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OCTOBER 21: EXPLORING ETHICS TALK

**The Ethics and Public Policy of
COVID-19 Vaccine “Passports” & Mandates**

Presenter: Mark Hall, JD, Fred D. & Elizabeth L. Turnage Professor of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the US has introduced a variety of public health measures and policies to reduce the spread of COVID-19. With the development and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines, organizations across the country have considered or enacted measures that have generated heated debates. In this session, Professor Mark Hall will define and describe two such measures, vaccine “mandates” and vaccine “passports” that require proof of vaccination for activities such as traveling or attending public events. Professor Hall will also explore the ethical and public policy questions surrounding both of these measures.

12:00-1:00 PM

Virtual, via Webex. To receive the presentation link, you will need to register for the event at the NWAHEC link below. Registration is free and open to all.

To register, please click [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE:

NOVEMBER 11: BIOETHICS VIRTUAL LECTURE WITH LIVE Q&A:

**Public Policy Experiments: Ethical Challenges
& Paths Forward**

Douglas P. MacKay, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Core Faculty Member, UNC Center for Bioethics, Core Faculty Member, UNC Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Program.

Governments and non-profit organizations have increasingly turned to randomized controlled trials to evaluate public policy interventions. In this talk, Douglas MacKay identifies some of the principal ethical challenges investigators face regarding the design of these studies, including the fairness of random assignment, the permissibility of research without consent, and the level of care to which participants are entitled. Working through a series of case studies, he defends a set of recommendations for the ethical conduct of public policy experiments.

4:00-5:00 PM

Live Q&A after speaker at approx. 4:40pm

[Zoom link](#)

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Recent faculty & student publications and scholarly work include –

Ana Iltis, PhD, Faculty:

"Ignorance is not bliss: The case for comprehensive reproductive counseling for women with chronic kidney disease", accepted for publication in **HEC Forum**. Authors: **A.S. Iltis**, M. Mehta, D. Sawinski. DOI 10.1007/s10730-021-09463-7

"Public and Stakeholder Engagement in Developing Human Genome Editing Policies: What does it mean and what should it mean?" Authors: **A.S. Iltis**, S. Hoover, K.R.W. Matthews. **Frontiers: Political Science, volume 3.**

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2021.730869>

Student Presentations at Undergraduate Research Day – October 1, 2021

Payton Dyksterhouse: *"Enhancement: A Critical Interpretive Review"*

Sarah Hoover: *"Public and Stakeholder Engagement in Developing Human Genome Editing Technologies: What does it mean and what should it mean?"*

Bioethics Graduate Program

Bioethics Graduate Education

Master of Arts degree

Graduate Certificate options

Dual Degree Programs

The Bioethics Graduate Program at Wake Forest University is now accepting applications for all 2022 admission dates (Spring, Summer, and Fall).

The Bioethics Graduate Program equips graduates to practice, teach, and conduct research about bioethics, and is an excellent complement to other advanced degrees.

For professionals already employed as well as new graduates entering the work force, graduate-level education in bioethics is relevant to a variety of jobs including health administration, clinical care and research, law, and public policy as well as other similar fields. It is attractive to students who have completed pre-health, pre-law, and humanities programs and may 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 offers small, highly interactive classes, experiential learning, and a variety of bioethics events, activities, and opportunities. It prioritizes a keen focus on critical reflection, not only about bioethical issues, questions, and problems but also about the nature and scope of the field of bioethics and the roles and responsibilities of those who do bioethics work. It emphasizes personal interaction, promotes scholarly and interpersonal communicative capabilities, and fosters close relationships among students, faculty and alumni.

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Bioethics Graduate Program

The program is committed to providing students with a learning environment that is maximally rich and beneficial, offering a combination of learning modalities.

The small class sizes and versatile curricular options enable students to tailor the program to their individual interests. The program is flexible for both full and part-time study.

The program faculty is nationally recognized in the field of bioethics.

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](#)

Kitchen Table Talks: Informal conversations with Wake Forest bioethics scholars and professionals (including faculty, students, and alumni) – breaking down formal walls and getting a true look at their take on bioethics, their path to where they are now, and a bit about the person(s) themselves. Check out episodes #5 and #6. These two conversations focus on the five-year bachelor/masters program and research ethics. Kitchen Table Talks are hosted on the Bioethics Graduate Program [website](#).

Opportunities

Funding:

The **Center for Bioethics, Health & Society** is accepting, 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 on our website. This an opportunity to give to the [Center for Bioethics, Health and Society](#), or directly to the [Bioethics Graduate Program](#). Thank you for considering Wake Forest Bioethics in your annual giving campaign!

Check out the "Bioethics at WFU" websites. We hope these sites illustrate and share information about how Bioethics is being explored and studied at Wake Forest University.

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