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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Faculty of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law scored many notable achievements in 2013-14. Chief among them were Aviva Katz's promotion to Associate Professor of Surgery and her appointment as Director of the Consortium Ethics Program and the award to Judith Navratil, a student in the Center's master's degree program in bioethics, for the Best Formal Paper by a Graduate Student from the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Center Faculty also compiled an extensive research record with the award of three new grants and the continuation of more than four dozen others. Likewise, faculty published nine books or book chapters and authored or coauthored four dozen articles. The Center's well-attended annual medical ethics update conference was on Ethical Issues in Pain Management and featured Kathleen M. Foley, MD, Attending Neurologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience and Clinical Pharmacology at Weill Cornell Medical College, as the keynote speaker.

We bid a fond farewell to Debbie Seltzer and Janet Malis who retired this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Meisel".

Alan Meisel, JD
Director, Center for Bioethics and Health Law
Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote Professor of Bioethics
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FACULTY NEWS, APPOINTMENTS, AND AWARDS

Robert Arnold received the AAHPM Annual Assembly Top Advisory Award at their annual meeting in San Diego, CA on March 13, 2014.

Howard Degenholtz was elected as a Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America.

Aviva Katz was promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was appointed Director of the Consortium Ethics Program (CEP) the ethics education network of Western Pennsylvania through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Medicine. She was also reappointed as Chairperson of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Bioethics (COB).

Alan Meisel participated in the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice at Dartmouth College where he spoke on Patient Choice and End-of-Life Decisionmaking.

Lisa Parker was appointed as an associate editor for the *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics (JeRHRE)* and as the ethics section editor for *Current Genetic Medicine Reports*. She represented the Genomics & Society Working Group of NHGRI (an advisory body for the Director and Council), to which she was appointed in 2012, at the annual meeting of Centers of Excellence in ELSI Research.

Valerie Satkoske was elected to the West Virginia Network of Ethics Committees Advisory Board.

Mark R. Wicclair was invited to be the keynote speaker for the 15th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum at Oregon State University and is now co-chair for the Committee for Oversight of Research and Training Involving the Dead at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He also is a member of the Editorial Board and co-editor of the Professional Section of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* and a member of the American Thoracic Society Working Group on Conscientious Objection which drafted a policy statement on conscientious objection.

STUDENT NEWS

Thomas Cunningham successfully defended his thesis project entitled "Philosophy and Science Policy in the American Cloning Debate." On his committee were Mark Wicclair, Alex John London, and Douglas White. Thomas also successfully defended this dissertation in history and philosophy of science. Both Ken Schaffner and Bob Arnold served on his dissertation committee.

Leah Dugan successfully defended her thesis project entitled "Reporting Requirements and the New York Safe Act of 2013." Her committee members were Lisa Parker, Alan Meisel, and Jack Rozel. Leah graduated in December 2013 with her JD/MA.

Judith Navratil received the Best Formal Paper by a Graduate Student Award from the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics for her paper "The Problem with Informed Consent for Research: The Devil is in the Details." The award was conferred at the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Association on February 27, 2014 in Atlanta.

CENTER FACULTY

Robert Arnold, MD is the Center's Director of Clinical Training. He is a Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine. In 1997, he formed the Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics, where he is Chief. Dr. Arnold is now the Chief Medical Officer of the Palliative and Supportive Institute, UPMC Health System. In that role he is responsible for building palliative care throughout the network. In 2000, Dr. Arnold was named the first Leo H. Creip Chair of Patient Care. This chair emphasizes the importance of the doctor-patient relationship, particularly at the end of life. He is the Director of the Institute for Doctor-Patient Communication and is clinically active in palliative care.

Elizabeth Chaitin, MSW, MA, DHCE is the Director of Quality and Ethics for the Palliative and Supportive Institute [PSI] and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in the Division of General Medicine in the Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics. She is a member of the teaching faculty for the Internal Medicine and Family Practice Residency Programs of UPMC Shadyside, the Master of Arts in Bioethics Program, and the Consortium Ethics Program of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law. Dr. Chaitin has published extensively on ethical issues, palliative care, and communication during end-of-life care. Her research interests include measuring of the informed consent process, measuring patient competence assessment, effectiveness of interdisciplinary health care team communication. Dr. Chaitin holds membership in the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, Society for Health and Human Values, and the American Society for Law, Medicine and Ethics.

Howard Degenholtz, PhD is an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Graduate School of Public Health and the Center's Associate Director for Research. He is also a core faculty member of the Center for Research on Health Care. Dr. Degenholtz's research on long-term care focuses on an intervention to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents and the use of Health Information Technology in Long-Term Care. He is principal investigator on two federally-funded projects to increase organ donation. Dr. Degenholtz was the Founding Director of the Doctoral Program in Health Services Research and Policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management, and he teaches research methods to masters and doctoral students. His areas of interest include health policy, organ and tissue donation, long-term care, and aging.

Judith A. Erlen, PhD, RN, FAAN is Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Department of Health and Community Systems and served as the Director of the PhD Program through January 31, 2013 in the School of Nursing. Her current research interests include medication regimen adherence, health related quality of life, and health related outcomes in patients with chronic disorders specifically patients with memory loss and their informal caregivers, HIV/AIDs, and type 2 diabetes.

