

# Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter

PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES, CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of more upcoming events related to bioethics and humanities, [click here](#).

## QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

"There is a need for closer attention to how patients from various sociodemographic backgrounds are introduced into the primary care system, and how underserved patients are managed by a constantly changing cadre of resident physicians. Striking the appropriate balance is vital as the medical system strives to train physicians while providing high-quality and equitable care to all patients."

To read more, click here:  
Essien et al. [J Gen Intern Med. 2019](#)

## UIHC ETHICS CONSULT SERVICE

This service is a resource for patients, family members, or health professionals at UIHC who would like help addressing an ethical question or problem related to a patient's care. Consults can be ordered by UIHC clinicians through EPIC. Consults can also be requested by calling (319) 356-1616 and asking for the ethics consultant on call. For more information, [click here](#).



*Welcome* to the monthly Bioethics and Humanities Newsletter provided by the Program in Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

## Program in Bioethics and Humanities: *Our Mission*

We are committed to helping healthcare professionals explore and understand the increasingly complex ethical questions that have been brought on by advances in medical technology and the health care system. We achieve this through education, research, and service within the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care, University of Iowa, and the wider Iowa community.

[More Details About The Program](#)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

### BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES SEMINAR

The *Bioethics and Humanities Seminar* is a one-credit hour elective course directed and taught by Lauris Kaldjian, MD, PhD.

The purpose of the Seminar is to provide an introduction to topic areas and themes that are central to bioethics and the humanities in the context of medicine. The course covers a diverse but inter-connected range of topic areas in bioethics and



## CLINICAL RESEARCH ETHICS SERVICE

We provide free consultation on ethical issues related to research design, tissue banking, genetic research results, informed consent, and working with vulnerable patient populations. In particular, we assist clinical investigators in identifying and addressing the ethical challenges that frequently arise when designing or conducting research with human subjects. These include ethical challenges in sampling design; randomized and placebo-controlled studies; participant recruitment and informed consent; return of individual-level research results; community engagement processes; and more. For more information, [click here](#).

## READING ETHICS AT UIHC

If you are interested to see what the UIHC Ethics Subcommittee was reading in July, click on the following links ([article 1](#); [article 2](#))



## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society invites you to visit the [John Martin Rare Book Room website](#). On this website you will find resources, [digital exhibits](#), [videotaped lectures](#), and news/highlights.

For a list of the University of Iowa History of Medicine Society 2019-2020 Presentations and Events, [click here](#).

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

### BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES SEMINAR

humanities, including ethical theory, contrasting approaches to ethics (principles, consequences, virtues), clinical ethics, moral agency and responsibility, diversity and culture, professionalism and humanism in medicine, research ethics, history and medicine, technology and the future, narrative ethics, and the use of literature in medicine.

**The Seminar will meet every Monday from 12:00-12:50 PM** (minus Labor Day and Thanksgiving week), starting August 26, 2019 and ending December 9, 2019. For a copy of the syllabus, [click here](#).

Class size is limited to 15 students in order to create a setting that is conducive to engagement by all participants. Priority for enrollment is given to medical students but is also open to other students at the University of Iowa, as space allows. Students wishing to enroll in the Fall 2017 Seminar should email the [Course Coordinator](#).

## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Navigating the Choppy Waters Between Public Safety and Humane Care of the Prisoner-Patient: The Role of the Ethics Consultant

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*Laurel J. Lyckholm & Laura A. Shinkunas*  
[The American Journal of Bioethics, 2019: 19: 59-61](#)

The July issue of the American Journal of Bioethics explored what just health care might entail when caring for a hospitalized prisoner who is dying shackled to the bed with imposed restrictions on family contact. Dr. Anita Tarzian at the University of Maryland provided the case, which is accessible [here](#). There were three commentaries based on the case. One was written by Dr. Laurel Lyckholm, faculty member in the Program in Bioethics and Humanities and oncologist, and Laura Shinkunas, research specialist in the Program. In their commentary, Dr. Lyckholm and Ms. Shinkunas point out the inherent tension the case of the "prisoner-patient" brings out (i.e., balancing staff and public safety with the duty to provide compassionate end-of-life care). They present ethical considerations to inform whether shackles and restricted visitation are justified in this case, and how the health care ethics consultants' code of ethics may apply.

