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Personnel

- Gina Campelia joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor and is leading UW School of Medicine’s Ethics theme in the medical school curriculum.
- Deb Bowen became the Associate Director of Public Health Genetics.
- Nancy Jecker was Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics, Shatin, New Territories.

Scholarship

- **Wylie Burke** and **Susan Trinidad** The deceptive appeal of direct to consumer genetics. *Ann Int Med* 2016 Apr 19;164(8):564-5.
- ** Deb Bowen**, Changing the housing environment to reduce obesity in public housing residents: A cluster randomized trial, BMC Public Health.

Education and Community Engagement

- The 30th annual Summer Seminar in Healthcare Ethics, featuring Dr. Kayhan Parsi and Bioethics & Humanities faculty, had 86 with high satisfaction ratings (xxx).
- The Departments of Surgery & Bioethics & Humanities launched the 1st Annual Surgical Ethics Conference.
- The Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care program continues with **Helene Starks**, PhD, MPH as core faculty.
- Bioethics Grand Rounds hosted four events including a combined Surgical Ethics Grand Rounds with the Department of Surgery.
- **Malia Fullerton** presented; "Benefits, misconceptions, and pitfalls of biomedical research", as part of the Engaging Communities to Participate in Biomedical Research and Precision Medicine Opportunities panel, National Latino Cancer Summit, San Francisco, July 2016.
- MA Bioethics Alum **Danae Dotolo**, was selected as one of six 2016-2017 Magnusson Scholars.

National Leadership

- **Denise Dudzinski** was elected Secretary and **Nancy Jecker** was elected Director of the American Society for Bioethics & Humanities.
- In 2015, **Erika Blacksher** was appointed to the Ethics Code Task Force, American Public Health Association, which is revising the Public Health Ethics Code of the American Public Health Association 2002.
• **Deb Bowen** won the lifetime achievement award for LGBT health from the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association

• **Malia Fullerton** was invited to join the Population Screening Working Group, Genomics and Population Health Action Collaborative (GPHAC), Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

**Clinical Ethics Consultation**

• UW Medicine Ethics Consultation Service provided **128** clinical ethics consults, and numerous organizational ethics consults across three institutions, Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center, and Northwest Hospital.
SCHOLARSHIP

Publications: 29
Peer-reviewed Papers/Professional Organization Statements: 20
Commentaries/Editorials/Letters: 3
Book Chapters: 6

Peer-reviewed Papers


Commentaries/Editorials/Letters

Fullerton, SM (2016). No panacea: Next-Gen Sequencing will not mitigate adoptees’ lack of genetic family health history (Peer Commentary on May et al., Does lack of ‘Genetic Relative Family Health History’ represent a potentially avoidable health disparity for adoptees?). American Journal of Bioethics, 16(12):41-43.


Book Chapters
Presentations: 30
National or International Meetings: 17
Conferences/Workshops/Grand Rounds: 12
Visiting Professorships: 1

Erika Blacksher


Gina Campelia


Denise Dudzinski


*Moral Distress.* Veteran’s Health Administration Ethics Committee. Seattle, WA, May 3, 2017

*Ethics in Extracorporeal Life Support,* , University of Washington Medical Center & Harborview Medical Center ECLS Nurses, March 22, 2016

*Ethics Committees & Consultation Services.* Overlake Hospital. Bellevue, Washington, September 28, 2016. (for the Overlake Hospital Ethics Committee)

Project Echo- Geriatrics. *Informed Consent & Shared Decision Making.* December 16, 2016. (for regional physicians)
Kelly Edwards


Malia Fullerton


“On the use of race and ethnicity in genetic research”, Use of Race/Ethnicity in Genomics and Biomedical Research workshop, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, October 2016

“Big data and the pursuit of precision medicine: challenges for research oversight”, Ethics and Regulation in the Digital Age, Northwest Association for Biomedical Research and Quorum Annual Conference, Seattle, July 2016

“Benefits, misconceptions, and pitfalls of biomedical research”, Invited Panelist, Engaging Communities to Participate in Biomedical Research and Precision Medicine Opportunities, National Latino Cancer Summit, San Francisco, July 2016

“Ethical issues in clinical genomics”, Distinguished Guest Speaker, GeNOM ALVA Project Summer Seminar Series, University of Washington, Seattle, July 2016


Nancy Jecker

Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, July 2016.

