As members of the Clinical Organizational and Research Ethics (CORE) Network, which provides a community of practice for Bioethicists working in Joint Centre for Bioethics affiliated hospitals, Sally Bean (Ethicist & Policy Advisor at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre) and Jennifer Bell (Bioethicist at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre) are excited to be assuming the CORE Network co-chair roles over the next year. First, we would like to acknowledge the exemplary efforts of our CORE co-chair predecessors, Barbara Russell (Senior Biethicist at University Hospital Network) and Michael Szego (Clinical Ethicist at the Centre for Clinical Ethics). One among many of their noteworthy achievements, Barbara and Michael partnered with the JCB Executive to help launch the secure CORE portal used to share CORE Network communications which is a forum for sharing announcements, events and other useful resources.

Over the next year, we plan to continue building on the successes created by Barbara and Michael by promoting the use of the secure portal and encouraging more geographically remote CORE members to participate via the new Adobe Connect system which facilitates video conferencing for the bi-weekly CORE sessions. Additionally, based on CORE Network member identified educational needs, we will be coordinating an educational session on conflict resolution and/or project management.

Finally, as part of the celebration of the JCB’s 20th anniversary in 2015, we will be leading an update on the Top 10 Ethical Issues paper as the deliverable representing the CORE Network. We look forward to maintaining ongoing projects, fostering new ones and continuing to nurture the unique community of practice that comprises the CORE Network.
About the 2014-2015 CORE co-chairs:

Sally Bean, JD, MA is a Bioethicist & Policy Advisor at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, an Adjunct Lecturer in the Institute of Health Policy Management & Evaluation and Associate Member in the University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies. Sally also currently serves in the following capacities: an ethicist-member on the Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board, ethicist-member alternate on the Sunnybrook Research Ethics Board, a member of the Canadian Association of Practicing Healthcare Ethicists, a board member for the Health Care Interpretation Network, and course co-director for Ethics Committees and Consultation for the MHSc in Bioethics at the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics. Sally’s research interests include the intersection of health law and bioethics, as well as research and organizational ethics.

Jennifer Bell, PhD, is Bioethicist at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network and Scientist in the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care, also at the Princess Margaret. Jennifer’s research area is ethics and health care decision making, particularly cancer patient decision making about clinical trial participation. She is also interested in ethics professionalization and evaluation. She is a member of the Canadian Association of Practicing Healthcare Ethicists (CAPHE) and was previously a member of the Canadian Bioethics Society Taskforce on Working Conditions for Bioethics. Jennifer looks forward to her new role as CORE co-chair and in facilitating the many exciting projects on the horizon for this year.

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In June, the JCB hosted a full-day Stakeholder Forum at the Faculty Club (University of Toronto), as part of a CIHR funded Partnerships for Health System Improvement grant entitled ‘Ethics and values in health policy: improving care transitions for Ontario’s patients across the continuum of care’. The study is led by an interdisciplinary team, with Drs. Jennifer Gibson and Ross Upshur as principal investigators. Qualitative case studies of four Health Links in southern Ontario were conducted to explore how ethics and values influence care transitions in this emerging policy and practice context.

The Stakeholder Forum was designed as an opportunity to report on the case study findings and importantly, to facilitate knowledge exchange among the four Health Links about what values-based challenges they are facing and what practical solutions could be used to address these challenges. Forum participants included representatives from all four Health Links, the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, Health Quality Ontario, and the study team. Forty-three people participated in the forum from a range of disciplinary (e.g., medicine, nursing) and role (e.g., front-line provider, policymaker) perspectives.

The forum began with an interactive panel discussion moderated by Dr. Ross Upshur. The panel comprised: David Lamb (Manager, Policy, Transformation Secretariat, MOHLTC), Dr. Tia Pham (Physician Lead, South East Toronto FHT), Elaine Rose (Member, Community Engagement Panel, East Toronto Health Link), Vania Sakelaris (Provincial LHIN Senior Director Lead on Health Links; Senior Director, Health System Integration, Design, and Development, Toronto Central LHIN), and Sandie Seaman (Team Lead, bestPATH, Health Quality Ontario). Panelists were asked to reflect on what they anticipated the Health Links strategy would do to improve care transitions, how Health Links is fairing so far, and what they hope Health Links will achieve in the future. They highlighted the difficulty in defining who a ‘complex’ patient is and what makes them complex, such as social versus medical dimensions of complexity. There was consensus that Health Links is an important step toward providing seamless care to patients in Ontario.

Dr. Gibson and Myra Leyden (research project co-ordinator) introduced the aims and scope of the study and presented an overview of key themes arising from the case studies. Values highlighted by those interviewed included being patient centred, equity (of access, resource allocation, and being ‘fair’), transparency, collaboration, and ‘good’ care. While interviewees were able to identify specific values within their Health Link, there was less agreement on their definition. For instance, people were not clear about what it meant to be patient centred or who has authority to define it. With respect to transparency, many were not sure who was making decisions for their Health Link or who was allowed to participate in the decision-making. Those collaborating in a Health Link would benefit from having explicit ethics and values discussions to ensure all involved understand what each term means in their Health Link.

The afternoon sessions were designed to optimize participant engagement through small group discussion. Attendees had the opportunity to reflect on their experience with Health Links, focusing on the role values have had, defining ‘good’ care, understanding the elements that make up ‘good’ care, recognizing the tensions between those elements, and how to address those tensions. A number of key themes emerged from the small group discussion.
Each group highlighted patient-centred care as a core value, along with collaboration between health care organizations, equity, and quality of care. Meeting patient goals and not allowing patients to fall through service cracks were thought to be components of ‘good’ care, as were multi-lateral communication and equal accountability by all health care providers. A few of the tensions noted by the groups were the balance between efficiency and funding, competing institutional goals, and the predominantly acute focus in health care. Further, the groups identified areas of concern, including an ambiguity as to who is in charge of the Health Link, whether or not Health Links are a sustainable model of care, and the lack of agreement around the term ‘efficiency’ and what it means within the Health Links domain.

The final research report about how ethics and values influence decision-making in Health Links will be released February 2015.

**Myra Leyden**
Research Project Coordinator
Joint Centre for Bioethics

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**JCB Announcements**

**Jeff Blackmer** (MHSc graduate) was involved in organizing a series of town hall meetings for the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) held across Canada and involving several hundred people, about the issues surrounding death and dying.

The results of this consultation, which also involved online and social media components, were released by the CMA in its report ‘End-of-life care: A national dialogue’. The full report can be accessed via the CMA website: [https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/canadians-ready-to-talk-about-death-and-dying.aspx](https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/canadians-ready-to-talk-about-death-and-dying.aspx).