For the full text of this commentary, [click here](#).

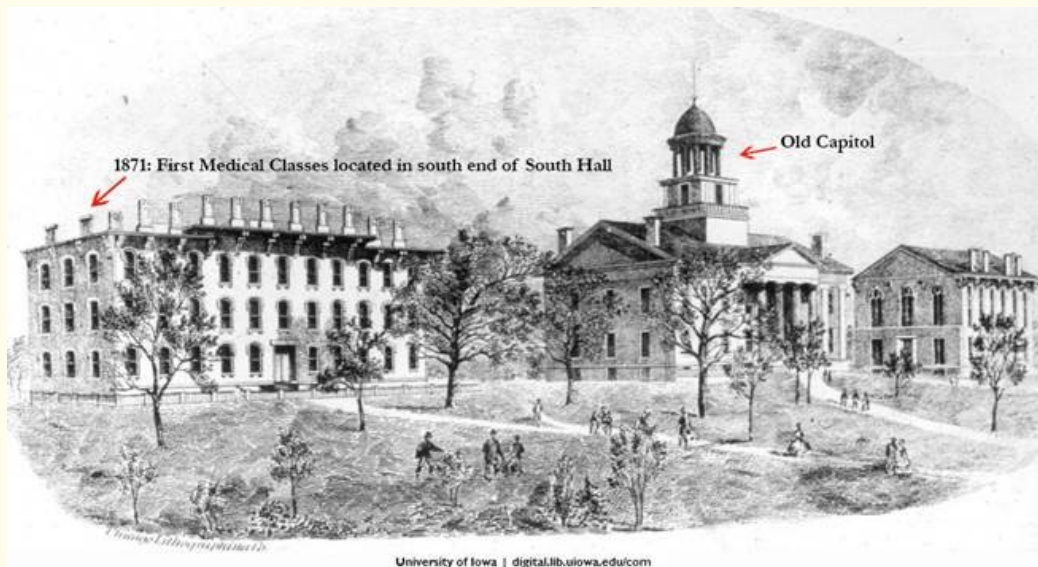
## HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY

### EXHIBIT OPENING

Back by popular demand, the College of Medicine exhibit at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, prepared by staff in the John Martin Rare Book Room, will be available through Winter 2020. It is packed with photographs and information about the history of the College.

# COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

## 1870 - 1928



A pictorial timeline of decades of history, available for viewing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor near the entrance.

## BIOETHICS LITERATURE

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- ⇒ Jeong S, Barrett T, Ohr SO, et al. Study protocol to investigate the efficacy of normalisation of advance care planning (ACP) for people with chronic diseases in acute and community settings: A quasi-experimental design. [BMC Health Serv Res](#). 2019 May 4; 19: 286.
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- ⇒ Pope TM. Five things clinicians should know when caring for unrepresented patients. [AMA Journal of Ethics](#). 2019; 21: 582-586.
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## BIOETHICS NEWS AND EVENTS

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- ⇒ [Following 'CRISPR babies' scandal, senators call for international gene editing guidelines](#). STAT News, July 15, 2019.
- ⇒ [Vincent Lambert died on Thursday at 8.24am](#). BioEdge, July 13, 2019.
- ⇒ [Is medicine overrated?](#) Scientific American, July 12, 2019.
- ⇒ [California is 1st state to offer health benefits to adult undocumented immigrants](#). NPR, July 10, 2019.
- ⇒ [How to speak to someone who's suffering](#). The Atlantic, July 1, 2019.

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