Gary Fischer, MD is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, and is the Medical Director of Ambulatory Services for the University of Pittsburgh Physicians Division of General Internal Medicine. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and Associate Medical Director of the Ambulatory Electronic Health Record at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Fischer teaches medical ethics and doctor-patient communication to medical students, residents and clinical fellows, and practicing health care professionals. His current research interests include the effect of electronic communication between patients and physicians on health issues and the doctor-patient relationship, and ethical issues in quality improvement work.

Daniel Hall, MD, MDiv, MHSc is Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and Core Investigator at the VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion. Dr. Hall is a general surgeon with training in both moral philosophy and theology interested in the ethics of surgery. His current research uses qualitative and quantitative methods to describe how patients and surgeons negotiate the process of informed consent for clinical surgery.

Aviva Katz, MD is Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where she also provides clinical ethics education to medical students and residents, and is a physician in the Department of Pediatric General and

Thoracic Surgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she serves on the Ethics Committee and the Ethics Consultation Service. She is also the Director of the Consortium Ethics Program (CEP). She has published extensively on burn wound excision and other surgical issues, indications for fetal and neonatal surgery, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), and issues in pediatric transplantation. She has lectured on a variety of ethics topics, including ethical issues in critical care medicine, DNR orders during surgical interventions, and resource allocation in the treatment of childhood and adolescent obesity.

John Lyne, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Communications and a Resident Fellow of the Center for Philosophy of Science. He has written numerous articles and chapters on rhetoric of science, philosophy and rhetoric, and argumentation. Dr. Lyne is a recipient of the Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, for his successful track record of mentoring doctoral students. He teaches the graduate seminar in Philosophy of Medicine in the MA in Bioethics Program.

Alan Meisel, JD is the Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote Professor of Bioethics and Professor of Law, and the Director of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law. He is an authority on legal aspects of decision-making in the physician-patient relationship. His work has focused on both the theory and the practice of informed consent and the right to refuse medical treatment. He is the co-author of the third edition of, *The Right to Die: The Law of End-of-Life Decisionmaking*, the first edition of which won the 1989 American Association of Publishers' award for the best book in its category. His other books include *Informed Consent: Legal Theory and Clinical Practice* (with Appelbaum and Lidz) and *Informed Consent: A Study of Decisionmaking in Psychiatry* (with Lidz, Roth, et al.). He was assistant director for legal studies on the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research and participated in the writing of the Commission's reports on informed consent and forgoing life-sustaining treatment. He also served on the Ethics Working Group of the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform in 1993. Professor Meisel is a fellow of the Hastings Center.

John Mendeloff, PhD is a public policy analyst and a Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He also has joint appointments in the School of Law and in the Graduate School of Public Health. His research focuses on government regulation of health and safety risks, especially by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, but also by the FDA, NHTSA, and EPA. His other research interests have included trauma care, mental health services, and organ procurement. He is the director of the Center for Health and Safety in the Workplace at the RAND Corporation. He is also a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

David Orenstein, MD, MA is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, and in the Department of Health and Physical Activity, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh. He is the Antonio J. and Janet Palumbo Professor of Cystic Fibrosis, the Co-Director of the Antonio J. and Janet Palumbo Cystic Fibrosis Center, and Chair of the Ethics Committee at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. His research interests include the effects of exercise on young patients with respiratory disorders, particularly cystic fibrosis (CF), and the quality of life of patients with CF. He is also interested in teaching patients and families about their medical problems, again with a particular focus on CF. Dr. Orenstein has published more than 200 journal articles, abstracts, reviews, and book chapters on a variety of topics related to children's lung disorders. He has published three books on cystic fibrosis; one is a guide for patients and their families (now in its fourth edition).

Lisa Parker, PhD is a philosopher and Associate Professor of Human Genetics and Behavioral and Community Health Sciences in the Graduate School of Public Health. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Women's Studies Program and a fellow of the Center for Philosophy of Science. She serves as Director of Graduate Education for the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, where she is Director of the interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Bioethics program in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, and co-director of the Area of Concentration in Medical Humanities in the School of Medicine. Dr. Parker has published extensively on ethical concerns related to the design and conduct of research, particularly genetic research and mental health research. Her recent research has focused on the ethical

management of incidental findings and return of research results, privacy protection, pharmacogenomic research and genetic enhancement. With colleagues in India, she is investigating differing conceptions of privacy and analyzing the appropriateness of privacy protection requirements utilized in the US and by the NIH when applied in Indian research and patient care contexts. In 2012, she was appointed to the Genomics and Society Working Group, an advisory group to the Division of Genomics and Society (DGS) of the NHGRI, where she has served on the study section of the ELSI Program (the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Program) and on two national working groups examining the management of incidental findings and research results, as well as on the Expert Scientific Panel of the Electronic Medical Records and Genomics (eMERGE) Network. This past year she has also developed three new courses – *Ethical Issues in Genomic Research & Medicine*; *Feminist Theory: Knowledge, Norms, and Praxis*; and *Research Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research*.

