

Spring Quarter 2013 Colloquium Series

From Principles to Practice: Ethics concepts in comparative perspective

Mondays at the Simpson Center: Communications 202

What constitutes ethically responsible conduct of research in rapidly evolving fields where the potential benefits and threats include long term, often global social and ecological impacts? The Spring 2013 BFGW colloquia will focus on key ethics concepts and ideals that cross-cut research specialisms, shaping practice in fields ranging from environmental ethics and energy extraction engineering, to biomedicine and cultural heritage research. Join our panelists and speakers for the following Spring 2013 colloquia:

Monday, April 29, 12:00 - 1:30 pm: **What counts as consent?**

- **Malia Fullerton** (Bioethics and Humanities, UW School of Medicine) *will discuss issues raised by informed consent in the context of tissue donation;*
- **Gwen Ottinger** (Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell) *will consider standards of informed consent when our knowledge of risks and benefits is uncertain, focusing on environmental hazards;*
- **Chris Wade** (Nursing and Health Studies, UW Bothell) *will draw on his experience with the Multiplex Initiative at the NIH to discuss resources that can facilitate consent processes.*

Monday, May 6, 12:00 - 1:30 pm: **New Belmont: Knowledge, Power, and the Ethics of Biological Security**

- **Gaymon Bennett** and **Roger Brent** (Center for Biological Futures, FHCRC) *will discuss the implications of a rapidly changing biosecurity landscape in which a growing number of individuals and small groups have the capability to make new replicating organisms. They revisit the monumental 1979 'Belmont Report' on human subjects research and ask what new strategies are needed to understand and address the challenges posed by state-of-the-art biological research.*

Monday, May 20, 12:00 - 1:30 pm: **Stewardship...of what, by whom, in whose interests?**

- **Environmental ethics:** **Steve Gardiner** and **Lauren Hartzell Nichols** (Philosophy, Program on Values and Program on the Environment) *will discuss controversies surrounding the concept of environmental stewardship from the perspective of environmental ethics;*
- **Medical research:** **Wylie Burke** and **Kelly Edwards** (Bioethics and Humanities, School of Medicine) *will consider ways of thinking about stewardship of medical information and biological samples and consider their implications for health care and biomedical research;*
- **Archaeology:** **Alison Wylie** (Philosophy and Archaeology/Anthropology) *will discuss why it's contentious when archaeologists claim stewardship responsibility for the archaeological record.*

Lunch will be served! Be sure to RSVP to suzelong@uw.edu.

Background readings are posted on the Spring Colloquium GoPost:

<https://catalyst.uw.edu/gopost/board/aw26/32579/>

*For more information about these colloquia
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<http://tiny.cc/biological-futures>*