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Please note that due to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) situation, these events are tentative.

BIOETHICS THIS MONTH

June 3
Tues.  Ethics Ground Rounds: Dianne Godkin, Clinical Ethics Fellow, Joint Centre for Bioethics. “Advance Directives in a Rehabilitation Setting: Opportunities and Challenges,” 1:45 – 2:45 pm, Room S411, Queen Elizabeth Centre, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, 130 Dunn Avenue.

June 18
Wed.  Bioethics Seminar: Jim Stark, Founder, Operation Dismantle; Principal, Life Profiles. “The Lie-Detection Revolution and its Implication for Achieving World Security,” 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Philippa Harris Library, Great Hall, Joint Centre for Bioethics, 88 College Street.

June 19
Thurs.  Everyday Ethics: Karen Faith, Clinical Ethics Fellow, Joint Centre for Bioethics. “Moral Distress: Is There a Role for the Clinical Ethicist?” 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, Room 1527, Roy C. Hill Wing, The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue.
**June 25**  
**Bioethics Seminar:** Ross Upshur, Director, Primary Care Research Unit, Sunnybrook and Women’s College Health Science Centre. “Ethics and SARS: Learning lessons from the Toronto Experience.” **4:00 – 5:00 pm,** Philippa Harris Library, Great Hall, Joint Centre for Bioethics, 88 College Street.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2003 GRADUATES**

**MHSc Class of 2003:** Mark Bernstein, Tania DePellegrin, Pierre LaPlante, Elyse Levinsky, Doreen Ouellet, and Shawn Winsor.

**International MHSc Class of 2003 (Graduating Nov. 2003):** Aasim Ahmad, Eric Amuah, Nalin Mehta, Busi Nkala, and Jerome Singh.

**Collaborative Program in Bioethics:** Pierre Cote (PhD), Shannon Madden (MSc), and Kathy Carlin (PhD).

**WELCOME TO THE JCB SUMMER STUDENTS**

**Emily Austin** is working with Gordon DuVal. In September, Emily will enter her fourth year of Physiology at McGill University.

**Jen Bell** is working with Doug Martin on Priority Setting at Toronto Western Hospital in response to the 2003 SARS outbreak. Jen is studying Bioethics and Philosophy at the University of Toronto.

**Archana Bhatt** is working with Peter Singer on the Nutrigenomics and Ethics project. In September, Archana will enter her fourth year of Human Biology and Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

**Nadine Blum** is working with Sue MacRae and Peter Singer on the JCB’s Policy on Conflict of Interest. In September, Nadine will enter her second year of Law School at Osgoode Hall, York University.

**Erin Court** is working with Peter Singer and Abdallah Daar on the Role of Nanotechnology in Developing Countries. In September, Erin will enter her second year of Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

**Andrea Hoffman** is working with Christine Harrison and Debbie Katzman on Bioethical Issues in Patients with Eating Disorders. In September, Andrea will enter her second year of Medicine at the University of Toronto.
Katherine MacDonald is working for Abdallah Daar and Peter Singer on the Role of Nanotechnology in Developing Countries and the Ethics of Nutrigenomics and Pharmacogenomics and their application in the Developing World. In September, Katherine will enter her fifth year of Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Kate Malisani is working with Sue MacRae to establish an Undergraduate Bioethics Society at the University of Toronto in collaboration with the JCB. In September, Kate will enter her third year of Bioethics and Religion at the University of Toronto.

Elizabeth Martin is working with Peter Singer and Abdallah Daar on various Genomics projects including the Role of Nanotechnology in Developing Countries and the Harnessing Genomics and Biotechnology to achieve UN Millennium Development Goals report. In September, Elizabeth will enter her second year of Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Erin McFadden is working with Christine Harrison on Consent to Treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children. In September, Erin will enter her second year of Life Sciences at Queen’s University.

Deepa Persad is working with Tara Acharya on Grand Challenges in Global Health Care and the Role of Nanotechnology in Developing Countries. In September, Deepa will enter her fourth year of Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Shail Rawal is working with Doug Martin on the Ethics of Cardiac Care Report Cards. In September, Shail will enter her fourth year of Health Sciences at McMaster University.

Diego Silva is working with Sue MacRae to establish an Undergraduate Bioethics Society at the University of Toronto in collaboration with the JCB, with Linda Wright on ethical issues surrounding the sales of organs, and with Gordon DuVal on the Project Evaluating Effectiveness in Clinical Ethics (PEECE). In September, Diego will enter his third year of Philosophy and Bioethics at the University of Toronto.