**Eric Wasylenko** (MHSc graduate) has been awarded the 2014 CMA Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics. The Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics recognizes a CMA member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to the cause of advancing and promoting excellence in the field of medical ethics in Canada.

The following JCB members have received Senior Promotions in 2014:

- **David Kaplan** (Family and Community Medicine) – Associate Professor
- **An-Wen Chan** (Medicine) – Associate Professor
- **Karel O’Brien** (Paediatrics) – Associate Professor
- **Pier Bryden** (Psychiatry) – Associate Professor

Source: cma.ca, August 17, 2014

Source: MedEMail, June 5, 2014
JCB Announcements

Eric Meslin (former Assistant Director of the Centre for Ethics) has been appointed as a Professor of Bioethics and Law at IU McKinney.

Source: medicine.utoronto.ca, May 21, 2014

Professor Mingyao Liu was appointed interim Director of the Institute of Medical Science (CPB participating unit) beginning July 1, 2014. Dr. Mingyao Liu is a Professor of Surgery, with cross-appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Physiology. He is currently Associate Director of the Institute of Medical Science, and a Senior Scientist at Toronto General Research Institute. Professor Liu focuses on the cellular and molecular mechanisms of acute lung injury, especially in lung transplantation. He focuses on acute inflammatory response and different types of cell death in lung injury.

Professor Heather Boon was appointed Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy (CPB participating unit), for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2014. Professor Boon is appointed to the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. She is a CIHR-funded researcher known for her work on complementary/alternative medicine (CAM), the safety and efficacy of natural health products and related regulatory and policy issues. Professor Boon is one of the Founding Directors and Principal Investigators of the Canadian Interdisciplinary Network for CAM Research. She is President of the International Society for Complementary Medicine Research and former Chair of Health Canada’s Expert Advisory Committee for Natural Health Products.

Source: MedEMail, June 18, 2014

Donald Cole was promoted to Full Professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto.

Source: July 3, 2014

Stephanie Nixon was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto.

Source: July 18, 2014

Dr. Barry Pakes (JCB member) was appointed Program Director of the Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Dr. Pakes recently earned his PhD through the Institute of Medical Science and also completed the Collaborative Program in Bioethics at the JCB. His thesis title is: Ethical Analysis in Public Health Practice, and his thesis supervisor was Ross Upshur. Jim Lavery and Barb Secker were his program advisory committee members.

Source: dlsph.utoronto.ca, July 1, 2014

Donna Stewart (JCB member) received an appointment as Member of the Order of Canada for her contributions to women’s health as a nationally renowned leader in the field. Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country.

Source: gg.ca, June 30, 2014
JCB Honours and Awards: June 25, 2014

In June, the annual JCB Honours and Awards Day took place, celebrating the accomplishments of our students, graduates, faculty, and ethicists in 2013-14! New to the Awards Day this year was the Fireside Chat on “Ethics and Health Innovation: Emerging opportunities, new challenges” featuring Fiona Miller, Michael Szego, Don Willison, and Randi Zlotnik Shaul.

The discussion panel provided an opportunity to recognize the featured participants’ research contributions on topics related to ethics and health innovation, to build awareness about emerging health innovation policy/practice challenges about which the bioethics community should be aware, and to open a discussion on a potential research agenda for “innovation bioethics”.

Faculty Awards:

The Christine Harrison Bioethics Education Award for Integration of Theory and Practice: Elizabeth Peter, RN, PhD (Nursing)

The Christine Harrison Bioethics Education Award is given annually to a member of the JCB community who effectively conveys in bioethics education activities the importance--and necessary interrelationship--of both theory and practice in bioethics.

The Ross Upshur Course Director Award: Alison Thompson, PhD

The Ross Upshur Course Director Award is given once every two years to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in the teaching, administration, and on-going development of a bioethics graduate course.

Student Awards:

The Larry Librach Prize in Ethics and End of Life Care: Irene Ying, MD, MHSc (Community and Family Medicine)
The Larry Librach Prize may be awarded annually to a graduate student who has completed scholarly work in the area of ethics and end of life care.

The Mervis-Simon Family Award in Bioethics: Jennifer Marshal, BSc, MSc, PhD (c) (Pharmacy)
The Mervis-Simon Family Award in Bioethics is a clinical ethics thesis project award to support graduate students enrolled in the Collaborative Program in Bioethics at the JCB.

The Peter A. Singer Graduate Award in Bioethics: Renata Axler, MBioethics, PhD(c) (Health Policy); John Pringle, BScN, MSc, PhD(c) (Public Health)
The Peter A. Singer Graduate Award in Bioethics is a bioethics thesis project award that is given to a highly accomplished graduate student enrolled in the Collaborative Program in Bioethics at the JCB. Preference is given projects using a solution oriented approach.

Innovation Showcase Poster Display & Competition:

The Innovation Showcase Poster Display & Competition featured recent ethics work by members of the JCB community, including students and trainees, faculty, ethicists, and alumni. There were two poster competitions: i) student/trainee and ii) open.

The Innovation Showcase Poster winners were: Student/Trainee Competition – Nadia Incardona, and Julian Ferguson
Open Competition – Jennifer Bell
2014 Incoming MHSc and CPB Students

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Abeer Algasim is a Family Physician at Rosedale Medical Centre. She holds a MBBS Degree from the King Abdualazziz University in Saudi Arabia.

Lauren Chad is a Clinical Genetics Fellow at the Hospital for Sick Children, where she also completed her Paediatrics residency. She holds a BSc and MDCM degree from McGill University.

Melissa de Souza is a Family Physician at Women’s College Hospital. She holds a MD from University of Toronto, and a MSc from McGill University.

Virginia Edwards is a Practicing Psychiatrist in Toronto. She has been a psychiatrist member of the Consent and Capacity Board of Ontario since 2012. She received a Medical Doctor degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1966 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in 1971. Her training included residencies at Johns Hopkins and McMaster Universities. In 1998, she passed the American Boards of Psychiatry and Neurology. She authored a book, “Depression and Bipolar Disorder” for the Canadian Medical Association and Key Porter Books in 2002.

Dana Katz is a Manager at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) with a background in Social Work. She holds a MSW degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and a BA and BSW from York University.

Eva Knifed is a Family Physician doing locum work in the Toronto area. She has a background in neuroscience. She holds an HBSc from the University of Toronto and a MD from the University of Western Ontario.

Rochelle Maurice is a Social Worker at St. Joseph’s Health Centre. She holds a BHSc degree from the University of Western Ontario, and a MSW from New York University.

Tracey Moffatt is a Registered Nurse working as a Clinical Research Coordinator at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre with a background both in Melanoma Medical Oncology and Neonatal Intensive Care. She holds a BSc in Nursing degree from Laurentian University and certifications in Neonatology, Oncology and Research.