Keynote Address, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, International Workshop on Genetic Enhancement, presentation on “Future People as Research Subjects: CRISPR-Cas9 Engineering of the Human Germline,” July 2016.

Invited Speaker, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Philosophy and Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Bioethics, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, presentation on “Age-Based Inequalities in Health and Health Care: An Ethics Framework,” July 2016.
National University of Singapore, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Centre for Biomedical Ethics, Singapore, Presentation on “Preparing Health Care Systems to Care for Aging Populations: An Ethics Framework,” July 2016.


National University of Singapore, National University Hospital, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore, Grand Rounds presentation on “When Not to Rescue Victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest: An Ethical Analysis of Best Practices for CPR and Emergency Cardiac Care,” July 2016

Helene Starks


Qualitative research methods.” Workshop co-leader, Kathleen Foley Palliative Care Retreat, Quebec City, Canada, October 25, 2016.

“Moving forward into the future with health services research.” Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, OH, December 6, 2016.

Grants and Contracts

New Awards
DNA Repair Therapies for Ovarian Cancer
Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center
Deb Bowen, PhD, Co-I

Integrated Versus Referral Care for Complex Psychiatric Disorders in Rural FQHC’s
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Deb Bowen, PhD, Co-I

Program on Genetic and Dietary Predictors of Drug Response in Rural and AI/AN Populations
NIGMS
Wylie Burke, MD, PhD, PI
Sue Trinidad, research scientist

Campus-Community Capacity Building for Climate Change Research and Adaptation
NIH
**Kelly Edwards**, PhD, Co-I

Interdisciplinary Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics, and Environment
NIH
**Kelly Edwards**, PhD, key personnel

TopMed Data Coordinating Center Supplement
NHLBI
**Malia Fullerton**, DPhil, key personnel

Rare Variants and NHLBI Traits in Deeply Phenotyped Cohorts
NHLBI
**Wylie Burke**, MD, PhD, key personnel

Healthier Washington Initiative Evaluation Project
Washington State Health Care Authority
**Deb Bowen** PhD, Co-I

Implementation evaluation of home-based palliative care ACO pilot program.
Stupski Foundation
**Helene Starks**, PhD, MPH, Co-I and PI on UW subcontract
EDUCATION and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

UWMC Bioethics Grand Rounds
A Romp in the PARC: Research on Medical Practices – Public Attitudes for Research Consent
Benjamin S. Wilfond, MD
February 2016

Joint Bioethics Grand Rounds, Co-sponsored by the Department of Surgery
Ethics and Surgical Ethics: Same and Different
Robert M. Sade, MD
October 2016

30th Annual Summer Seminar in Healthcare Ethics, July 31-August 4, 2017
Total attendees: 93

1st Annual Surgical Ethics Conference, August 5, 2017 Seattle, WA

Palliative Care Certificate Program

Biomedical Research Integrity Program
Total participants: 385

Bioethics & Humanities MA Program
2017 graduates: Crystal Brown
Kristi Klee
Leah Kroon
Abby Rosenberg
Anna Snyder
Tyler Tate

UW School of Medicine Ethics Curriculum Development
• In 2017, created the ethics content for the Ecology of Health and Medicine, which is a new course for the UW Medical School curriculum.
• Ethics sessions in the curriculum include:
  • Adolescent Adherence,
  • Ethics of Carrier Testing,
  • Lessons from Tuskegee,
  • Care Ethics and Sickle Cell Disease,
  • History of Bioethics,
  • Individual Responsibility in the Profession,
  • Ethical Values, Obligations and Virtues in Communities
• Topics include: autonomy & relational autonomy, beneficence, virtues in the profession, culture of medicine, care ethics, medical futility, informed consent, casuistry, and more.
Ethics CONSULTATIONS at UW Medicine Hospitals

University of Washington Medical Center  49
Harborview Medical Center          65
Northwest Hospital                  14