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## CENTER *for* BIOETHICS, HEALTH & SOCIETY

### Upcoming Events

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#### **Films on Eugenics in North Carolina:**

Throughout the month of March UNC-TV is streaming the film **The State of Eugenics** directed and produced by Dawn Sinclair Shapiro. An event, partially sponsored by the Center for Bioethics, was held to show this film at [Wake Forest University](#) and was followed by a panel discussion. For much of the 20th century, eugenics was a widely-accepted practice in the U.S., endorsed by the Supreme Court in the 1927 *Buck v. Bell* decision. Thirty states sterilized citizens with the aim of reducing poverty and getting rid of “the unfit.” North Carolina ran one of the most aggressive eugenics programs, sterilizing more than 7,600 men, women and children between 1933 and 1974. **The State of Eugenics** follows the journey of survivors, legislators, and journalists working together to obtain compensation for the survivors of these injustices.

An earlier film, co-sponsored by the Center for Bioethics, Health & Society directed and produced, by WFU graduate Documentary Film Program, students, Jessica Piq and Sana Haq, is the documentary, **Wicked Silence** about the NC forced eugenics program. **Wicked Silence** was made prior to the approval of the compensation package by the NC legislature. The film explores the North Carolina eugenics program through the eyes of those who experienced it. Featured in the film are Elaine, Ann, and Willis, three out of approximately 8000 victims of forced sterilizations. Falsely accused of feeble-mindedness, promiscuity, and being a burden on society, they were sterilized without their knowledge. All three of them were under the age of 14.

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Wicked Silence is available at the Z Smith Reynolds Library, as well as on Youtube at: [Wicked Silence](#).

**Laura Scott, WFU Bioethics Graduate Student, prepared in conjunction with the Wake Forest University Center for Bioethics, Health & Society and the Documentary Film Program, the following two Guides.**

#### Student Discussion Guide

Instructors' Guide – Provides additional resources, questions and discussion points for those teaching about eugenic sterilization and the ethical and policy issues it raises.

#### **MARCH 29: BIOETHICS SEMINAR**

**Gene Drives on the Horizon: Challenges in Science, Ethics, and Governance**

**Elizabeth Heitman, PhD,**

Program in Ethics in Science & Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

**Location** Room 4802, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Auditorium, WFIQ/  
Wake Downtown

**5:00-6:00 PM**

**Refreshments to follow,** Room 4503, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Boardroom by elevators, WFIQ/Wake Downtown, 455  
Vine Street, Winston-Salem.

## Graduate Program in Bioethics

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**The Bioethics Graduate Program at Wake Forest University is accepting applications for Fall 2017 admission.**

The Program provides an educational opportunity in bioethics for current and future professionals, including health care providers, researchers in biomedicine and the life sciences, lawyers, and professionals in health and research administration, and the biotechnology industry. The program is attractive to working professionals as well as students in pre-health, pre-law, and humanities programs who will continue onto professional schools and/or doctoral programs. The students in the Bioethics program bring a diversity of academic, employment, and life experiences to the classroom. The program faculty is nationally recognized in the field of bioethics.

The small class sizes and versatile curricular options enable students to tailor the program to their individual interests. The program emphasizes face-to-face interaction, promotes scholarly and interpersonal communicative capabilities, and fosters close relationships among students, faculty and alumni.

The Graduate Program offers a Master of Arts degree and three Graduate Certificate options, as well as several joint degree options. The program is flexible for both full and part-time study. For more information, including program philosophy, course and faculty listings, and application procedures, please contact [Vicky Zickmund](mailto:Vicky.Zickmund), (336-716-1499) as well as visit the website:

<http://bioethics.wfu.edu/academic/graduate-programs>

## Opportunities

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The Center for Bioethics, Health & Society also accepts, on a rolling basis, applications for small grants to support Bioethics activities.

For more information and the application form for both of these funding opportunities, please see the Center's website [here](#).

For information and the application form for both of these funding opportunities, please see the [CBHS Funding Application](#) on the Center's website are available at [Funding Opportunities](#).



**Donation Button:** There is now a new donation button online. Here is a link, bottom right hand side, "**Support Our Programs**" <http://bioethics.wfu.edu/>. There is the opportunity to give to the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society, or directly to the Graduate Programs of Bioethics. Thank you for considering Wake Forest Bioethics in your annual giving campaign!

### **Parking:**

Reynolda -For those coming from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center campus and the general public the Orange parking zones are available to you. Z. Smith Reynolds Library is Building 7 on the map - [Reynolda Parking](#).

525@Vine – Please contact Vicky Zickmund ([zickmuvl@wfu.edu](mailto:zickmuvl@wfu.edu))

Medical Center - [Medical Center Parking for Exploring Ethics Series](#).

**Shuttle service:** [Link](#) for service to/from Medical Center to WFIQ/Wake Downtown and [Link](#) for service to/from WFU from WFIQ/Wake Downtown. Down load shuttle [App](#).