Valerie Violi Satkoske holds faculty appointments in both the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and is Core Faculty in the University of Pittsburgh Center for Bioethics and Health Law. She also serves as the ethicist for Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, WV, sits on the ethics committees of several local hospitals and serves as an ethics consultant for the Rural Emergency Trauma Institute of West Virginia. Her current research interests include prehospital ethics, reproductive health issues, rural bioethics, Catholic bioethics and the ethics of medical communication.

Kenneth F. Schaffner, MD is a Distinguished University Professor. Previously, he was University Professor of Medical Humanities and Professor of Philosophy at the George Washington University. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and has published extensively in philosophical and medical journals on ethical and conceptual issues in science and medicine. Dr. Schaffner, who has trained both in philosophy (PhD) and in medicine (MD), is a Fellow of both the Hastings Center and the American Association of the Advancement of Science and is a former Editor-in-Chief of *Philosophy of Science*.

Douglas White is a tenured Associate Professor in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Department of Critical Care Medicine and a core faculty member in the University's Center for Bioethics and Health Law. He directs the University of Pittsburgh's Program on Ethics and Decision Making in Critical Illness and was recently awarded the Endowed Chair in Ethics and Decision Making by the School of Medicine. In 2012, he was awarded the Grenvik Family Award for Ethics which recognizes an individual who has devoted significant efforts towards ethical problems in critical care as well as promoted humanistic and ethical values in critical care.

Mark Wicclair, PhD is a philosopher and Adjunct Professor of Medicine. Dr. Wicclair teaches in the Master of Arts in Bioethics program, the Clinical Ethics Training Program, in which he coordinates the fourth-year medical ethics elective, and the Center's Consortium Ethics Program. He is also Professor of Philosophy and Adjunct Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences at West Virginia University, where he has won awards for outstanding research, teaching, and public service. He is co-chair of the UPMC Committee for Oversight of Research Involving the Dead (CORID) and is a member of two hospital ethics committees. His primary research and teaching interests are in bioethics and applied ethics, and he has published extensively in these areas. His publications include two books: *Conscientious Objection in Health Care: An Ethical Analysis* (Cambridge University Press, 2011)—designated a 2012 Choice “Outstanding Academic Title in Philosophy”—and *Ethics and the Elderly* (Oxford University Press, 1993). He has published numerous articles in professional journals and has contributed several book chapters. He also wrote two entries for the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013). The topics of his published work include conscientious objection in health care, surgeons' discretion, dismissing patients, research and teaching with recently deceased patients, end of life decision-making, decision-making capacity, futility, ethics and aging, preferential treatment, censorship, and abortion. He also published two articles and a book chapter on the television series, *House, M.D.* He is a member of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Ethics* editorial board and co-edits the journal's Professionalism section. He has received several fellowships, including a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a Fulbright Fellowship, and a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars.

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RESEARCH

NEWLY FUNDED RESEARCH

An Interactive, Web-based Learning Tool for Hospital Staff Involved in the Organ and Tissue Donation Process

Howard Degenholtz is the PI of this three year study to educate hospital staff about organ and tissue donation.

Building International Research Ethics Capacity in China

Lisa Parker serves as a co-investigator for this NIH-Fogarty International Center grant that seeks to provide training in research ethics to as many as fifteen fellows from China each year for five years. Dr. Parker teaches a six month long course in bioethics and research ethics tailored to their interests and cultural context.

Cross-fertilized Research Training for New Investigators in Egypt and India

Lisa Parker is a co-investigator on this NIH-Fogarty International Center grant for which she provides research ethics lectures via distance learning media on informed consent, privacy protection, and issues in recruitment.

Making Organ Donors Matter: Using Big Data to Improve Messaging and Market Segmentation for Public Education About Organ Donation

Howard Degenholtz is the PI of this project that will develop micro-targeted messages to different groups of people who have not previously registered as organ donors.

Return of Amyloid Imaging Research Results in MCI

Lisa Parker is a co-investigator for this National Institute on Aging grant which will study the ethics and psycho-social impact of returning results of amyloid imaging to individuals with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and their study partners.

ONGOING RESEARCH

A Healthy Literacy Sensitive Decision Aid About Transportation for COPD Patients

Douglas White is a co-investigator for this NIH/MHLBI funded grant which will develop a health-literacy sensitive decision aid that helps patients with COPD understand their treatment options and help clarify their preferences and values regarding lung transplantation.

A History of Behavioral Genetics

Kenneth F. Schaffner received a grant from the National Science Foundation to write a book on "A History of Behavioral Genetics." This award is a continuation of a long-running historical project, albeit with new awards which began in 2003 at George Washington University, but then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh in 2006.

A Trial to Improve Surrogate Decision-Making for Critically Ill Older Adults

Robert Arnold is a co-investigator on this project which will conduct a multi-center efficacy of the Four Supports Intervention among 400 critically ill older adults. The center hypothesis is that by intensively supporting surrogates in this highly stressful circumstance, the Four Supports Intervention will improve key elements of decision making, decrease long-term psychological distress among surrogates, and achieve more patient-centered care near the end of life. The study was funded by the National Institutes on Aging.