Julie Muravsky is a Social Worker at St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, Ontario with a background in addictions, mental health and chronic illness. She holds a MSW degree from York University, and a BSW degree from the Université du Québec en Outaouais, Gatineau, Quebec.

Phil Shin is an active Staff Physician in Internal Medicine and Critical Care at North York General Hospital. He holds a MD degree from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts and Science from McMaster University. He is currently the Chief of Medicine and Medical Director of Critical Care at North York General Hospital.

Marie Steele is a Research Ethics Coordinator at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital with a background in clinical research coordination. She holds a BSc(Hons) degree in Biomedical Science from the University of Guelph.
2014 Incoming MHSc and CPB Students

International - Class of 2015

*Sujana Madathil* is a Physician from India currently working as a Clinical Research Project Assistant at the Hospital for Sick Children. She holds a MBBS from the Government Medical College, Calicut, India and has a keen interest in maternal and fetal rights.

Collaborative Program in Bioethics -

Incoming, September 2014

*Tieghan Killackey* is a registered nurse currently completing her Masters in Nursing (MN) degree through the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing. Tieghan received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree from McGill University in Montreal. Prior to pursuing her Masters degree, Tieghan was employed as a registered nurse clinician for the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal, specializing in cardiac surgery and heart failure. Tieghan’s interests lie in the ethical challenges related to chronic illness management, specifically within cardiac care, end of life care, and the pre- and post-operative consent processes. Tieghan is also interested in strengthening the ethical education of healthcare professionals, and she is supervised by Elizabeth Peter, Frank Wagner and Martin McKneally.

*Somayeh Faghanipour* is enrolled in the PhD of Nursing program at the Faculty of Nursing. She holds a Masters degree in Nursing from Tehran University of Medical Sciences and a postgraduate Masters degree in Bioethics from KU Leuven, University of Nijmegen and University of Padova. She hopes to use her training in Bioethics to address ethical issues in elderly care. Her research supervisor is Elizabeth Peter.

The JCB is pleased to welcome our incoming MHSc and CPB students and welcome back our second-year MHSc students and CPB students. We look forward to working with you!
This year’s Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) annual conference, held in Vancouver, BC, marked the 25th anniversary of the CBS conference. The conference theme “Looking Back, Looking Forward” invited participants to reflect on the growth and development of bioethics over the past 25 years and to consider a vision for bioethics for the future (e.g., the next 25 years!). The conference was very well attended and the JCB community was well represented among those selected to present papers/sessions/workshops and to receive awards. For example, William (Bill) Harvey was presented with the CBS Lifetime Achievement Award; and two of the five CBS Student Awards were won by Ahmed Al-Awamer (MHSc in Bioethics graduate, 2014) and Ana Komparic (MSc student in the Graduate Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Collaborative Program in Bioethics).

The conference also launched the book Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues edited by Randi Zlotnik Shaul, with a number of chapters authored by JCB members. The following JCB members presented concurrent papers, theoretical sessions or workshops:

- Rosalind Abdool, “Trust: A Multidimensional Concept Grounded in Expectations”
- Rosalind Abdool and Michael Szego, “Difficult Healthcare Transitions Across the Care Continuum”
- Mojisola (Moji) Adurogbangba, “Ethics at the Point of Care: Addressing Ethical Issues with Substitute Decision-Makers”
- Ahmed Al-Awamer, “‘Should Muslims Bear The Unbearable Pain?’ An Islamic Perspective on Palliative Sedation” (CBS Student Award Winner)
- Sally Bean, “Uninsured Patients: an Ethics-Based Policy Approach in Ontario”
- Cécile Bensimon, “Coercion in Outpatient Mental Health Care: International Perspectives of Mental Health Professionals on the Acceptability of Using Covert Coercion”
- Daniel Buchman, “Primary Care Ethics Integration Initiative: Toward New Models of Ethics Integration and Capacity Building”
- Jennifer Flynn, “Is Clinical Ethics Consultation Moralistic?”
- Dianne Godkin, “Building Ethics Capacity for New Faculty”
- Rebecca Greenberg, “Developing and Evaluating Ethics Education in the “Health for Peace” Project”
- Rebecca Greenberg, “Exploring Good Educational Practices and Development of a Hospital Ethics Committee”
- Mark Handelman, “Cutherbertson v. Rasouli: Doors Left Open”
- Kelly Hubbard, “'Nurse, Please Help Me Die': Request for Assisted Suicide—Defining the Nurse's Role in Palliative Care”
- Abel Ickowicz, “Harm in Psychotherapy: Learning from Past Experience to Improve Future Practice”
- Leah Justason, “Exploring Health Provider Obligations in Patient Care Transitions: An Investigation of Moral Distress in Health Care Work-
ers Responsible for the Case Management and Discharge Planning of Acute Care Patients”

• Ana Komparic, “The Ethics of Introducing GMOs into sub-Saharan Africa: Considerations from the sub-Saharan African Theory of Ubuntu” (CBS Student Award Winner)

• Maria McDonald, “Looking Forward: A Focus on Adolescent’s Voice and Human Rights in Decision Making”

• Martin McKneally, “Developing an Ars Moriendi for High Risk Surgical Patients”

• Jeff Nisker, “Calcedonies: A Theatre Workshop”

• Jeff Nisker, “Theatre Exploring Equal Access to Assistive and Accommodative Technologies”

• Elizabeth Peter, “Narratives of Aggressive Care: Knowledge, Time, and Responsibility”


• Maxwell Smith, “Health Equity in Public Health: Normative Assumptions and Commitments”

• Phoebe Smith-Chen, “Forced Feeding at End of Life: Comprehensive Management”

• Michael Szego, “The Immortalized Cells and Influence of Henrietta Lacks: Now She is Teaching Us to Build Trust in Genomics Research”

• Alison Thompson, “Min(d)ing the Gap: Towards an Ethical Framework for Post-Market Prescription Drug Regulation in Underrepresented Populations”

• Eric Wasylenko, “Health Ethics Behind Prison Bars”

• Connie Williams, “An Organized Ethics Model of Roles, Challenges, and Quality Indicators of End-of-Life Care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit”

• Connie Williams, “Are Virtues Practical? Refining a Framework for Approaching Ethical Issues at End-of-Life in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit”

• Randi Zlotnik Shaul, “Bioethics Frameworks for Whole Genome Sequencing in Paediatrics: Looking Back to Move Forward”

Congratulations to our CBS award winners and presenters! Next year’s CBS annual conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 27-30, 2015. Stay tuned for the call for abstract this fall.

