

**August  
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News**

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**COMPOSING THE CALENDAR:** Faculty and friends of the Center have scheduled—and are still adding to—a diverse [calendar of events](#). All of the Center’s collaborative programming continues this year. **Clinical Ethics Forum**, which is approved for continuing medical education (CME) credit, is held the second Monday of the month at noon to provide an opportunity to discuss current issues, cases, and articles. On September 11, the forum will discuss disparities in admission to medical and other health science schools.

The **Healthcare and Religion Lecture Series (HRLS)**, also approved for CME credit, typically occurs on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am. In September, however, the Center is promoting *The Intersections of Religion, Spirituality, and Medicine*, a symposium organized by Loreta Matheo, Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of Pediatrics. The symposium on September 14 will begin at 8:00 am with Pediatric Grand Rounds, [Muslim Experiences as a Critical Lens in the “Problem” of Religion in Medicine](#) (use passcode 904133). It will continue with three more sessions; consult the [calendar](#) for titles and registration details. The first HRLS lecture will be on October 3 when Joshua Brown and Candy Gunther Brown will discuss their research on neuroscience and divine intervention, the topic of a *New York Times* article “How Would You Prove That God Performed a Miracle?” (December 25, 2022). All lectures will be posted and archived on the [HRLS webpage](#).

On September 13 at 5:00 pm, the **Health Humanities Series** will begin with a talk by [psychiatrist Joseph Goldberg](#), who will discuss mood disorders, the evolution of their diagnosis and treatment, and creativity in relation to the Center’s virtual art exhibit, [Experience, Integration, Expression: The Work of Norman Klenicki](#). The focus on mental health will continue in the **Humanity and Healthcare Series** the Center sponsors with the City of Asylum, when Rachel Aviv discusses her book *Strangers to Ourselves* with nurse and author Theresa Brown, in-person and online, on September 26 at 7:00 pm (obtain [free tickets](#)).

Amy Flick from the English Department is scheduled to start off the **Bioethics and Health Humanities Series** of the Center and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences on September 28 at 4:00 pm. She will discuss her research on the rhetoric of harm reduction and addiction. The **CF Reynolds Medical History Society** is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Its **History of Medicine Lecture Series** begins, with support from the Center, on September 26 at 6:00 with a lecture by Lisa Joy Pruitt on [The Child Amputee in Post-World War II America](#).

**PLANNING A CONFERENCE:** In keeping with the University’s 2023-2024 Year of Discourse and Dialogue theme, the Center is planning its spring conference to focus on Creating Dialogue between Disability Studies and Bioethics, and between Healthcare Professionals and Patients with

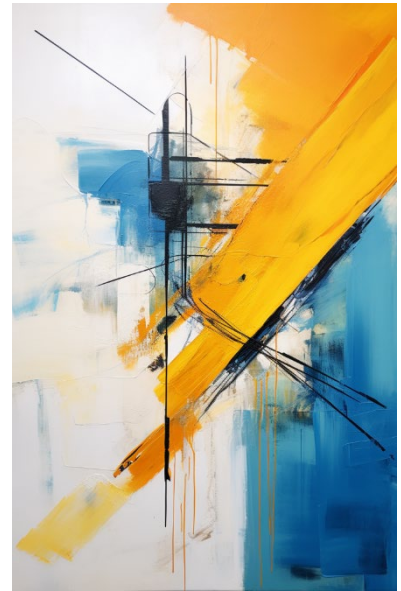
Disabilities. The Program Planning Committee includes Stephanie Eckstrom, Philip Empey, Jon Fuller, Rick Morycz, Marci Nilsen, Valerie Satkoske, Candace Skibba, and Daniel Wilkenfeld.

**LAUNCHING A JOURNAL:** For its inaugural issue in January 2024, *The Canary* is seeking submissions centered around the theme of “hope.” What does hope mean to you? What brings you hope? What erodes your hope? To whom, where, or what do you cling to in the uncertain moments of life?

Submissions—of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and visual art including photography, painting, drawing, and graphic medicine—will be accepted until midnight on October 15, 2023. The journal’s [website](#) includes submission guidelines and an inquiry form.

A literary journal for the Greater Pittsburgh Healthcare Community, *The Canary* seeks to be a place where the hearts of patients, providers, and community members can sing.

*The Canary* is the brainchild of **Christy Lucas**, brought to fruition in collaboration with **Chelsea Cockburn, Gaetan Sgro, Andrew Thurston**, and a small team of other creative healthcare colleagues. The Center and its program coordinator **Mia Spinelli** are providing support.



