The Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute of Ethics

The Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute of Ethics was established at Georgetown University in 1971 as a teaching and research center to offer moral and ethical perspectives on major policy issues. It is the largest university based group of scholars in the world devoted to research and teaching in biomedical ethics and other fields of applied ethics. Institute faculty members represent a variety of academic disciplines including philosophy, religion, medicine, social science, and law.

Bioethical issues such as in vitro fertilization, abortion, health resource allocation, use of life-sustaining technologies, organ transplantation, euthanasia, and gene therapy have always been a particular emphasis of research at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. The Institute also houses the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, the most extensive collection in the world of material relating to ethics; produces BIOETHICSLINE, an online medical ethics database; and conducts regular seminars and courses in bioethics.

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The Kennedy Institute of Ethics seeks to provide a source of Web and Internet information for academic and public use. This will facilitate contact among researchers, scholars, and professionals in the field of Bioethics. The Kennedy Institute welcomes and invites suggestions on sources of information or links related to bioethics to add to our site.

This homepage prepared and maintained by the Kennedy Institute of Ethics/National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature. Send suggestions and comments to the Institute.

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The Kennedy Institute of Ethics scholars and fellows teach a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses at Georgetown University where they hold faculty appointments in the philosophy or theology departments or in the schools of medicine, law, or foreign service. The Institute provides faculty for the masters and doctoral graduate degree program in philosophy/bioethics and teach at the Medical School.

The research program is based on the scholarly interests of individual faculty members. Work is ongoing and has included gene therapy, nursing ethics, patient autonomy and physician beneficence, religious pluralism in medical ethics, informed consent, death and dying, and nuclear warfare. The disciplines of this research include philosophy, religion, medicine, law, journalism, international affairs, and business, as well as health issues providing faculty expertise in many fields encompassed in bioethics.

LECTURES AND CONSULTATIONS

The scholars and fellows lecture and serve as consultants in the United States and abroad where they participate in conferences, seminars, symposia, and special programs. Many have served on government commissions or committees and have testified at congressional hearings on the ethics involved in topics such as gene therapy, organ transplantation, human experimentation research, or animal research.

The faculty is active on boards of academic institutions, research centers, professional societies, and non-profit organizations as well as journal editorial boards.

INTENSIVE BIOETHICS COURSE

Each June the Institute sponsors a one week Intensive Bioethics Course for participants who work in the fields of health, law, education, religion, or social work. They study ethical theory and the application of ethical principles to selected problems in health care and biomedical research. Since the inception of the course in 1974, about 3000 persons from throughout the world have participated in the program, which features lectures followed by small group discussions.

The 1996 Intensive Bioethics Course will be offered June 2-8, 1996. For information please contact Marc Favreau at 202-687-6771; FAX 202-687-8089.

ADVANCED BIOETHICS COURSE

Offered regularly for those who have attended the Intensive Bioethics Course, this course is for those who desire further education and study in health care ethics. The course is generally held during the first part of March each year. The 1996 Advanced Bioethics Course, Bioethics in the 21st Century, is being held March 9-13, 1996.

ASIAN BIOETHICS PROGRAM

The Asian Bioethics Program is a resource and reference center on the issues relating to ethics and values caused by the impact of scientific, technological, and biomedical development in Asian countries. It has been organizing U.S.-Japan Bioethics Conferences since 1985 focusing on cross-cultural aspects of biomedical ethics and business ethics as a joint project with Waseda University's Center for Human Sciences in Tokyo.
EUROPEAN PROGRAM IN PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

This program seeks to develop and enrich moral awareness in the fields of business, environment, regulation, engineering, and most especially in medicine. It seeks opportunities for consulting with professionals, professional organizations, corporations, and government on issues of moral concern in technology, employment, and other areas of modern life. It draws on the expertise of the Kennedy Institute as programs, courses, and symposia are developed first in Germany and subsequently in other European countries.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' SYMPOSIUM

An annual symposium is held at Georgetown University for the members of the Institute. Current applied ethics topics are discussed by the faculty with opportunities throughout the day for discussion and questions.

VISITING SCHOLARS/VISITING RESEARCHERS

Each year visiting scholars and researchers are selected to spend time during the academic year in residence at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. Since 1971 over 300 visiting scholars have worked at Institute.

VISITING FELLOWS PROGRAM

This is a unique research and student program, conducted throughout the academic year. The fall semester program includes a weekly seminar focusing on methods, theory, and applications in bioethics, as well as a mentored research program. The spring semester program is devoted to clinically oriented ethics and mentored research. The goal of the program is to offer academic and clinical professionals the opportunity to develop skills in independent research and advanced study in bioethics. It is intended for those with academic or professional advanced degrees or equivalent experience.

BIOETHICSLINE

The Bioethics Information Retrieval System prepares the online database, BIOETHICSLINE, which is part of the National Library of Medicine's MEDLARS system. The database and its print version, the annual Bibliography of Bioethics, provide worldwide access to the English language literature in the area of bioethics. Free bibliographic searches are available.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal
- Bibliography of Bioethics
- Encyclopedia of Bioethics
- New Titles in Bioethics
- Scope Note Series

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
Membership is open to all who are concerned about applied and professional ethics. