

# BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES NEWSLETTER



PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES

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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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## Publication Highlight

### [Committee Opinion No. 660: Family Building Through Gestational Surrogacy](#)

*This Committee Opinion was developed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Committee on Ethics. Member contributors included Ginny L. Ryan, MD.*

Gestational surrogacy is an increasingly common form of family building that can allow individuals or a couple to become parents despite circumstances in which carrying a pregnancy is biologically impossible or medically contraindicated. The practice of gestational surrogacy involves a woman known as a gestational carrier who agrees to bear a genetically unrelated child with the help of assisted reproductive technologies for an individual or couple who intend(s) to be the legal and rearing parent(s), referred to as the intended parent(s). Obstetrician–gynecologists may become involved in gestational surrogacy through caring for the gestational carrier or by caring for the intended parent(s). Although gestational surrogacy increases options for family building, this treatment also involves ethical, medical, psychosocial, and legal complexities that must be taken into account to minimize risks of adverse outcomes for the gestational carrier, intended parent(s), and resulting children. The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of gestational surrogacy and to describe the ethical responsibilities for obstetrician–gynecologists who take part in the care of women who participate in these arrangements.

## Upcoming Events

### Ethics in Healthcare 2016

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



Date: May 20, 2016

Time: 7:45 AM – 4:45 PM

The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine and the Program in Bioethics and Humanities will host its first one day conference on May 20, 2016 in the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF), Room 2117. 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

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## Bioethics in the Literature

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The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society announces the

### [R. Palmer Howard Dinner for 2016](#)



*Lovesickness: Female Insanity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Opera*

Lynda Payne, PhD, RN  
Professor of History  
University of Missouri – Kansas City  
Department of History and Women and Gender Studies

Date: Friday, April 22, 2016  
Time: 7:00 p.m. (dinner); 8:00 p.m. (talk)  
Location: Dean Rooms C and D, Sheraton Hotel

committees or ethics consult teams, and administrators.

Intended Audience: Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains, Physician Assistants, Trainees, Students, and Others

For more information about the conference and to register, please click [here](#).

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

## Reading Ethics at UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in February, [please click here](#).

## Quotation of the Month

*The arts have unique qualities that can help create novel ways to engage medical learners.... Such engagement can provide a stepping stone for learners to construct new meaning.... New meanings and insights can lead to better medical practice, particularly if learners focus on how such meaning can be translated into concrete plans for future actions.*

Haidet et al. (for more, see [Med Educ](#); 2016)

## 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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## [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. This competition is open to all medical students and physician assistant students enrolled in the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Deadline for entry: March 22, 2016  
Length: 2500-5000 words

For more information, please click [here](#).

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## **Bioethics in the News**

### [Saving Sid](#)

This is a striking story about a young man who suffered a severe stroke. The multimedia narrative explains in sensitive and informative detail the personal struggles and professional challenges that were faced as emergency neurosurgical decisions had to be made amidst great uncertainty about possible outcomes. Please click [here](#) to read the article.

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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](#).

## **History of Medicine Society**

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to an [Open House in the John Martin Rare Book Room](#).

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society also invites you to read "[Notes from the John Martin Rare Book Room, February 2016](#)."

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society (HOMS) and the John Martin Rare Book Room now have a large number of video and audio recordings of HOMS lectures from 1985-2015. To access the recordings, [please click here](#)