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Dr. Jones is the author of *Bad Blood: The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, A Tragedy of Race and Medicine* (1981) and *Alfred C. Kinsey: A Public/Private Life* (1997). He has served as a Kennedy Fellow in Bioethics and the History of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and a Senior Research Fellow at the Kennedy Institute of Bioethics at Georgetown, and he has held senior fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and The Rockefeller Foundation. His essays have appeared in publications as diverse as *The Hastings Report* and *The New Yorker*. In addition, he has appeared on "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show," and he has been interviewed on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and "All Things Considered." An independent scholar, Dr. Jones lives in Washington, D.C.

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Placing David in the Bubble

David Vetter (1972-1984), who was known to the world as "the bubble boy," lived all but a few days of his short life in an isolator, untouched by human hands. As a case study in children and human experimentation, his story offers a unique opportunity to examine a number of ethical issues. This lecture will describe and analyze how and why David Vetter's parents agreed to place their son in isolation, and it will examine in detail the role played by each of the three members of the medical team who cared for David. Careful attention will be paid to the ethical issues that were raised by this decision.

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