**Fellowship Opportunities**

**PhD Studentship in the Ethics of Post-Market Pharmaceutical Regulation**

A PhD Studentship is available in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Toronto. This position is funded through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research funded grant - SAFER: Study to Articulate a Framework for Ethical Reflection on Post-Market Pharmacovigilance. The candidate will have a background in public health ethics or bioethics and knowledge of qualitative research methods is an asset.

This is a full time graduate position with Dr. Alison Thompson. Dr. Thompson is an Assistant Professor in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics. Earliest start date is January 2015. For more information, please contact Dr. Thompson at a.thompson@utoronto.ca. The closing date for submissions is the end of September 2014.
MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE (MHSc) IN BIOETHICS

This professional degree program is designed to help students address a variety of real-world ethical challenges in health, healthcare and research. The program's interactive, problem-based learning approach emphasizes interprofessional exchange and practical experience informed by theory. The two-year, course-based program is offered in a modular format allowing high achieving professionals to earn a master’s degree without interrupting their careers.

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The MHSc in Bioethics is designed to:

• Provide an interactive learning environment;
• Equip students with a solid interdisciplinary grounding in the philosophical, legal, cultural and educational aspects of bioethics;
• Expose students to the breadth of clinical, organizational, and research ethics issues facing our health system today;
• Build students’ ethics awareness, ethical decision-making skills, and problem-solving abilities to become leaders in bioethics;
• Provide practical knowledge about ethics program development, ethical decision-making frameworks, research ethics review, ethics consultation, ethics policy development, and ethics education planning and delivery.

Apply Now

The University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics is recruiting now for September 2015. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2015 for both domestic and international applicants.

Who should apply?

• Health Practitioners
• Health Administrators or Research Ethics Administrators
• Ethics Committee Members or Research Ethics Board Members
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Calls for Submission

• Call for Papers •

The University of Toronto’s Health History Group presents “The Public’s Health: a symposium on public health histories”

We are pleased to announce a request for submissions on the topic “The Public’s Health.” This interdisciplinary conference will be of interest to anyone thinking about the history of public health from diverse, unique perspectives. The conference will take place on March 6 and 7, 2015 at the University of Toronto. Friday will be an academic day with a series of peer-reviewed sessions on the Public’s Health. Saturday will be a public day, with a series of public talks by contributors to the civic debate regarding definitions of the Public’s Health, and showcasing the work of high-school students who will have been engaged in a Collaborative Public History Project (Discovering the Public’s Health) during the summer and fall of 2014. A reception will be held on the Friday evening of the first day and will feature a keynote address.

We encourage proposals for original papers for our academic day from individuals and groups. We invite abstracts from students and scholars in the social sciences and humanities, from those with clinical backgrounds, and from any others who are engaged in thinking about the public’s health. The following areas or themes are of particular interest:

1. Who defines “the public” and therefore its health?
2. Global public health in Toronto: immigrants, refugees and visitors bring the world here and change how we think about health
3. Toronto’s place in global health
4. Community engagement: its power and its complexities within the history of public health research
5. Indigenous health: Toronto’s Aboriginal communities and their historical and current health practices
6. History of ethics in public health research
7. The built environment: changing views and their effects on health
8. Epidemics and pandemics through time: cholera, diphtheria, polio, SARS, H1N1, etc.

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, with additional time for discussion. All papers must present original, unpublished work.

Those who are interested should send an abstract of no more than 250 words to conference@toronto-healthhistory.ca. Please send your submission as a Microsoft Word document. Abstracts must be received by August 31, 2014. All submissions will be judged on their merits by the Program Committee according to the following criteria:

1. Relevance to the theme and/or priority areas
2. Organization and clarity of the abstract
3. Interest to an interdisciplinary audience

The author listed as primary contact will be notified of the committee’s decision regarding their abstract submission by October 31, 2014.

About the Organizing Committee:

In 2010, a group of historians, librarians, archivists, healthcare professionals, educators and students at
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The University of Toronto came together as a result of their shared interest in heightening the visibility of scholars, resources and collaborative research opportunities in healthcare history at the University of Toronto. Since then, the group has grown to include representatives from the faculties of medicine, pharmacy, social work, information, occupational therapy, kinesiology and physical education, nursing, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Public Health Ontario, the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, and the Royal Ontario Museum. By initiating a conference in Toronto in 2012 on healthcare and its history, we had hoped to achieve four main goals: appreciating our history, building a community, fostering collaborations, and preserving our past. We are pleased to report that we achieved those goals at our first conference, “Taking Toronto’s Healthcare History,” and now intend to build on them with this second conference, on “The Public’s Health.”

For more information, please visit the website: http://torontohealthhistory.ca.

Health and Human Rights Journal: June 2015 Special Issue on Bioethics and the Right to Health

The Health and Human Rights Journal is publishing a special issue in June 2015 on Bioethics and the Right to Health. Bioethics is an interdisciplinary field, with theoretical roots in medicine, public health, philosophy and law. It is broadly concerned with theory, policy, and practice related to health and health care. The scholarly focus of bioethics is increasingly attentive to both individual and population considerations in elucidating norms to guide health-related actions within and across health systems, including the social, structural, and transnational determinants of health. These foci overlap with international human rights law’s recognition of the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (the right to health). Since 1946, the right to health has been recognized as a fundamental human right in international and regional instruments and national constitutions, creating entitlements and duties in relation to accessible and adequate health care and the underlying determinants of health. Many bioethics scholars have argued for a right to health, particularly in the domains of universal health coverage and global health governance. Human rights scholars increasingly advance the ethical aspects of these areas of inquiry and practice. However there has been little scholarly attention to the intersections, synergies and contrasts between these two areas of study. This gap is all the more apparent as human rights and bioethics scholars increasingly focus on global health inequities, determinants and governance.

This special issue of the Health and Human Rights Journal is calling for scholarly papers that explore the relationship between bioethics and the right to health, in an explicit effort to address this lacuna. We welcome articles that address synergies and conflicts between these two areas, including (but not limited to) the following areas: 1) the conceptual and theoretical underpinnings of a right to health from different normative perspectives within bioethics (e.g., law, philosophy, public health, medicine); 2) the degree of concordance or discordance between bioethics and international human rights law conceptions of the right to health; 3) the implications of this concordance/discordance for health policy and/or practice; 4) the potential contribution of bioethics as a field in addressing challenges related to the implementation of human rights frameworks, such as clarifying what specific
entitlements are comprised in the right to health in particular contexts, determining whose rights ought to have priority in cases of conflict, or establishing how such conflicts ought to be resolved; 5) the potential contribution of the right to health to addressing the conceptualization and implementation of bioethics related to individual, public and global health; and 6) the contribution of combined bioethics and human rights approaches to pressing health equity concerns, including global health governance, justice and funding; the sustainable development agenda; and universal health coverage.

