2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT: THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOETHICS & HUMANITIES

APRIL 1, 2017-MARCH 30, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

Education and Community Engagement

The 30th annual Summer Seminar in Healthcare Ethics, featuring Dr. Kayhan Parsi and Bioethics & Humanities faculty.

The Departments of Surgery & Bioethics & Humanities launched the 1st Annual Surgical Ethics Conference.

March 2017 Bioethics Grand Rounds, “Endocarditis and the Opioid Crisis: Justice, Futility, and Resource Utilization” drew a very large in person as well as remote audience.


National Leadership

Dr. Denise Dudzinski: Secretary, American Society of Bioethics & Humanities, Editorial Board American Journal of Bioethics

Dr. Nancy Jecker: Director at Large, American Society of Bioethics & Humanities

Dr. Helene Starks: Quality Committee and Clinical Quality Measures Working Group Member, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Dr. Malia Fullerton: continued in her role as the Chair of the Bioethics Advisory Board (BAB) of the Kaiser Permanente National Research Bank.

Clinical Ethics Consultation

UW Medicine Ethics Consultation Service provided 125 clinical ethics consults, and numerous organizational ethics consults across three institutions, Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center, and Northwest Hospital.

Personnel

Mandy Morneault joined the Department as Administrator in January 2018.

Scholarship


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Malia Fullerton serves as the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) lead for the Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER2) Coordinating Center housed at the University of Washington. The CSER2 Consortium, which is supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), is prioritizing engagement of traditionally underrepresented populations in clinical translational genomics research.


SCHOLARSHIP: PEER REVIEWED PAPERS (1 OF 8)

- Blacksher E. Shrinking Poor White Lifespans: Class, Race, and Health Justice, accepted April 2018, AJOB as target article.


 SCHOLARSHIP: PEER REVIEWED PAPERS (4 OF 8)


- Kinnamon, DD., Morales, A., Bowen, DJ, Burke, W, Hershberger, RE on behalf of the DCM Consortium Toward Genetics-Driven Early Intervention in Dilated Cardiomyopathy Design and Implementation of the DCM Precision Medicine Study Circ Cardiovasc Genet. 2017;10. PMID: 29237686


SCHOLARSHIP: PEER REVIEWED PAPERS (5 OF 8)


- Makhnoon, S, Garett, LT, Burke, W, Bowen, DJ, Shirts, BH. Beyond uncertainty: Experiences of patients who participate in variant of uncertain significance reclassification research, in press. Journal applied social psychology.


SCHOLARSHIP: PEER REVIEWED PAPERS (6 OF 8)


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SCHOLARSHIP

**Book Chapters**


**Commentaries/Editorials/Letters**


PRESENTATIONS

Erika Blacksher, PhD, Associate Professor


PRESENTATIONS

Gina Campelia, PhD, Assistant Professor


PRESENTATIONS

Denise Dudzinski, PhD, MTS, Professor and Chair


PRESENTATIONS

Kelly Edwards, PhD, Professor

NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Philadelphia, March 2018

“Building Trustworthy and Just Relationships in Research,” Native Health Research Conference, Anchorage, October 2017

“Ethics in Citizen Science,” NIEHS Partnerships in Environmental Public Health, Webinar Speaker, October 2017
Malia Fullerton, DPhil, Associate Professor

"Practicing precision: reflections on the pursuit of genomic research in clinical settings," Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, April 2017

"Informed consent in genomic research using electronic health records: views of prospective participants", iCONCUR Bioethics Workshop, University of California at San Diego, CA, April 2017

"Genomics, precision medicine, and population health benefit: addressing bias in discovery and translation," Center for Genomics and Society, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC and Center for Transdisciplinary ELSI Research in Translational Genomics, University of California San Francisco, CA, both May 2017

"Aiming for equity: the ethical case for greater diversity in genomic research participation," American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, October 2017

“Health care disparities in genomic medicine”, for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health Fall 2017 Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2017
PRESENTATIONS

Tom Gallagher, MD, Professor

PRESENTATIONS (1 OF 3)

Nancy Jecker, PhD, Professor

Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg, Department of Philosophy and Center for African Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, Johannesburg, South Africa, January 2017-December 2019.

Book Symposium, featuring the first 5 chapters of my book on ethics and aging, includes 12 faculty from the University of Johannesburg Department of Philosophy, University of Johannesburg African Center for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, Witwatersrand University Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2018.

Invited Speaker, “Preserving Dignity in Later Life: Sub-Saharan African and U.S. Perspectives,” University of Johannesburg, Department of Philosophy, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2018.

Invited Speaker, Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, Witwatersrand University, Department of Philosophy, Presentation on “Preserving Dignity in Later Life: Sub-Saharan African and U.S. Perspectives,” Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2018.

Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, March 2018.
Nancy Jecker, PhD, Professor

Keynote Address, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics and Office of Medical Education, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong. International Conference on Bioethics, Professionalism & Workplace Assessment, presentation on “Professionalism in Medicine,” March 2018.

Bioethics Symposium Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics and Office of Medical Education, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong. International Conference on Bioethics, Professionalism & Workplace Assessment, presentation on “Preserving Dignity in later Life: Dementia,” March 2018.

Invited Speaker, National Taiwan University, College of Medicine, Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Bioethics. Presentation on “Preserving Dignity for Older Adults,” March 2018.

Nancy Jecker, PhD, Professor

Visiting Professor, University of Bucharest, Research Institute, Division of Humanities, Bucharest, Romania, Presentations on “Making Decisions for Patients with Advanced Dementia;” “Preserving Dignity in Dementia;” “The Future of Population Aging: Lessons from Romania,” December 2017.


Helene Starks, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor


NEW GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Population-based Interventions to Improve Behavioral Health in a Tribal Healthcare System
Funded by the NIH Native American Research Centers for Health
Susan Brown Trinidad, MA, Senior Researcher

Kidney Precision Medicine Project Central Hub
Funded by the NIH National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases
Malia Fullerton, DPhil, Co-Investigator

An Empirical Approach to Identifying Effective Strategies for Communicating with Vulnerable Patients about Costs
Funded by Donaghue Foundation at University of Massachusetts Medical School
Thomas Gallagher, MD, Principal Investigator
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bioethics Grand Rounds

“Difficult Conversations: “Talking With Teens (and Their Parents) About Poor Prognosis,”
Abby R. Rosenberg, MD, MS, UW Assistant Professor Department of Pediatrics, Hematology/Oncology

“Patient Fear and Comfort: Ethical Obligations for Patients in Awake Procedures,” Paul J. Ford, PhD, Interim Chair Department of Bioethics, Cleveland Clinic

“Endocarditis and the Opioid Crisis: Justice, Futility, and Resource Utilization” organized by James Kirkpatrick, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of the Echocardiography Laboratory, Chair of UWMC Ethics Committee

30th Annual Summer Seminar in Healthcare Ethics
July 31-August 4, 2017

1st Annual Surgical Ethics Conference
August 5, 2017

Bioethics & Humanities MA 2017 graduates:
Crystal Brown, MD
Kristi Klee, DNP, MSN, RN, CPN
Leah Kroon, MN, RN, CPHON
Abby Rosenberg, MD, MS
Anna Snyder, MD
Tyler Tate, MD

UW School of Medicine

As part of a new medical student course “Ecology of Health and Medicine”, the Ethics Theme has launched 4 new ethics modules and has plans to launch an additional 4 new modules in the coming year. Topics include: What is Bioethics?, Individual Responsibility to the Profession, Trustworthiness & Relational Autonomy, Relational Ethics, Healthcare Justice: Bedside Rationing, and Complexities in Decision Making Capacity.