Upcoming Events

JUNE 1: EXPLORING ETHICS CONFERENCE SERIES
Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking
John Moskop, PhD, Wallace and Mona Wu
Professor of Biomedical Ethics, Department of General Internal Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Room 10B, 10th Floor Conference Room, Comprehensive Cancer Center at WFBMC.
To register, please visit www.nwahec.org
(Registration can also be completed on site)

Summer Plans from the Faculty

Joseph E. Andrews, Jr., PhD, MA, CIP
Assistant Dean for Regulatory Affairs and Research Integrity, Wake Forest School of Medicine, Clinical and Translational Science Institute

Dr. Andrews is currently collaborating with Dr. Lynne Wagenknecht in Public Health Sciences to further test the New Executive and Appendix Template (NEAT) consent form, which provides the most essential information first and more detailed information in marked appendices. The goal of the NEAT form (which takes the form of a booklet) is to make it easier for people to discern the most important take-aways from the consent process, and hopefully to increase the degree of comprehension by separating the big picture message from the specific details. If this study shows that additional study is warranted, they will seek funding for a larger trial.
Also Dr. Andrews is working with Dr. Heather Hatcher, along with their colleagues at UNC, Duke and RTI, to develop the ReGARDD.org website, which provides guidance to investigators on what is needed when seeking approval from the FDA to test and/or market new drugs and devices.
Summer Plans from the Faculty

Adam Kadlac, PhD, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest University
This summer, Dr. Kadlac is working on a book (working title – “Football and Human Flourishing”) about (American) football and the ethical challenges posed by our increasing knowledge of the long-term health consequences of playing the game. Research support for this work will be provided by the Wake Forest University Center for Bioethics, Health & Society and the Eudaimonia Institute.

Nancy M P King, JD, Co-Director for the Center for Bioethics, Health & Society and the Graduate Programs in Bioethics, & Professor of Social Sciences & Health Policy, Wake Forest School of Medicine
Over the summer, Prof. King will present at several conferences. She’ll give a research ethics overview for the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine’s annual “Essentials” course; participate in an NIH panel on the future of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee; present a paper on the ways that biotechnology may alter the meaning of normal human functioning, in a paper session organized by Prof Richard Robeson at the biennial International Association for Law and Mental Health conference in Prague; and give presentations on ethical issues in gene editing at two bioethics conferences in Belgrade, Serbia.

Cristine Nero Coughlin, JD, Professor and Director, Legal Research & Writing Program, School of Law & Core Faculty Member of the Center for Bioethics Health & Society.
Professor Coughlin’s editorial that is co-written with her research assistant, Adam Messenlehner, "Isolationism Threatens Public Health", will be published by the American Journal of Public Health.

Professor Coughlin’s law journal article "Public Health Policy: Revisiting the Need for a Compensation System for Quarantine to Maximize Compliance", will appear this summer in the Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy. Research for this article was supported in part through a 2016 grant from the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society.

Professor Coughlin will be working this summer on two Symposia to be held in the spring of 2018. One is on quarantine and one is on bioethics and medical patents.

Professor Coughlin will co-teach at The Wake Forest Summer Pre-Law Program's class Advocacy, Debate and the Law. This class will use issues relating to Aid in Dying for purposes of its debate, political speech and oral argument topics. In addition to learning about skills and theories relating to oral advocacy, the students will be learning about and debating some of the "hot topics" involved in the area of Aid in Dying. Prof. Coughlin co-teaches the class with Dr. Jarrod Atchison (Communication), Dr. John Llewellyn (Communication) and Professor Wilson Parker (Law).

Mark Hall, JD, Co-Director for the Graduate Program in Bioethics, Professor of Law & Public Health, Wake Forest University School of Law, & Professor of Social Sciences & Health Policy, Wake Forest School of Medicine.
Prof. Hall will be focusing on what, if anything, Congress and the Trump Administration end up doing with the Affordable Care Act. He will also be tracking developments in North Carolina regarding possible expansion of Medicaid. Other work will include doing a new edition of his casebook, Health Care Law and Ethics, and researching the adequacy of narrow provider networks.
Summer Plans from the Faculty

Kate Mewhinney, JD, Managing Attorney, The Elder Law Clinic, Clinical Professor of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law

Prof. Mewhinney will be at Wake Forest University’s London Home – Worrell House - this summer teaching two courses: Comparative Law and Aging; and History of the Common Law. One topic in the comparative course will be laws on end-of-life options. She is also acting as an advisor to one of her current students, Lisa Roach (JD ’17), has been instrumental in introducing N.C. ‘Death with Dignity’ legislation.

Richard Robeson, Adjunct Professor of Practice - Bioethics, Department of Communication & Bioethics Faculty, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Wake Forest University

Prof. Robeson presented at a breakout session at the 2017 Spring Conference of the American Medical Writers Association, The Case Study in Dialogic Form — Ethical Imperatives and Caveats. In July 2017, he will chair and present in a paper session “Bioethics, Social Policy and Biotechnology” at the XXXIVth Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH), Prague, Czech Republic. Robeson will present Return From Socio-political Exile: The New Therapeutic Career for Hallucinogens. Prof. Nancy MP King, from the Center for Bioethics, Health & Society, WFU and the Department of Social Sciences and Health Policy, WFSOM, will present at the same session Regenerative Medicine and the Meaning of Success. In August 2017 Prof. Robeson will present Moral Rectitude or Eugenics Bias? – Considering Biotechnological Enhancement in Sport, Academia and Elsewhere” at the 31st Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare, in Belgrade, Serbia.

Congratulations

2017 Mary S. Lawrence Award. Legal Writing Institute

Christine Nero Coughlin, JD, Professor and Director, Legal Research & Writing Program, School of Law & Core Faculty Member of the Center for Bioethics Health & Society.

The Legal Writing Institute, the nation's largest legal writing organization, has chosen Professor Chris Coughlin as the recipient of the 2017 Mary S. Lawrence Award. The Award will be presented to Professor Coughlin at the 2017 Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference in Minneapolis this July.

The Mary S. Lawrence Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a combination of pioneering scholarship and innovative curriculum or program design. It is named for Professor Emerita Mary S. Lawrence, a former longtime director of the LAWR program at Oregon Law. It is understood that Mary S. Lawrence will be in attendance when Professor Coughlin receives the Award in July; what a special moment that will be!

Congratulations to Prof. Christine Coughlin!

Outstanding Thesis Award, 2016-2017

Mary Taylor Mann is this year's recipient of the Bioethics Graduate Program's Outstanding Thesis Award. Mary Taylor’s thesis, Negative Capability as an Ethic of Empathy: Practicing Narrative Medicine with John Keats in Mind, was completed in December 2016. Her thesis advisor was Prof. Nancy King, and her committee included Prof. Michael Hyde and Dr. Christine Bishop. Mary Taylor completed her undergraduate studies at Davidson College and plans to pursue her PhD, starting in fall 2017.

Congratulations Mary Taylor Mann!

It should be mentioned that this is not an annual award but one that is only awarded in those years that are deemed to have a thesis worthy of this award.
Graduate Program in Bioethics

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, (336-716-1499) as well as visit the website: http://bioethics.wfu.edu/academic/graduate-programs.

Opportunities

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

For information and the application form for this funding opportunity, please see the CBHS Funding Application on the Center’s website.

Donation Button: There is now a new donation button online. Here is a link, bottom right hand side, "Support Our Programs". 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)

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. Download shuttle App.