Newsletter
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WELCOME TO THE JCB SUMMER STUDENTS

Emily Austin is assisting the JCB bioethics group with grant writing and other research projects. In September, Emily will return to McGill to enter her third year in Physiology.

Erin Court is working with Peter Singer to develop an Education Module for High School Students on Stem Cell Research and Cloning. In September, Erin will start as a first-year undergraduate in Bioethics at U of T.

Shannon Madden is working with Doug Martin on the ethical analysis of the strategic planning efforts at the University Health Network. In September, Shannon will start her Master’s studies in Health Administration and Bioethics (Collaborative Program) at U of T.

Erin McFadden is working with Peter Singer to develop an Education Module for High School Students on Stem Cell Research and Cloning.

Anisa Mnyusiwalla is working with Abdallah Daar on the bioethics of Health Nanotechnology products. In September, Anisa will return to McGill to enter her third year of medicine.
Shauna Nast is working with Abdallah Daar, Peter Singer and Halla Thorsteinsdóttir on the “Top 10” Biotechnologies Study, and is also working with Peter Singer to develop an Education Module for High School Students on Stem Cell Research and Cloning. In September, Shauna will start her first year in medicine at the University of Western Ontario.

Naomi Nohara is working with Doug Martin on the Ethics of Cardiac Report Cards project. In September, Naomi will enter her third year of medicine at the University of Western Ontario.

Alyna Smith is working with Peter Singer and Abdallah Daar on the Biotechnology and Developing Countries project. In September, Alyna will start her Master’s degree in Philosophy and Bioethics (Collaborative Program) at U of T.

Martin Tierney is working with Abdallah Daar and David Castle on the development of ethical guidelines for nutrigenomics. In September, Martin will return to the University of Victoria to start his fourth year in Biochemistry.

WELCOME TO OUR RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Cécile Bensimon has a Masters degree in International Affairs from the University of Ottawa and is currently working with Doug Martin on the Ethics of Cardiac Report Cards project.

BIOETHICS THIS MONTH

July 26 Catholic Bioethics Seminar: Camille de Blasi, Director, Center for Life Principle. “Building a Culture of Life: A Challenge in Catholic Bioethics and Health Care,” 2:00-6:00pm, Father Madden Hall, Carr Hall, University of St. Michael’s College, 100 St. Joseph Street, Toronto. For more information or to register, please visit: www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics or call 416-926-2335.

PUBLICATIONS


Smith J. The ethics of caring for the dying. *The Toronto Star* 2002; June 10


HONOURS, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Stacey Hubay, a medical oncology resident in her final year of training, won third prize in the annual Medical Oncology Resident Research Day for her presentation entitled, “Medical Oncologists’ Perceptions of Cancer Care Ontario’s New Drug Funding Program.” Her research is supervised by Scott Berry.

Doug Martin, Joint Centre for Bioethics, has been awarded a Dean's Fund New Staff Grant of $10,000 from the Faculty of Medicine Research Grants Committee for his project entitled, “Priority Setting in Hospitals”.

Nancy Walton, a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Nursing and the Collaborative Program in Bioethics, has received a Department of Medicine Fellowship of $20,000 for the 2002-03 academic year.

Kin Fan Young Tai, Department of Paediatrics, has been chosen by the trainees in the UofT Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Training Program to receive the 2001/2002 Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Young Tai received this Award in 2000/2001 as well.
THEME COORDINATOR FOR ETHICS WANTED

The Faculty’s Undergraduate Medical Education Office is seeking a theme coordinator for Ethics in the four year MD programme. Working in close collaboration with course directors and reporting jointly to the Director of Curriculum and the Director of the Joint Centre for Bioethics, the incumbent will be responsible for integration of ethics, legal and professionalism teaching in all aspects of the undergraduate curriculum. The new theme coordinator will build on the very solid foundation already established by Dr. Philip Hebert, the current coordinator. The incumbent will be appointed to the Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Committee. The successful candidate will ideally be a physician who holds a graduate degree in ethics and should be familiar with the undergraduate MD program. Applicants should feel free to contact/submit their CV with a covering letter by July 15 to Jay Rosenfield, Director, Curriculum Design and Program Evaluation, Undergraduate Medical Education at jay.rosenfield@utoronto.ca (e-mail) or Room 2124, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King’s College Circle, Toronto M5S 1A8.

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2002 CIPA Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Applied Information Technology: This $5000 (CDN) award for graduate students is intended to encourage and reward original and practical research in areas of applied information technology that results in measurable productivity gains within a workplace environment. The deadline is: 3 July 2002. For more information, please email: scholarship@cipa.com or visit: www.cipa.com

Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences: Montreal, Quebec, 11-14 August 2002. For more information or to register, please visit www.aplsnet.org or email: jstrate@wayne.edu

XVIth International Congress of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare: Malta, 21-24 August 2002. For further information, please contact: h.tenhave@efg.kun.nl

3rd International DNA Sampling Conference: Montreal, 5-8 September 2002. For more information, please visit www.humgen.umontreal.ca or contact the Coordinator (conferenceADN@droit.umontreal.ca) at 514-343-2142.

Health Law in the 21st Century: Edmonton, Alberta, 27-28 September 2002. For more information, please contact: hli@law.ualberta.ca or visit: www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/HLI

Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Ethical Challenges Across the Lifespan: 17-20 October 2002, Victoria, British Columbia. Abstract deadline is April 30. For more information, please visit: www.uvic.ca/cbs or email: cbs@uvic.ca

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Fifth Annual Meeting: Baltimore, MD, 24-27 October 2002. For more information, please visit www.asbh.org
4th Annual Conference of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC): Theme: Science, technology and Ethics across the curriculum. Greenville, South Carolina, 24-27 October 2002. For more information, please contact the conference director: Daniel E. Wueste (ernest@clemson.edu)

4th HUGO Pacific Meeting and 5th Asia-Pacific Conference on Human Genetics: Pattaya, Chonburi, Thailand, 27-30 October 2002. For more information please contact the Congress Secretariat: grsfc@mahidol.ac.th or visit: http://www.mu-st.net/hugothai

9th Canadian Conference on International Health (CCIH): Ottawa, Ontario. “Poverty, Health and Equity: From Global Challenges to Innovative Solutions.” 27-30 October 2002. For more information, please contact the Conference Secretariat at 1-877-722-4140 or conference@csih.org or visit the website at: www.csih.org

6th World Congress of Bioethics: Brasilia, Brazil: 30 October - 3 November 2002. For more information, please contact congressobioetica@cfm.org.br or visit www.bioethicscongress.org.br/

Faculty Fellowships in Ethics Academic Year 2003-2004: Harvard University, Center for Ethics, Cambridge, MA. Application deadline: 3 December 2002. For more information contact the Director (ethics@harvard.edu) at 617-495-1336 or visit: www.ethics.harvard.edu

International Conference: San Juan, Puerto Rico. “International Collaborations in Health Research Involving Human Participants in the Americas: Integrity and Ethics.” 20-23 February 2003. For more information, please contact Dr. Alicia Dustira at: 301-443-5300 or adustira@osophs.dhhs.gov

International Conference, “The Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children”: Bangkok, Thailand, 16-21 February 2003. Sponsored by Burapha University (Thailand) and McMaster University. For more information, please visit www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/slru

Clinical Ethics Consultation: A First International Assessment: 4-6 April 2003 to be held at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

NEWSLETTER CONTACT

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