Biospecimen Pre-analytical Variables (BPV) Ethical Legal and Social Implications

Lisa Parker is co-investigator in this research funded by NCI caHUB Biorepository and Bio-specimen Research Branch.

Clinical Transformation Program

Douglas White is the principal investigator for this Beckwith Foundation funded grant which will seek to improve the quality of surrogate decision making in the ICUs by developing and pilot testing 1) a web-based communication and decision support (CDS) tool for surrogates and 2) a reliable care process to integrate the tool into routine clinician-family communication.

Communication on Illicit Drug and/or Alcohol Use in Obstetrics

Robert Arnold is an investigator on this projected funded by NIH. The overall goal of this research is to identify communication styles and processes that are most successful in engaging pregnant women who use alcohol and/or drugs in behavior change for the benefit of their baby's health.

Controlled Trial of Academic Detailing and Web-Based Education for Primary Care Physicians to Increase Consent for Organ Donation

Howard Degenholtz is a principal investigator in this study to compare in-person academic detailing with web-based training as methods to train primary care physicians, nurses, and office staff about organ donation and encourage them to incorporate donor cards into routine office visit check-in procedures.

Describing Variation in IRB Efficiency, Quality, and Procedures

Robert Arnold is an investigator in this research award from the VA. This Service-Directed Research Award aims to improve the quality and efficiency of VA IRB review processes by modeling the process flow at 10 VA IRBs and measuring variation in IRB efficiency and quality.

End of Life in Very Old Age

Robert Arnold is the investigator for this project funded by NIH. This study will follow the clinical course of participants age 85+ to characterize clinical trajectories and risk of death in very old age, assess participants and proxy decision-making, and will examine predictors of hospitalization and emergency department care.

Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Associated with the Biospecimen Pre-Analytical Variables Biobank

Howard Degenholtz is a principal investigator in this study that involves interviewing patients who have been approached to donate excess tissue from cancer surgery to a biorepository.

Geriatric Education Centers of Pennsylvania

Robert Arnold is an investigator on this five year grant funded by NIH to educate nursing home clinicians about evidence based palliative care interventions in an effort to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents.

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need

Judith Erlen is the principal investigator of this Department of Education-funded project.

Improving Communication in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for Patients Facing Life-Changing Decisions

Douglas White is a co-investigator on this PCORI funded project. The goals for this project are 1) to adapt for use in pediatric ICUs the intervention developed by White and colleagues to improve surrogate decision making in adult ICUS (the Four Supports Intervention); and 2) to conduct a two-center trial to assess the effects of the intervention on parents' psychological outcomes and the quality of decision making.

Improving Decision Making for Patients with Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation

Douglas White is a co-investigator and site PI on this NHLBI funded project. The major goal of this proposal is to determine if a decision aid is better than usual care in improving the quality of decision making for surrogates of patients receiving prolonged mechanical ventilation.

Improving Psychological Distress Among Critical Illness Survivors and Their Caregivers

Douglas White is a co-investigator and site PI for this PFA funded project which will compare a novel coping skills training intervention to education control in a multicenter RCT.

Improving Seriously Ill Patients' End-of-Life Care by Changing the Default Options in Advance Directives

Douglas White is a co-investigator on this Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation funded research project which is a multicenter randomized trial which seeks to measure the impacts of default options in advance directives on clinical, economic, and patient- and surrogate-reported outcomes.

Increasing Organ Donation Through the Use of Online Gaming

Howard Degenholtz is the principal investigator in this study to develop and market a mobile, social game for iOS devices that educates the general public about organ donation.

Identifying Effective Strategies to Disclose Prognosis in Patients with ARDS

Douglas White is the principal investigator for this NIH/NHLBI award which will support a multi-center, mixed-methods, prospective cohort study to identify effective, culturally acceptable strategies to disclose prognostic information to surrogate decision-makers of critically ill patients.

Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholars Program

Judith Erlen is the principal investigator of this scholars program that supports one University of Pittsburgh PhD student in nursing who is focused on becoming academic nurse researchers and leaders. This program is funded by the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence/AACN.

Maintaining Activity and Nutrition through Technology-Assisted Innovation in Primary Care (MAINTAIN-PC)

Gary Fischer is co-investigator on this study to examine the effectiveness of scheduled "eVisits" linked to the patient's source of primary care to promote and support weight loss.

Multi-Site Collaborative Study for Adherence

Judith Erlen is a co-investigator and site coordinator for this multi-study grant funded by NIH/NIMH to perform a secondary analysis of existing data that examined adherence to antiretroviral therapy among patients with HIV using electronic event monitors to record their adherence during those studies.

National Estimates of Disability after Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation in the Elderly

Howard Degenholtz is collaborating on a pilot study funded by the University of Pittsburgh Older Americans Independence Center (Pepper Center) to examine changes in physical disability among elderly ICU survivors over a three-year period.

Online Counseling to Enable Lifestyle-Focused Obesity Treatment in Primary Care

Gary Fischer is the co-investigator on this study funded by AHRQ to examine the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of an online lifestyle intervention in primary care patients.

Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease – Ryan White Title III (Part C)

Robert Arnold is an investigator on this project. The Ryan White Early Intervention Project grant provides funding for comprehensive HIV primary care, psychosocial supportive services, specialty medical care, gynecological care, dental care, counseling and testing and drug and alcohol screening. This funding also provides laboratory services and pharmaceuticals for uninsured and underinsured patients being cared for at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the Pittsburgh AIDS Center for Treatment (PACT).

Patient Centered Comprehensive Medication Adherence Management System to Improve Effectiveness of Disease Modifying Therapy with Hydroxyurea for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease

Judith Erlen is a co-investigator on this longitudinal intervention study funded by PCORI that is designed to examine whether the use of mobile directly observed therapy improves adherence to hydroxyurea. Patients in the study use cameras to record the taking of their medications and then send the video to the data collectors.

Return of Amyloid Imaging Research Results in MCI

Judith Erlen is a member of the Data Safety and Monitoring Board for this study which is examining how at-risk patients for cognitive impairment receive amyloid imaging results; Jennifer Lingler is the PI on this project that is funded by NIH/NIA.

Self Management & Reminders with Technology: SMART Appraisal of an Integrated PHR

Gary Fischer is working on a randomized clinical trial comparing a “passive” personal health record with a more “active” version that reminds patients when needed services are due.

Strategies to Improve Caregiver Mediated Medication Management of Community Dwelling Patients with Dementia

Judith Erlen is the principal investigator on this study to test the efficacy of a tailored caregiver mediated medication management.

Technology: Research in Critical and Chronic Illness

Judith Erlen is the Principal Investigator/Program Director of this training grant funded by NIH/NINR that is designed to prepare pre-doctoral and postdoctoral fellows to become researchers who can focus their research on improving patient outcomes through the use of technology supported interventions.

Text2DonateLife: An Innovative Call to Action for Large-Scale Campaigns Using Text Messaging

Howard Degenholtz is the principal investigator in this project to develop and test approach to facilitate joining the organ and tissue donor registry via text messaging suitable for use in large-scale public events.

The Effect of an eLearning Approach to Hospital Development on Organ Donation Consent Rates

Howard Degenholtz is the principal investigator in this project to develop and test approach to educating hospital staff who come into contact with potential organ donors using an online learning system.

The Trial to Improve Surrogate Decision-Making for Critically Ill Older Adults

Douglas White is the principal investigator which will support a multi-center randomized controlled trial of multi-faceted intervention to improve surrogate decision-making and life support decisions for critically ill elders at high risk for death or functional impairment in intensive care units.

Train-the-Trainer: Critical Care Communication Skills

Robert Arnold is an investigator in this project funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. This is a national dissemination project to teach critical care fellows communication skills. The goal of the project is to facilitate a cultural and systemic change within the field of critical care medicine to improve doctor-patient communication and the overall patient experience.

Transdisciplinary Training in Health Disparities Science

Judith Erlen is an External Advisory Committee Member to this training grant at Arizona State University funded by NIH/NINR that brings together pre-doctoral fellows from multiple health science disciplines to design and implement research that addresses disparities in health care.

OTHER GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

2014 Messer Lecture and Annual Ethics Update

Alan Meisel received funding from the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Ladies Hospital Aid Society (LHAS) for the 2014 Messer Lecture and Annual Ethics Update conference.

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EDUCATION

Center faculty offer courses in bioethics and health law in their home departments and through the Center, and participate in teaching students in a variety of other courses.

School of Medicine

Center faculty provide education in bioethics and health law to medical students in their first-year course in Ethics, Law, and Professionalism, in the third-year clerkships in Ambulatory Care; Pediatrics; Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences; and Surgery, and in a fourth-year special elective, Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice.

Ethics, Law and Professionalism. Four of the 14 sessions of this first year medical school course are taught by Robert Arnold, Alan Meisel and Mark Wicclair.

Graduate School of Public Health

Ethical Issues in Clinical Genetics (Lisa Parker). Provides training in the ethics of genetic counseling course.

Research Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research (Lisa Parker) is a required course for students in several programs within the School of Public Health.

Arts and Sciences

Bioethics (Lisa Parker) serves as a graduate-level introduction to some of the topics, texts, methods, and normative assumptions of the field of bioethics. In addition to being exposed to these aspects of the field, students are asked to think critically about them. The course begins with an examination of informed consent and considers other topics in relation to this doctrine and the assumptions and values that ground it. Topics include ethical issues regarding: treatment refusal, organ transplantation, research, genetics, public health, and resource allocation.

Ethical Issues in Clinical Genetics (Lisa Parker) teaches this course for students in the Genetic Counseling Program of the Department of Human Genetics. Students develop the ability to articulate positions on contemporary issues in clinical genetics and to recognize and address ethical dimensions of their counseling practice. Issues addressed are those associated with: nondirective counseling and value neutrality, invasive and noninvasive prenatal testing, chromosomal anomalies, microarray analysis, newborn screening, sickle cell trait testing, sickle cell disease management, risk analysis genetic testing, complex diseases, psychiatric and behavioral genetics, genetics of dementia disorders, direct-to-consumer genetic testing, intrafamilial disclosure of genetic information, enrollment in genetic research, biobanking, and personalized medicine.

Historical and Philosophical Issues in Behavioral Genetics (Kenneth F. Schaffner) examines the history of behavioral (and psychiatric) genetics, and related philosophical and methodological issues from its beginnings in 1960 to present day. The focus is on human studies including the IQ controversy, normal personality genetics, personality disorders, and schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.

MA Thesis Research (Lisa S. Parker).

Morality and Medicine (Kenneth F. Schaffner) examines a number of ethical issues that arise in the context of contemporary medical practice and research by analyzing articles and classic cases. Topics to be covered include euthanasia, the nature of reasoning in medical ethics, new technologies such as innovations in organ transplantation and ethics at the beginning of life – including cloning, stem cell, and modern genetics.

Neuroethics (Kenneth F. Schaffner) offered this course for the first time in the spring of 2014. This course was offered as both an undergraduate and graduate level course with curriculum differing between the two. The course covered

neurological and brain enhancement, ethical and policy issues related to neuroimaging, mind control and “mindreading,” free will and responsibility, criminal culpability and “dangerous brains,” and neurodevelopment and the emergence of personhood and the self.

Philosophy of Medicine (John Lyne) explores in this introductory course philosophical issues in medicine. Topics include (1) the nature of the doctor-patient relationship in context of the biopsychosocial and “perspectives” models (2) the question whether diseases are objective or socially-constructed entities, (3) clinical reasoning using some simple examples from medical diagnosis and tests (4) scientific progress and revolutions in biology and medicine, with examples from immunology, rheumatology, and HIV-AIDS virology, and (5) various issues raised by the AIDS epidemic, including a number of its ethical and social problems.

Research Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research (Lisa Parker) provides an introduction to topics in research ethics and the responsible conduct of research particularly pertinent to basic and non-clinical, population-based research employing a variety of methods. Students learn key concepts and methods of ethical reasoning and requirements of human subjects protection and nonhuman animal research, and analyze historical and contemporary examples of research misconduct, as well as ethical concerns arising in their own work. The course seeks to develop students’ skills requisite to design and conduct ethical research, avoid research misconduct, and ethically negotiate the tasks and milestones of academic education and careers (e.g., issues of mentorship and publication).

Special Topics: Transplantation Ethics (Lisa Parker) explores ethical issues associated with procurement and allocation of organs and tissues for transplantation. These issues include: living related and non-related organ donation, organ selling, criteria for allocation of different organs, underlying ethical foundations for both procurement and allocation (e.g., altruism, utilitarianism, justice), influence of race on donation and allocation, and global poverty and “transplantation tourism.”

Honors College

Ethical Issues in Genetic Research and Medicine (Lisa Parker) was developed and taught in Summer 2014 for the Honors College and the EDGE program, an undergraduate program integrating humanities and social sciences with the sciences for pre-medical and pre-engineering students.

School of Law

Bioethics and Law (Alan Meisel) is an introduction to a variety of issues in biomedical ethics brought about primarily by the innovative techniques and technology, genetic screening and engineering, and life support systems. The primary focus is whether these innovations should be regulated by law, and if so, how? Topics covered include right to refuse medical treatment (including life-sustaining medical treatment), informed consent, physician-assisted suicide; sterilization, abortion, artificial reproduction, surrogacy; genetic counseling, screening, and testing; stem cell research and cloning; organ transplantation; and confidentiality and privacy in health care. Students in the Joint Degree Program in Law and Bioethics frequently concentrate in Health Law in the JD Program. In this program they take **Current Issues in Health Law** (Alan Meisel) to increase their awareness of the rapidly changing health care industry and the equally rapidly changing field of health law. Students also take **Health Law and Policy** (Alan Meisel) a survey course of fundamental issues covering a large range of topics. This course provides a foundation for students who wish to concentrate in health law to take more in-depth courses such as Health Care Business Transactions, Health Care Fraud and Abuse, Health Care Antitrust, and Financing in the Healthcare Industry. The underlying theme of the course is the conflict among three societal goals: increasing access to health care, controlling health care costs, and assuring quality of health care. The course examines the role that law plays in achieving these goals. In order to understand these and other aspects of health law, students need also to understand the past and the present organization of the health care system – a difficult task, both because of its complexity and its dynamic nature – and to understand the important issues of health policy because there frequently is no clear line between health law and health policy.

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program

Feminist Theory: Knowledge, Norms, and Praxis (Lisa S. Parker) was taught in the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program of the Dietrich School as a core course in the Program's graduate certificate program. The course considers feminist critiques and accounts of epistemology and ethics, with particular attention to political representation and action, as well as global feminist perspectives.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

After wishing a fond farewell and happy retirement to Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD, in December, 2013, the CEP announced and welcomed Aviva Katz, MD, MA, as Director of the Consortium Ethics Program. Dr. Katz serves as Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and Attending Pediatric Surgeon at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a fellow and chair of the Committee on Bioethics for the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a member and chair of the Ethics and Advocacy Committee for the American Pediatric Surgical Association. With a vast and unique experience as both a clinician and ethicist, Dr. Katz will bring fresh ideas to carry out and expand the program's mission of providing a cost-effective approach to assist health care professionals, their institutions, and the local health care community in developing and sustaining awareness and expertise in clinical health care ethics.

CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE

The Center for Bioethics and Health Law sponsored the 31st Annual Ira Messer Lecture as part of the all-day Current Controversies in Medical Ethics Conference on April 4, 2014. This year's Messer Lecture, "Pain Relief As a Human Rights Issue" was delivered by Kathleen M. Foley, MD, Attending Neurologist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience and Clinical Pharmacology at Weill Cornell Medical College. It was followed by a talk on "What Is Pain?" by Richard Weinberg, MD, Section on Palliative Care and Medical Ethics at UPMC. A third lecture on "Faith, the Brain and Pain: Spirituality as a Resource for Dealing with Pain" was given by William J. Carl, III, President Theology Seminar.

The afternoon sessions were:

"Patient Communication About Pain and the Doctor's Response"

Robert M. Arnold, MD
Professor of Medicine
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Department of Anesthesiology
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Jordan Karp, MD
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University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Eva Szigethy, MD, PhD
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Medical Director, Visceral Inflammation and Pain Center – Division of Gastroenterology
Director, Medical Coping Clinic
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

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Ajay D. Wasan, MD
Vice Chair for Pain Medicine – UPMC Pain Medicine

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Tammy Flemming, MSN, ACNP-BC
UPP-Chronic Pain Division-APP Supervisor
UPMC Passavant Clinical Supervisor in Pain Management

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Richard P. Kidwell
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THE CENTER FOR BIOETHICS AND HEALTH LAW VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAM

This program brings well-known scholars in medical ethics to the University of Pittsburgh to meet with students, house staff, and faculty. These visits are designed to provide a wide variety of perspectives and current research in clinical and theoretical ethics. Visiting professors give grand rounds or a colloquium in the co-sponsoring department and conduct a colloquium for faculty and students of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law. Visiting Professors during 2013-14 were:

Donald N. Medearis Jr., Lecture – Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds

“Mystical Certainty Verses Scientific Uncertainty: The SUPPORT Study in Historical Content”

John Lantos, MD

Director, Children’s Mercy Bioethics Center

Children’s Mercy Hospital – Kansas City

Graduate School of Public Health

“What Place for Genomics? Personalized Medicine and Addressing Health Disparities”

Malia Fullerton, DPhil

Associate Professor of Bioethics & Humanities

University of Washington School of Medicine

Mark A. Nordenberg Lecture in Law and Psychiatry

“Return of Secondary Genomic Findings vs. Patient Autonomy”

Robert Klitzman, MD

Professor of Clinical Psychiatry

Columbia University

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Grand Rounds

“Genetic Testing of Embryos and Fetuses: Mapping the Rapidly Changing Ethical and Legal Landscape”

Ellen Wright Clayton, MD, JD

Craig-Weaver Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Law

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American Academy of Nursing Emerging and Infectious Disease Expert Panel (Erlen)
American Bar Association Committee on Bioethics (Meisel)
American College of Physicians Fellow and Representative on the Advisory Committee for Pain and Palliative Medicine Specialty Section Council (Arnold)
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Advisory Committee Member (Arnold)
American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) Chair, Ethics & Advocate Committee (Katz)
American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Board Member (Meisel)
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (Executive Board Member) (Parker)
Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (Schaffner)
Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Academic Studies Representative (Arnold)
Closure Conference Invitation: Developing a Statewide Consensus Strategy for End-of-life Education and Care Delivery (Arnold)
Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility (CSFR) American Association for the Advancement of Science (Schaffner)
Conflict of Interest in Research Committee, West Virginia University (Wicclair)
Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Steering Committee (Erlen)
Death With Dignity National Center Board of Directors (Meisel)
Enhancing the Biobanking Informed Consent Process to Improve Comprehension Expert Informant (Parker)
Expert Scientific Panel, eMERGE (Electronic Medical Record and Genomics) Network – Phase II, NHGRI (Parker)
Genomics and Society Working Group (GSWG), Division of Genomics and Society (DGS), NHGRI (Parker)
Hastings Center, Fellow (Meisel)
Hastings Center Project on Pharmacologically Treating Behavioral and Emotional Disturbances in Children: Engaging the Controversies (Schaffner)
Hastings Center Task Force to Revise the Guidelines on End of Life Care (Meisel)
Jewish Healthcare Foundation Board of Trustees (Meisel)
Jewish Healthcare Foundation Internship in Patient Safety Advisory Committee (Meisel)
Jewish Healthcare Foundation Salk Fellowship Advisory Board of the Health Sciences Fellowship (Meisel)
Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Advisory Committee on "Closure" Project (Meisel)
Monongalia General Hospital (Ethics Council) (Wicclair)
National Advisory Board of the Stanford University Center for Integration of Research on Genetics and Ethics (CIRGE) (Schaffner)
National Society of Genetic Counselors Ethics Advisory Group (Parker)
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Board of Scientific Counselors (Mendeloff)
National Institute of Nursing Research Review Committee (Erlen)
National Palliative Care Research Center Scientific Review Committee (Arnold)
Planning Committee for the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science National State of the Science Meeting (Erlen)
Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program Advisory Board Member (Arnold, Meisel)
Societal and Ethical Issues in Research Study Section (Parker)
Western Pennsylvania End-of-Life Coalition Advisory Board Member (Arnold)
West Virginia Network of Ethics Committee (Satkoske)
World Psychiatric Association-World Health Organizations Workgroup of International Classification and Diagnostic System (Schaffner)