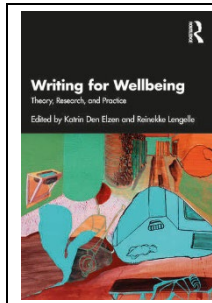
## CENTER FACULTY:

**Bob Arnold** published:

- Das Gupta MN, Hantzmon SV, Kutner JS, **Arnold RM**, Duck V, Mahoney H, Willis E, Pollak KI. Patient and Caregiver Expression of Reluctance and Ambivalence During Palliative Care Encounters, *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2022.0533>.
- Kruser JM, Clapp JT, **Arnold RM**. Reconsidering the Language of Serious Illness, *JAMA*, 2023, 330(7):587-588. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2023.11409>.
- Fitzgerald Jones K, Khodyakov D, **Arnold RM**, et al. Consensus-Based Guidance on Opioid Management in Individuals with Advanced Cancer-Related Pain and Opioid Misuse or Use Disorder, *Cancer*, 2023, in press.
- Kluger BM, **Arnold RM**. The Total Enjoyment of Life: A Framework for Exploring and Supporting the Positive in Palliative Care, *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2023.0321>

**Clark Chilson** spent May and June in Japan, where he gave a presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Naikan Therapy Conference at Tokyo University, was a panel discussant for the *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, and gave a guest lecture for a Thanatology graduate seminar at Sophia University.

**Marielle Gross** and colleague Paige Anderson's "Home Birth in the U.S.: An Evidence-Based Ethical Analysis" has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*.



Friend of the Center **Reinekke Lengelle** published [\*Writing for Well-being: Theory, Research, and Practice\*](#) (Routledge, 2023). It positions writing as an effective tool for fortifying one's emotional well-being. Last spring, Reinekke presented a workshop—*Writing for Well-being in Loss, Grief, and Transition*—during the Center's conference *Ethics, Healthcare, and Emotional Well-being*. Reinekke just completed as residency as Senior Researcher at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands, and returned to Athabasca University.

**Bridget Keown** was named as a Faculty Fellow of the Humanities Center for this academic year. Her research focuses on the history of trauma diagnoses, specifically the development of "shell shock" and other war-related traumas during the First World War. She is completing her first manuscript, *She Was Sure She Was in Hell: Women and War Trauma, 1914-1935*, which examines the narratives and experiences of British and Irish women who experienced trauma symptoms as the result of the First World War, and how gendered notions of citizenship, service, and suffering affected their ability to access care. As a Faculty Fellow, she will be working on a project funded by Pitt's Momentum Funds to identify and analyze claims files located in the War Risk Insurance Bureau to understand how social and cultural assumptions about identity influenced the diagnosis, care, and long-term wellbeing of American First World War veterans, and what effect this history has on veterans' care today. The third annual *Rethinking War* conference that Bridget organizes, with some support from the Center, is tentatively scheduled for March 22 – 23, 2024.

As part of a preconference workshop for the Alzheimer's Association International Conference on July 13, **Jennifer Lingler** participated in a panel discussion of the role of placebo controls in Alzheimer's disease clinical trials. Jennifer also has published:

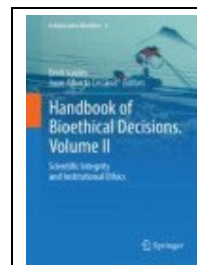
- Greer O, Cheng R, Tamres LK, Mattos M, Morris JL, Knox ML, **Lingler JH**. Nurse-led pre-test counseling for Alzheimer's disease biomarker testing: Knowledge and skills required to meet the needs of patients and families [published online ahead of print, 2023 Aug 1], *Geriatric Nursing*, 2023, 53:130-134. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gerinurse.2023.07.007>
- Eun Kim J, Tamres LK, Orbell SL, Cheng RZ, Klunk WE, Aizenstein HJ, Butters MA, McDade E, **Lingler JH**. "And Does That Necessarily Mean Absolutely Alzheimer's?" An Analysis of Questions Raised Following Amyloid PET Results Disclosure, *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jagp.2023.08.005>.

As the recently named K&L Gates Professor of Ethics and Computational Technologies at Carnegie Mellon University, **Alex John London** will co-direct the K&L Gates Initiative in Ethics and Computational Technologies. He and colleague Hoda Heidari have an article in preprint: [\*Beneficent Intelligence: A Capability Approach to Modeling Benefit, Assistance, and Associated Moral Failures through AI Systems\*](#).