We are particularly interested in papers that explore this theme in a global health context, by which we mean a focus on the transnational and structural determinants of health inequities everywhere.

Original articles (research, commentary, and analysis) suitable for scholarly peer review are invited (3,500–7,000 words). In addition to research papers, we seek manuscripts that emerge from and reflect on practical efforts for the realization of social and economic rights, of genuine relevance to people engaged in related work (up to 7,000 words). All papers will be peer reviewed. The editors also invite letters, research or fieldwork summaries, and essays (up to 2,500 words) for publication as Perspective Essays or blog posts. These might include case studies illustrating the interaction between bioethics and human rights frameworks in health policy or practice.

Guest editors from the University of Toronto are Jennifer L. Gibson, PhD (Joint Centre for Bioethics and Institute of Health Policy, Management, & Evaluation), Lisa Forman, SJD (Dalla Lana School of Public Health), and Stephanie Nixon, PhD (Department of Physical Therapy and Dalla Lana School of Public Health).

For specific format details, please see Author Guidelines (http://www.hhrjournal.org/submissions/author-guidelines/). Please submit all manuscripts to the editors HHRSubmissions@hsph.harvard.edu by September 20, 2014.

6th International Ethics Symposium (IES)
Amphithéâtre Cavaillès, Esplanade – STRASBOURG, March 11-14, 2015

The arrival of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) has profoundly changed our society in the 21st century. The pervasiveness and prevalence of these technologies move our representations of the human being and of our relationships with others. Everything, including the society, acquires a digital identity in the midst of multiple networks paving the way for new types of communications, focusing on the present, the immediate, the “here and now” of the global village...

Send your submissions (paper or poster)!
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• Security, Surveillance and Freedom(s)
• ICT and Medicine
• ICT, Education and Communication
• ICT and Ethics

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The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) is now accepting applications to our prestigious United Nations Professional Placement Programme (UNPPP), now in its second decade. Are you a graduate or post-grad ready to apply your skills and expertise to the pressing issues at the core of the United Nations’ mandate - peace building, sustainable development, poverty reduction, human rights? Successful Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs) take on real jobs; experiencing international life; making meaningful, disciplined contributions. These competitive, six month self-funded placements provide successful applicants with a unique career launch.

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• Call for Abstracts •

10th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics & Health Law

The conference runs from January 6-8, 2015 in Jerusalem, Israel. The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics is pleased to invite you to become an active participant at the 10th World Conference. The Conference is designed to offer a platform for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussions, lectures, workshops and exhibition of programs and databases.

Abstracts of approximately 250 words on any of the listed topics are invited for oral or poster presentation. Submit abstract on abstract submission form to seminars@isas.co.il.

For the abstract submission form, please see [http://www.bioethics-conferences.com/abstract-form](http://www.bioethics-conferences.com/abstract-form).

Please be certain to include the following: title, authors’ names and places of work, CV, keywords, email address and telephone number. Each participant may present only one lecture or one poster.

Deadline for abstract submission: **September 30, 2014**
**Calls for Submission**

**ICN Conference in Seoul 2015**

The International Council of Nurses is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for the ICN Conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea in June 2015. This gathering of thousands of nurses will explore the importance of cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation in nursing.

The Conference will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialties, cultures and countries. The three ICN pillars – Professional Practice, Regulation and Socio-Economic Welfare – will frame the scientific programme and the dynamic exchange of experiences and expertise.

The deadline for abstracts is **October 7, 2014**. For more information on the submission process, please visit: [http://www.icn2015.com/](http://www.icn2015.com/).

**6th Annual CUGH Global Health Conference**

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) will be held March 26-28, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. The focus for the 2015 conference is Mobilizing Research for Global Health. More than 1,500 leaders, professionals, educators and students from diverse fields of study including engineering, business, law, policy, chemistry, biology, communications, nursing, public health, medicine, oral health, and environmental studies are expected to attend. Follow the 2015 conference updates here.

CUGH invites all persons wishing to report original research, innovative projects, or novel programs related to global health to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation. Abstracts in all areas of global health are welcome and are collected through six Global Health Tracks (read more here):

- Communicable Diseases
- Non-communicable Diseases & Injuries
- Education / Training / Capacity Building
- Governance / Management / Human Rights / Economics
- Social & Environmental Determinants of Health
- Innovations / New Technologies / Improvement Science

Deadlines:

All abstracts must be received by CUGH by **October 15, 2014**. (Abstract presenters are required to be registered for the conference by December 31, 2014).

CUGH will award three $500 awards to three student poster presentations. Students who wish to compete must submit an abstract by October 15, 2014 and in the submission form, OPT IN to compete.

Early registration ends January 31, 2015. For more information, please visit: [http://globalreach.med.umich.edu/events/6th-annual-cugh-global-health-conference](http://globalreach.med.umich.edu/events/6th-annual-cugh-global-health-conference)

**4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion: Spiritual Dimensions of Illness and Healing**

The conference runs from March 6-8, 2015. We invite abstracts for 60-minute panel and workshop sessions, 20-minute paper presentations, and posters that address issues at the intersection of medicine and religion, including but not limited to the conference theme. We also invite student participation in an essay contest. All proposals must be submitted online by 4pm CST, **Thursday, October 23, 2014**.
Calls for Submission


• Funding Opportunities •

Undergraduate MD/PhD Students (2014-2015)

Application Deadline: September 15, 2014
CIHR has the goal of further strengthening the Canadian clinical research endeavour by increasing the number of clinician-investigators. MD/PhD Grant program is offered to MD/PhD Program Directors for support of students pursuing a combined MD/PhD degree at a Canadian institution.

For more information, please visit: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?browseArc=true&fodAgency=CIHR&org=CIHR&progCd=10524&view=browseArchive&language=E

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program (2014-2015)

Application Deadline: September 24, 2014
The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program is distinguished from existing postdoctoral fellowships programs by its emphasis on the synergy between an applicant’s individual merit and potential to launch a successful research-intensive career and the host institution’s commitment to the research program and environment with which the applicant is to be affiliated. As such, an applicant’s application to the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed host institution.

For more information, please visit: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?all=1&masterList=true&org=CIHR&prog=2060&resultCount=25&sort=program&type=EXACT&view=currentOpps&language=E

Doctoral Research Award: 2014-2015 / Priority Announcement

Application Deadline: October 1, 2014
The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are:

• To provide recognition and funding to students early in their academic research career, providing them with an opportunity to gain research experience;
• To provide a reliable supply of highly skilled and qualified researchers.


Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (2014-2015)

Application Deadline: November 5, 2014
The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) was created to attract and retain world-class doctoral students and to establish Canada as a global centre of excellence in research and higher learning. It is available to both Canadian and international PhD students studying at Canadian universities.
Calls for Submission

For more information, please visit: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?all=1&masterList=true&prog=2064&resultCount=25&sort=program&type=EXACT&view=currentOpps&language=E

CIHR Fellowship (2014-2015)

Application Deadline: **November 14, 2014**

Fellowships provide support for highly qualified candidates in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

For more information, please visit: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?browseArc=true&fodAgency=CIHR&org=CIHR&progCd=10519&view=browseArchive&language=E

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**Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law**

The Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law (of KU Leuven) organizes 3 intensive courses in the autumn of 2014:

**“Justice and Priority Setting in Health Care. Intensive Course on Contemporary Ethical Issues regarding Choices in Health Care”** (October 8-10, 2014)


Contemporary health care systems face many challenges, which essentially boil down to the following question: How can we reconcile (1) the principle of justice and equity for all, with (2) the assignment of providing good quality care, and (3) the principle of economic sustainability? The objective of this intensive course is to analyse the key issues at stake, both from a fundamental perspective, and from the perspective of applied ethical questions.

**“Intensive Course on Ethics of Reproductive Technologies”** (November 12-14, 2014)

Course coordinator: Kris Dierickx, keynote speaker: Inge Liebaers (Centre for Medical Genetics, University Hospital Brussels).

Reproductive medicine seems to have no limits: in vitro fertilization, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, reprogenetics, cloning, stem cell research, third party reproduction, etc. These medical possibilities or promises, however, are not without ethical and social implications. The objective of this course is to focus at some of the most challenging ethical issues in reproductive medicine, as well on the level of fundamental notions as applied clinical questions.

**“Intensive Course on Foundational Approaches, Contemporary and Educational Issues in the Field of Nursing Ethics”** (December 2-5, 2014)

Course coordinator: Chris Gastmans, keynote speaker: Joan McCarthy (School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College, Cork, Ireland).
The objective of the course is to foster exchanges on foundational and methodological approaches as well as on contemporary and educational issues in nursing ethics. This course works from an interdisciplinary (philosophical, theological, nursing, clinical-ethical) perspective.

The intensive courses are part of the Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics programme organized by a consortium of three European universities, namely KU Leuven (Belgium), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (The Netherlands), and the Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy). Because of this combination, participants of the intensive course will join Master students from all over the world. There will be ample time for intensive discussions. The language of instruction will be English.

Calls for Submission

The courses are of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as, ethics, law, economy, sociology, philosophy and theology, nursing, medicine, fertility, genetic counseling and is open to health care workers, people from the health care administration, health care managers, board members, policy makers, participants of bioethics committees as well as to PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

More detailed information on the intensive courses http://www.masterbioethics.org click on Intensive Courses.

Recent Publications


Recent Publications

Toronto: University of Toronto Press;2014:442-56.


Paediatric Patient and Family-Centred Care: Ethical and Legal Issues by Randi Zlotnik-Shaul (ed.)

This book provides the reader with a theoretical and practical understanding of two health care delivery models: the patient/child centred care and family-centred care. Both are fundamental to caring for children in healthcare organizations. The authors address their application in a variety of paediatric healthcare contexts, as well as the ethical and legal issues they raise.

Each model is increasingly pursued as a vehicle for guiding the delivery of health care in the best interests of children. Such models of health care delivery shape health care policies, programs, facility design, resource allocation decisions and day-to-day interactions among patients, families, physicians and other health care professionals. This book is a valuable resource for paediatricians, nurses, trainees, graduate students, practitioners of ethics and health policy.

JCB Bioethics Seminars This Month

Seminars are held on Wednesdays at 4:10-5:30pm, 155 College Street, Room 108 (first floor).

To remotely join the JCB seminars series online, please log on to https://jcb.adobeconnect.com/bioethicsseminars/

September 10, 2014
Jennifer Gibson, PhD, Sun Life Financial Chair in Bioethics and Director, University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics; Associate Professor, Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto
“Bioethics for Health in the 21st Century: New Challenges, Emerging Opportunities”

September 17, 2014 - 4:00-6:00pm
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, 144 College Street, Room PB255, 2nd Floor Large Pod
Robert Fowler, MD, MDCM, MSc, Senior Scientist, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre;
Temidayo O. Ogundiran, MBBS, MHSc (Bioethics), Senior Lecturer/Consultant Surgeon, Division of Oncology, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan and University College Hospital, and Faculty Member, West African Bioethics Training Program, Ibadan, Nigeria (connecting remotely); Abha Saxena, MD, Coordinator, Global Health Ethics, World Health Organization (connecting remotely); Udo Schüklenk, PhD, Ontario Research Chair in Bioethics and Professor, Department of Philosophy, Queen’s University; Alison Thompson, PhD, Assistant Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto; Ross Upshur, MD, MA, MSc, Canada Research Chair in Primary Care Research, and Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto; Nancy Walton, RN, PhD, Director, e-learning, Associate Professor, Ryerson University;
Moderator: Jennifer Gibson, PhD, Sun Life Financial Chair in Bioethics and Director, University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics, and Associate Professor, Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto
“Ethics and the 2014 Ebola Outbreak”

September 24, 2014
Lynette Reid, Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University
“Queue-jumping, fairness, and advocacy: Ethical dimensions of preferential access”
15th Annual Alloway Lecture

“Care of the human spirit in palliative and hospice care: how can we know what to do?”

Linda Emanuel, MD, PhD
Buehler Professor of Medicine
Director, Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Principal: Education in Palliative & End of Life Care (EPEC) Program
Principal: Patient Safety Education Program (PSEP)

Wednesday, 15 October 2014, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Room 610 (Auditorium), 6th Floor, Health Sciences Building
155 College Street

Abstract: This presentation will review the dramatic progress of science in palliative care in the last 3 decades in order to profile the need for more research into care of the human spirit in that setting. It will set out an agenda for research, a model for understanding the human experience of spiritual well-being and distress, and what is known in the field.

