South African, Urban Youth Narratives: Resilience within Community](#)

Maghboeba Mosavel, Rashid Ahmed, Katie A. Ports, **Christian Simon**

South African youth in low-income, urbanized communities are exposed to high levels of daily stressors, which increase their risk to negative outcomes. Resiliency can provide avenues for youth to transcend adversity and may contribute to their positive development. To provide a deeper understanding of the pathways that adolescents use to overcome adversity, this paper examined future aspirations of South African youth, and how these aspirations were connected to resiliency factors framed by their lived context. A phenomenological approach was used to explore the perceptions of high school students. Fourteen focus groups with girls and boys (N=112) were

## Upcoming Events

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

## Quotation of the Month

*Whatever proportions these crimes finally assumed, it became evident to all who investigated them that they had started from small beginnings. The beginnings at first were merely a subtle shift in emphasis in the basic attitude of the physicians. It started with the acceptance of the attitude, basic in the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived.*

- Dr. Leo Alexander (*Medical Science Under Dictatorship*. New England Journal of Medicine, 1949, vol. 241, pp. 39-47)

conducted. Data was analyzed using a thematic approach. Discussions of the harsh conditions undermining the community's future highlighted opportunities for improvement. Community connectedness, hope and altruism were prevalent in youth's responses and could be used to facilitate community and individual resiliency. Our overall findings have important implications for positive youth development efforts.

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## Resource Highlight

### [Physician Charter of Medical Professionalism](#)

The Physician Charter of Medical Professionalism is the product of several years of work by leaders in the ABIM Foundation, the ACP–ASIM Foundation, and the European Federation of Internal Medicine. This Charter consists of a brief introduction and rationale, three principles, and 10 commitments.

## 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](#).

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## Clinical Research Ethics Consultation 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, [please click here](#).

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## A Call For Papers

### [The Rutgers Journal of Bioethics](#)

DEADLINE: August 30, 2015

The Rutgers Journal of Bioethics is now accepting papers for their Fall issue. Some example topics 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. Please click [here](#) if you would like to browse through past issues.

#### PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SUBMISSION:

Cover Sheet: Article title, author name(s), institutional affiliation, date of submission, abstract and contact information (e-mail, phone number and mailing address).

Submissions: Papers should be submitted as Microsoft Word Documents (.doc/.docx), in double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. The following types of papers will be accepted: opinion editorials (1-3 pages in length), long and short book reviews (1-10 pages, include bibliographic information on book) and research papers (6-15 pages in length of content, not including citations).

Citations: Please use the style guidelines outlined by the American Psychological Association (APA).

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