Hagit Soibelman is working with Scott Berry on Health Policy Issues in Oncology Drug Funding. In September, Hagit will enter her first year of Nursing at the University of Toronto.

CANADIAN PRIORITY SETTING RESEARCH NETWORK

The Canadian Priority Setting Research Network (CPSRN), based at the JCB, is offering support for new scholars conducting research in priority setting.

The New Investigator Award is for two years with salary support of up to $40,000 per year, tenable at a recognized Canadian university (applicants must be within five years of their first faculty appointment).

The Postdoctoral Fellowship is for two years, tenable at the JCB, with a stipend of $35,000 per year.
The Graduate Student Award is for one year with a stipend of $17,000 (applicants must be accepted by or enrolled in a PhD level program as a full-time student engaged in research training), tenable at a recognized Canadian university.

The 2003 Competition deadline for all awards is June 30.

Further details on eligibility and application process are outlined in the 2003 CPSRN guidelines. For copies of the guidelines, please contact the Network’s Administrative Assistant at canadian.prioritysetting@utoronto.ca or by telephone at 416 946 0058.

PUBLICATIONS

**Bernstein M.** WHO decision was an insult to Herculean work in Toronto. *The Ottawa Citizen*, April 30, 2003; A17.


**Bernstein M.** Hospital mergers: Good organizational ethics are needed. *Parkhurst Exchange* 2003; 11:139.


**Lemmens T.** SARS is bad. Malaria is worse. *The National Post* 2003; May 2.

HONOURS, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Trudo Lemmens has been invited to become a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton. He will spend the academic year 2003-2004 at the School of Social Sciences of the Institute.

Anisa Mnyusiwalla was awarded Category 1 entry 3rd prize in the Annual Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network Department of Medicine Mimi and Charles Hollenberg Research Competition.

Jeff Powis was awarded Category 1 entry 1st prize in the Annual Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network Department of Medicine Mimi and Charles Hollenberg Research Competition. Jeff will be presented with his award and give a 10 minute overview of his recent project done with collaborators at the JCB (Ed Etchells, Peter Singer, Doug Martin and Sue MacRae) at medical Grand Rounds at Mount Sinai Hospital on Wednesday, June 4th (9:00 am). The title of Jeff’s project is Can a good death be made better?: A quality improvement project.

STEM CELL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: CALL FOR MEMBERS

The human pluripotent stem cell research guidelines announced by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research on March 4, 2002 include a commitment to set up a Stem Cell Oversight Committee. This committee will review grant applications in this area from researchers at institutions funded by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC in accordance with the guidelines. Applications and nominations are now being sought for the Stem Cell Oversight Committee. Members will have a variety of backgrounds and expertise. They will include professionals in biology, health care, ethics, law, social sciences, the assisted human reproduction community, and members of the general public with an interest in health research. For information on criteria for membership, how to apply and details on how the committee will operate, please visit: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/about_cihr/organization/ethics/stem_cell/scoc_e.shtml. The deadline for receiving applications is June 2, 2003. Please direct questions to: Stem Cell Oversight Committee, Canadian Institutes for Health Research, 9th Floor, Postal Locator 4209A, 410 Laurier Avenue W, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0W9; Phone: 613-941-2672 or 1-888-603-4178; Fax: 613-954-1800; Email: stemcell@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.
EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Capacity Building and Knowledge Networking on Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics: Salt Lake City, Utah, 2-4 June 2003. For information, please visit the Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) website at: http://www.igwg.org

9th Annual Midwest Qualitative Research Conference: Minneapolis, Minnesota, 18-20 June 2003. For more information, please visit: http://www.stthomas.edu/education/events/qr.html

The Adaptable Human Body: Transhumanism and Bioethics in the 21st Century: New Haven, Connecticut, 27-29 June 2003. For more information or to register, please contact Dr. James Hughes at: james.hughes@trincoll.edu or visit: http://www.transhumanism.org/tv/2003usa/index.htm

NEH Summer Seminar: Ethics at the End of Life: Salt Lake City, Utah, 30 June – 1 August, 2003. For more information, please contact Leslie Francis (Phone: 801-581-4289, Email: francisl@law.utah.edu) or visit: http://www.philosophy.utah.edu/NEHsumsem/ethicsendoflife

11th Annual Summer Seminar of the Center for Literature, Medicine and the Health Care Professions: Hiram, Ohio, 2-7 August 2003. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Donley (donleycc@hiram.edu) or visit: http://home.hiram.edu/www/litmed/

XVIIIth European Conference: Genetics and Health: Reykjavik, Iceland, 25-28 August 2004. For more information, please contact the Conference Secretariat at: d.verhaar@efg.umen.nl

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