Beyond Our Beginnings: 50 Years of Bioethics
Friday, April 5, 2019

This conference, hosted by the Center for Bioethics, Health & Society, Wake Forest University, brought together many senior bioethicists from around the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States. The conference was a packed one-day event that surveyed the past, present, and future of bioethics scholarship, practice, and policy. The program featured senior scholars from a broad range of disciplines in bioethics, including philosophers, historians, social scientists, physicians, and lawyers, all of whom have been instrumental in creating and sustaining the field of bioethics.

Panel sessions addressed Clinical Ethics, Health Policy & Justice, Research Ethics, and Disparities & Health Equity. James Childress, PhD gave a lunchtime plenary talk on “Principles in Bioethics: Their Place, Functions & Limits,” comprehensively discussing both the history of the influential Principles of Biomedical Ethics and the perspectives of the Principles’ principal critics. There were lively discussions during moderated discussions after each session, which continued during the breaks and after the closing session.

Over 120 people attended. Most were from the Southeast, but some came from all over the U.S. and as far away as Russia and South Korea. The audience included undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, health care professionals, and scholars from a broad range of disciplines. Alumni of the Graduate Program in Bioethics were well-represented.

We were grateful to be supported by the Hastings Center and the following Wake Forest University sponsors: the Provost’s office, the Department of Philosophy, the School of Law, the History Department and the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Sophomore presents at Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Conference, March 2019

Riyan Deria, from Spartanburg, SC and Dr. Ana Iltis, Professor of Philosophy, Carlson Professor in University Studies, and Director of the Center of Bioethics, Health & Society collaborated for over a year on a research project involving ethical issues in mental health research.

In March, Deria presented their results at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Early on in her Sophomore year, ahead of the APPE presentation, Deria was able to present a poster at the Wake Forest University Undergraduate Research Day in late September. The poster was titled “Exclusion of Mentally Ill Patients from Clinical Trials” Following on from the APPE presentation Deria, with Iltis’ help will write an academic paper.

None of this work is for a class or part of a degree but is done by Deria in the hopes of moving on to Medical School. Deria is a Psychology major with a minor in Bioethics, Humanities and Medicine. Deria is a Gordon Scholar. Wake Forest awards Joseph G. Gordon scholarships to incoming students who show exceptional promise and achievement and who are members of constituencies traditionally underrepresented at Wake Forest.
Graduate Program in Bioethics

ANNOUNCEMENT
SUMMER ADMISSION WITH ONLINE COURSES

Interest in Wake Forest University’s Bioethics Graduate Program educational offerings continues to grow beyond our immediate geography. Therefore, the graduate program is now offering summer admission to its certificate options (Graduate Certificate in Bioethics, Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Research Ethics, and Graduate Certificate in Clinical Bioethics).

The summer admission is geared to working professionals located further than two hours from Winston Salem. Other circumstances (such as an atypical work schedule) may be considered. Students admitted during the summer term will take one or two courses during the summer via an online format. Four courses can be completed over two summers.

Working professionals interested in one of the graduate certificates who live within two hours of Winston-Salem should continue to apply for the fall or spring semester with evening/once a week on campus courses.

For more information about Graduate Certificate options, click: (http://bioethics.wfu.edu/academic/graduate-programs/graduate-certificates/) and/or contact Vicky Zickmund (zickmuvl@wfu.edu)

Congratulations
Mark Hall, JD, a professor in the Wake Forest School of Law, School of Medicine and the Graduate Program in Bioethics, has been named the lead reporter of the medical liability sections of the Restatement Third of Torts, by the American Law Institute. He will lead the effort to develop official text that informs all U.S. courts on the legal principles governing medical liability.

Graduate Program in Bioethics

The Bioethics Graduate Program at Wake Forest University is accepting applications for Summer 2019 (certificate/online course only) and Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 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

ETHICAL ISSUES IN CARING FOR THE UNDERSERVED: THE VULNERABLE, MARGINALIZED, AND FORGOTTEN

Biennial Conference - Friday, 20 September 2019

The Education Center, Eastern AHEC, 2600 W. Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC

Hosted by the Clinical Ethics Network of North Carolina (CENNC)

Objectives – By the end of the conference the learner will be able to...

- Describe the health care needs of underserved populations in North Carolina.
- Explain ethical issues that arise in caring for underserved populations in North Carolina.
- Formulate strategies to help resolve or mitigate the ethical issues that arise in caring for underserved populations in North Carolina.

Also Call for Papers by May 1, 2019.

For details of registration and call for papers, please go to this website:


Opportunities

Funding: The Center for Bioethics, Health & Society is now accepting applications for grants up to $8,000 for research, course development and other scholarly projects pertaining to Bioethics. The proposal deadline is January 14, 2019.

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 donation button online. Here is a link, bottom right hand side, "Support Our Programs". This is an 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!

Travel Information:
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.

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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.