Admission to the Alloway Lecture is Free

For the full Bioethics Seminar schedule
www.jointcentreforbioethics.ca/tools/seminars.shtml
CENTRE FOR CLINICAL ETHICS  
A Joint Venture of Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph’s Health Centre and St. Michael’s Hospital

Fall Conference - Friday, October 3, 2014  
Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville – 90 Bloor Street East (at Yonge)

AFFIRMING AN ETHIC OF CARE:  
What Patients Teach Us

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

OPENING ADDRESS:  9:10 a.m.  
The Everyday Ethics of Healthcare: Lessons from Patients  
Larry R. Churchill, PhD  
Ann Geddes Stahlman Professor of Medical Ethics,  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

PRESENTATION:  10:45 a.m.  
“Can you hear me?” The Importance of Listening in Improving the Patient Experience  
Elizabeth Buller, BScN, MA, MHA  
President and CEO, St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto

PRESENTATION:  1:00 p.m.  
End of Life Care: Through the Eyes of the Family  
Lorraine Pinto, Mary Ellen Chater and Laura Berry

CLOSING ADDRESS:  2:30 p.m.  
Bioethics as Caring: Twenty Years’ Experience of Listening & Learning as a Bioethicist  
Mark Miller, PhD, MDiv  
Clinical Ethicist, Centre for Clinical Ethics

Registration Fee:  (Includes Lunch and Breaks)  Regular Rate:  $150.00  
Reduced Rate:  $75.00  
Seniors, Full-Time Students, CHAO Conference Registrants, & CCE Affiliates1

1 Centre for Clinical Ethics Affiliates include:  
Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph’s Health Centre, St. Michael’s Hospital, Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Windsor, Pembroke Regional Hospital, Rouge Valley Health System, Runnymede Healthcare Centre, St. Joseph’s Health System Hamilton, Toronto Grace Health Centre, Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care and West Park Healthcare Centre

For a full brochure and registration form please visit our website www.ccethics.com  
or contact Lynda Sullivan (416-530-6750) or sullill@stjoe.on.ca
Seminars, Events & Conferences

**September 4-5, 2014**

*8th Postgraduate Bioethics Conference*

Southampton, UK

The Postgraduate Bioethics Conference is a highly prestigious annual conference aimed at doctoral researchers whose research involves bioethical analysis. Over the past seven years, the Postgraduate Bioethics Conference has become established as a leading environment for doctoral candidates to meet, network and present their work. The theme for this year’s Postgraduate Bioethics Conference is ‘Health Law and Bioethics at the Frontiers of Innovation’ and invites participants to reflect on the impact of new developments affecting bioethics and health and how these are informed and influenced by various ethical, moral, social, practical, legal and scientific viewpoints.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.postgradbioethics.com](http://www.postgradbioethics.com).

**September 9, 2014**

*Ethics Grand Rounds: “Restraints: ‘Let me be free’”*

Presenter: Dianne Godkin, PhD, Senior Ethicist, Trillium Health Partners

The objectives of the session are to explore some of the myths and realities around the use of restraints, to understand the ethical issues that arise in the use of restraints and to consider our roles and responsibilities as healthcare providers in promoting a least restraint environment.

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Mississauga Hospital – Auditorium, Credit Valley Hospital – Auditorium and Queensway health Centre – Long Branch Room, Toronto, ON. All are welcome to attend.

**September 9-12, 2014**

*International Congress on Palliative Care*

Montreal, QC

The Congress will mark its 20th anniversary this year and will also celebrate the important contribution of McGill University to Palliative Care worldwide over the last 40 years. In addition to a top-notch scientific programme, this year will include exciting social events, increased networking opportunities and morning self-care activities, as well as a retrospective of images and memorabilia from past Congresses. For more information, please visit: [http://www.palliativecare.ca/](http://www.palliativecare.ca/).

**September 10-12, 2014**

*3rd World Congress of Clinical Safety (3WCCS)*

Madrid, Spain

This Spain Congress is organized by IARMM to improve and promote the science and technology of better safety in both risk and crisis management. The congress covers a wide range of topics such as patient safety, medication safety, infectious disease outbreak, and other related subjects. For more information, please visit: [http://iarmm.org/3WCCS/](http://iarmm.org/3WCCS/).

**September 12, 2014**

*Challenges in Mental Health Ethics*

Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

Edmonton, AB

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre invites you to attend a one-day symposium on mental health ethics. Presenters will discuss challenges in the areas of public awareness, stigma of mental illness, relational practice, patients’ rights and values, addiction as a mental disorder, health care decisions, treatment and care of patients, and personal experiences. Proposals
for creating a more desirable future will be discussed. Keynote presentations by: Senator Denise Batters (Parliament of Canada), Michael Pietrus (Mental Health Commission of Canada) and Carol Robertson Baker (Office of the Alberta Health Advocates: Mental Health).

Objectives:
Awareness of mental illness and concerns of delivering ethical mental health care has increased recently but greater attention is needed. The symposium will raise awareness and provide opportunities in learning, networking and community outreach. Ideas and experiences will be shared, focusing on challenges in mental health ethics.

Complete details (agenda, brochure, location) and to register, please visit: https://events.gobigevent.com/events-web-public/event/start/649?14

Questions: please contact us by phone (780-492-6676) or email (dossetor.centre@ualberta.ca)
Everyone welcome!

September 18, 2014
Bioethics Grand Rounds, The Hospital for Sick Children: “Ethics and Legislation in Children’s Mental Health: Coercive or Caring?”

Presenters: Abel Ickowicz, MD FRCPC MHSc, Psychiatrist, SickKids; Associate Professor, UT Faculty of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, and Barbara Russell, PhD, Bioethicist, UHN; Assistant Professor, UT Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation

Noon to 1:00 p.m.; The Hospital for Sick Children, Hollywood Theatre - 1246, Toronto.

October 2-4, 2014
European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME) Annual Conference
Lille, France

Frailty, vulnerability and social participation. Ethical, Social and Political Challenges for an Inclusive Society.

The Center for Medical Ethics, Ethics Department, Catholic University of Lille, France, and the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME) will organize the EACME annual conference in 2014.

Contact details and further information: President of the Conference: Jean-Philippe Cobbaut, Scientific Secretary: Pierre Boitte. Center for Medical Ethics, Ethics and Philosophy Department, Catholic University of Lille, 41, Rue du Port 59016 Lille, France

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Conference website: http://www.eacme2014.org

October 6, 2014
Launch of the University of Toronto Global Institute for Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC)
Toronto, ON

GIPPEC is a new interdisciplinary extra-departmental unit of the University of Toronto established to develop and enhance collaborative research, education and global outreach in this field and to contribute to health policy, and global access to palliative and supportive care.
Seminars, Events & Conferences

4:30-6:30pm. 7th Floor Atrium, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, 610 University Avenue.

October 8-9, 2014
Emerging Ethical and Legal Challenges in Chronic Neurological Conditions
Cleveland, OH

The care of patients with serious chronic neurological conditions poses difficult ethical and legal dilemmas that extend beyond the acute care setting. This conference provides an opportunity for participants to engage in discussions regarding continuously emerging and profound legal and ethical challenges.

The topics for this conference include:
• Obligations to provide or withhold innovative or alternative therapies
• Societal and social issues in our new healthcare systems and the problem of stigma
• Nonepileptic seizures and other conversion disorders: A dialogue about emerging issues
• Public Health & Epilepsy: Considering driving, guns, and advocacy

The format of the conference will offer framework presentations by leading individuals from medicine, law, and ethics, followed by structured exploration and discussions.