**Lisa Parker** was announced as the new co-chair of the Graduate Bioethics Program Directors group, along with Gerard Vong, Director of Emory University's Master of Arts in Bioethics Program. She again served as the bioethics reviewer for the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund Validation and Commercialization Program in August, and is also serving as a bioethics consultant for Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc.

At the University, she served on the search committees to identify next year's Humanities Council Chair and the chair of the Department of Human Genetics. As director of the *Research, Ethics and Society Initiative* of Pitt Research, which is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year, Lisa is collaborating with Sara Fine Institute Director Nora Mattern and Associate Vice Provost for Data Science Michael Colaresi on programming and projects related to Generative AI and responsible data science. She was also asked by Chanden Sen, co-director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine to assemble a group of Center and Department of History and Philosophy of Science faculty to join Indiana University faculty in the Institute's Human Post-Mortem Tissue Conatus project exploring what happens to cells at the onset of human death.

In early August, **Jack Rozel** was one of only two dozen US clinicians to attend the FBI's Behavioral Assessment Unit's Mental Health Practitioners Conference.



**Mark Wicclair** published “Conscientious Objection” in *Handbook of Bioethical Decisions, Volume II: Scientific Integrity and Institutional Ethics*, edited by Erick Valdés and Juan Alberto Lecaros (Springer, 2023). This semester, Mark is again teaching *Theoretical Foundations of Applied Ethics* for the MA Program in Bioethics. **Michael Deem** is teaching *Philosophy of Medicine*.

**Daniel Wilkenfeld** is co-author of this article accepted for publication: Ne’eman, A., Richman, K., McCarthy, A., & Wilkenfeld, D.A. (2023). A passing problem: Evaluating harm and benefit in autism research. *Ethics and Human Research*, 2023.

## MA IN BIOETHICS PROGRAM STUDENTS AND ALUMNI:

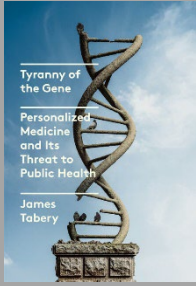
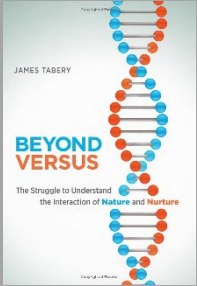
### THE MA PROGRAM WELCOMES ...

**Jennifer DeMao** is a healthcare executive with experience working with underserved populations and government programs. Currently, she is affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh where she earned her undergraduate degree and is now pursuing a Master of Studies in Law degree in the School of Law. Her primary focus in bioethics will be exploring the ethical challenges and considerations involved in promoting and protecting patient autonomy in healthcare decision making.

**Jessica McKelvey** earned her BS from Slippery Rock University where her interdisciplinary major focused on philosophy and cognitive science. She earned her MSW with a specialization in mental health from the University of Pittsburgh and gained experience in various psychiatric care settings. Jess possesses a range of interests in psychiatry and medicine. She is particularly interested in the deficiencies in structural competency—a term that refers to the ability of

healthcare providers to appreciate how symptoms, clinical conditions, and providers' attitudes toward patients, populations and health systems are influenced by upstream social determinants of health—as it relates to mental health, as well as the implications it has for those with severe mental illness. She is generally interested in ethical issues at the intersection of mental illness, healthcare, and law.

**Madeleine Panahandeh** graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with majors in neuroscience and Spanish. After receiving experience in basic research, Maddy is now interested in ethical decision making by patients with neurodegenerative disease. She is also interested in the right to healthcare of undocumented immigrants and marginalized populations.

	<p>MA Program alum <b>James Tabery</b> just published his second book, <i>Tyranny of the Gene: Personalized Medicine and Its Threat to Public Health</i> (Knopf, 2023). Described as “a revelatory account of how power, politics, and greed have placed the unfulfilled promise of ‘personalized medicine’ at the center of American medicine,” it “exposes the origin story of personalized medicine--essentially a marketing idea dreamed up by pharmaceutical executives--and traces its path from the Human Genome Project to the present.” <a href="#">Listen to an interview</a> with Jim. <i>Beyond Versus: The Struggle to Understand the Interaction of Nature and Nurture</i> (MIT Press, 2014) was his first book.</p>	
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