CENTER FACULTY LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Local and Regional

4th Annual Amy Stine Workshop on Holistic Medicine (Arnold)

Children's Community Pediatrics Inaugural Education Webcast. "Lunch n' Learn: Ethics in the Community Pediatric Office" (Orenstein)

Clinical Update in Geriatric Medicine (Arnold)

Conference at the Slopes, Cambria-Somerset Council for Education of Health Professionals (Satkoske)

Consortium Ethics Program Retreat (Arnold, Wicclair)

Hereditary Cancer Conference (Parker)

League of Intravenous Therapy Education Vascular Access Network (LITEVAN) Annual Conference (Orenstein)

Magee Women's Health Research Institute (Parker)

Magee Women's Hospital (Parker)

Partners at McKeesport (Arnold)

Passavant Hospital Lecture (Wicclair)

St. Clair Hospital (Fischer)

University of Pittsburgh Consortium Ethics Program Annual Retreat (Satkoske)

University of Pittsburgh Department of Internal Medicine (Fischer)

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health Orientation (Parker)

University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy (Parker)

University of Pittsburgh Human Genetics Department (Parker)

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine – 4th Year Medical Students Lecture (Parker)

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Provost Inaugural Lecture (White)

University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Sciences (Parker)

UPMC Critical Care Fellows conference (Arnold)

UPMC Hospice and Palliative Care Fellows conference (Arnold)

UPMC Oncology Fellows conference (Arnold)

UPMC Pediatric Critical Care Fellows conference (Arnold)

UPMC St. Margaret Hospital (Satkoske)

UPMC Montefiore and Oakland VAMC (Fischer)

National and International

7th Annual Kathleen Foley Palliative Care Retreat, Sausalito, CA (Arnold)

9th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence, Miami, FL (Erlen)

12th Annual Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement, Sydney, Australia (Wicclair)

12th Annual Meet the Masters Symposium of the American Speech, Hearing, and Language Association, Chicago, IL (Meisel)

27th Annual WVNEC Symposium, Roanoke, WV (Satkoske)

37th Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, San Diego, CA (Fischer)

AAHPM Annual Assembly, San Diego, CA (Arnold)

Albert Einstein College of Medicine Grand Rounds, New York, NY (White)

Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Boston, MA (Parker)

American Pediatric Surgery Association, Phoenix, AZ (Katz)

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Atlanta, GA (Parker, Satkoske, White, Wicclair)

American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, San Francisco, CA (Meisel)

American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses Annual Convention, San Diego, CA (Satkoske)

American Thoracic Society International Conference, San Diego, CA (White)

Association of Health Care Journals, Denver, CO (Meisel)

Cleveland Clinic, Department of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Grand Rounds, Cleveland, OH (White)

Cleveland University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH (Arnold)

Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Hanover, NH (Meisel)

Eastern Nursing Research Society 26th Annual Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA (Erlen)

Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (Erlen)

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii (Wicclair)

Johns Hopkins University, Berman Institute of Bioethics – Shallenberger Lecture, Baltimore, MD (White)

Johns Hopkins University Bioethics Research Seminar, Baltimore, MD (White)

National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Lexington, KY (Erlen)

SCCM Research Meeting, Atlanta, GA (Arnold)

The Greenwall Foundation, New York, NY (White)

UCLA School of Medicine Grand Rounds, Los Angeles, CA (White)

University of Alabama Medicine Grand Rounds, Birmingham, AL (Arnold)

University of Chicago School of Medicine Grand Rounds, Chicago, IL (White)

University of Massachusetts Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds – Peter Viles Bioethics Lecture (Orenstein)

University of Michigan School of Medicine Research Seminar Lecture, Ann Arbor, MI (White)
University of New Mexico Medicine Grand Rounds, Albuquerque, NM (Arnold)
University of Texas Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, San Antonio, TX (Arnold)
University of Toronto School of Medicine Grand Rounds, Toronto, Canada (White)
University of Wisconsin Medicine Grand Rounds, Madison, WI (Arnold)
VitalTalk Training Conference, Bainbridge Island, WA (Arnold)
Vital Talk-ACS Communication Skills Training Series, Los Angeles, CA; Minneapolis, MN; Miami, FL; Boston, MA; Cincinnati, OH (Arnold)
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC (Parker)
West Virginia Network of Ethics Committees, Morgantown, WV (Satkoske)
West Virginia Office of Emergency Medicine Services, Sutton WV (Satkoske)
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