For more information, please visit: http://www.ccf-cme.org/epilepsy14

October 29-November 1, 2014
Canadian Critical Care Forum
Toronto, ON

The Critical Care Canada Forum is a 3-day conference focusing on topics that are relevant to the individuals involved with the care of critically ill patients, wherever the patients are located. Internationally recognized, the Critical Care Canada Forum focuses on leading-edge science through informative and interactive sessions, outstanding international faculty, poster presentations and more than 50 exhibits with the latest products and services for the critical care professional.

For more information, please visit: http://www.criticalcarecanada.com/

November 2-4, 2014
21st Canadian Conference on Global Health: Partnerships in global health
Ottawa, ON

As the largest gathering for global health in Canada, this conference brings together researchers and academics, decision makers, NGOs, policy makers, students and health care providers in an effort to share good practices, innovation and knowledge.

The theme, Partnerships for Global Health, aims to develop and strengthen partnerships both within, between and amongst countries and across institutions, sectors and disciplines and will examine partnerships from a variety of perspectives:

• Partnerships at the sub-organizational (departmental), organizational, and systems levels (including regulatory, project/operational and governance partnerships),
• Partnerships between sectors: governments, NGOs/Charitable organizations, academic, professional organizations, corporations and NGOs,
• Research, NGO, Educational and Social partner-
ships that further global health and reduce global health inequities; and,

- Ethical partnerships – what can we learn from the research, and practice, of global health partnerships about ethics in partnering.


**November 10-12, 2014**
**Priorities 2014**
Melbourne, Australia

Priorities 2014 is the biennial conference of the International Society on Priorities in Health Care (ISPHC). The 10th International Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia.

The International Society on Priorities in Health Care was formed in 1996 to strengthen the theory and practice of priority setting in health care. It provides the leading international forum in which health researchers, clinicians and managers involved in priority setting come together to exchange ideas and experiences. We are extremely excited and proud to bring the Society’s 10th world congress to the beautiful city of Melbourne this year.

The theme for Priorities 2014 is “Examining the Past and Contemplating the Future – 20 Years of Priority Setting”.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.priorities2014.com](http://www.priorities2014.com)

For conference inquiries please contact:
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**November 10-13, 2014**
**Fourth International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop On Social Responsibility**
Mexico City, Mexico

The meeting in México will consist in a three-day workshop where bioethics experts from Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Daoism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Mesoamerican traditions will gather to discuss different papers submitted for this occasion. The collection of these papers will result in the publication of a book. As means of publicity and involvement of university community and the public we suggest to organize at Anahuac University one or two open events on topics related to sensible bioethics issues in the light of human rights. For more information, please visit: [http://www.unescobiochair.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=190%3Afourth-workshop-on-social-responsibility-in-bioethics&catid=38%3Abioethics-multiculturalism-and-religion-&lang=en](http://www.unescobiochair.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=190%3Afourth-workshop-on-social-responsibility-in-bioethics&catid=38%3Abioethics-multiculturalism-and-religion-&lang=en)

**January 6-8, 2015**
**UNESCO International Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Medical Law**
Jerusalem, Israel

The Conference is designed to offer a platform for the exchange of information and knowledge and to hold discussions, lectures, workshops and an exhibition of program and databases.

Target Groups: Teachers and Educators in Medical Schools, Nursing Schools, Law Schools, Schools of Social Work, Faculties of Philosophy and Ethics, Professional Organizations, Governmental & Public Bodies.

The Conference is organized by the UNESCO Chair in
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Bioethics (Haifa), the Zefat Academic College, and the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics.

The Conference is sponsored by UNESCO, the World Medical Association (WMA), the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), and the World Association for Medical Law (WAML).

For additional information, please visit: http://www.bioethics-conferences.com. For registration, please contact: seminars@isas.co.il. Or tel. +972-2-6520574, Fax +972-2-6520558.

June 19-23, 2015
International Council of Nurses 2015 Conference
Seoul, Republic of Korea

The Conference will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialties, cultures and countries. The three ICN pillars – Professional Practice, Regulation and Socio-Economic Welfare – will frame the scientific programme and the dynamic exchange of experiences and expertise.

Featured plenary speakers will bring inspiration and the latest information on the nursing workforce and workplace, ethics/human rights, clinical care and patient safety. Concurrent sessions, symposia and posters will address these issues plus developments in nursing education, pandemics/disasters, care systems and access, technology, regulation and the history of nursing. The Conference will also be the venue for ICN Network meetings and thought provoking main sessions – including a debate on a priority issue for the profession. For more information, please visit: http://www.icn2015.com/.

November 12-15, 2015
2nd International Conference: Where’s the Patient’s Voice in Health Professional Education 10 Years On?
Vancouver, BC

The conference is about practice, innovation and theory that embeds the patient/client voice in health professional education. It is an opportunity to share examples of how health professional education can be enriched by patient involvement. Over three days, participants will present examples of collaborative projects between educators and patient/community groups and examine the outcomes of these partnerships for faculty, patients, students and the learning environment.

Audience:
The conference is international and interprofessional in scope. Interested professions will include: medicine, nursing, midwifery, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, kinesiology, social work, dietetics and other health disciplines. Participants and presenters will include: Educators, patients/clients, researchers, practitioners, community organizers, policy makers, and service users/carers.

Topics:
Conference topics will focus on patient/community involvement in health professional education and may include:

- Patients as teachers
- Patient/caregiver experiences
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• Innovations with standardized or volunteer patients
• E-learning, interprofessional education, practice education, continuing professional development
• Health advocacy, social determinants of health, cultural competency/safety models of patient and public involvement
• Overcoming barriers to patient participation
• Outcomes of patient involvement
• Recognition and support for patient/community educators

• Role of community partners in curriculum development, assessment and institutional decision making
• Student learning
• Approaches to community-university engagement
• Community-university partnerships

For further information, visit the conference website at http://interprofessional.ubc.ca/patientsvoice or email marketing.ipce@ubc.ca to get on the enquiry list to receive updates.

JCB Seminar Series

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http://www.jointcentreforbioethics.ca/enewsletter/enewsletter.shtml

The University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics

The Joint Centre for Bioethics (JCB) is a partnership among the University of Toronto; Baycrest Health Sciences; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Centre for Clinical Ethics, a joint venture of Providence Healthcare, St. Joseph’s Health Centre and St. Michael’s Hospital; Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab; The Hospital for Sick Children; Humber River Hospital; Mount Sinai Hospital; North York General Hospital; Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre; Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre; Trillium Health Partners; and University Health Network (Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and Toronto Western Hospital).

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