Syllabus

Bioethics and the Law

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Fall Term, 1986-87

Texts: Areen, King, Goldberg & Capron, Law, Science and Medicine (Foundation Press, 1984) (LSM)

Weisbard, Supplemental Readings on Bioethics and the Law (Photocopied, 1986) (Supp.)

Outline of Course: (subject to modification as we proceed)

I. Introductory Case Study: Barney Clark and the Artificial Heart

II. The Beginnings of "Bioethics": Experimentation with Human Beings

III. Informed Consent in Medicine and Research

IV. Death and Dying

V. Organ Transplantation and Access to Care

VI. Artificial Reproduction and The New Genetics (as time permits)
Preliminary Syllabus (subject to modification)

Week One:  August 27 and 28, 1986

I.  Barney Clark and the Artificial Heart
    Supp. Items 1 and 1a; Film
    Supp. Items 2,3,4, (5),6

Week Two:  Sept. 3 and 4

II.  Experimentation with Human Beings
    LSM 898-932; Supp. Item 7
    LSM 932-950

    May begin LSM 950 -957 if time permits

Week Three:  Sept. 10 and 11

II.  Experimentation, cont'd.
    LSM 950-973, 491-493, 973-986

    Interlude on Ethical Theory
    Supp. Items 9, 10, 11
    Optional: LSM 131-148

Week Four:  Sept 17 and 18

III.  Informed Consent
    LSM 353-372, 372-382, 382-392
    LSM 392- 409; Supp. Item 13

Week Five:  Sept. 24 and 25

III.  Informed Consent, cont'd.
    LSM 409-415, 690-694, 701-715, 760-774, 986-998
    LSM 415-460

    May begin LSM 461-491 if time permits
Week Six: Oct. 1 and 2

III. Informed Consent and Experimentation, cont'd.
   LSM 461-491
   LSM 1013-1062; Classroom Exercise

Week Seven: Oct. 8 and 9

   Interlude: Professional Self-Regulation
   LSM 256-279, 287-293, 302-316, 332-339, 352-353;
   Supp. Item 14

IV. Death and Dying
   Defining Death: LSM 1063-1077

Week Eight: Oct. 16 (Note: Oct. 15 is leg. Mon.)

IV. Death and Dying, cont'd.
   LSM 1077-1112

Week Nine: Oct. 22 and 23

IV. Death and Dying, cont'd.
   LSM 1112-1147; Supp. Items 15, 16
   Film
   LSM 1147-1169, 1228-1235; Supp. Item 17.

Week Ten: Oct. 29 and 30

IV. Death and Dying, cont'd.
   LSM 1169-1227

Week Eleven: Nov. 5 and 6

V. Allocation of Scarce Resources and Organ Transplantation
   LSM 827-852, 348-352
   LSM 852-873, 791-803
   Supp. Items 18, 19, 20 and review Supp. Items 1-6
Week Twelve: Nov. 12 and 13

V. Organ Transplantation, cont'd.
   Classroom Exercise
   TBA

Week Thirteen: Nov. 19 and 20

VI. Artificial Reproduction and the New Genetics

   A. Reproductive Technologies
      LSM 1236-1275
      LSM 1275-1293, 1293-1334

Week Fourteen: Nov. 26 (Note: Nov. 27 is Thanksgiving. Enjoy!)

VI. Artificial Reproduction and the New Genetics, cont'd.

   B. Genetic Screening and Counselling
      LSM 1334-1360 & Supp. (TBA)

Week Fifteen: Dec. 3 and 4

VI. Artificial Reproduction and the New Genetics, cont'd.

   C. Genetic Engineering
      LSM Chapter One, TBA (if time permits)
Supplemental Readings - First Installment

**Part I: Barney Clark and the Artificial Heart**

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**Part II: Bioethics and Biomedical Research**

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Part III: Informed Consent in Medicine and Research


Part IV: Death and Dying

16. Smith, "Living with Ambiguity"

Part V: Organ Transplantation and Access to Care


Part VI: Artificial Reproduction and The New Genetics

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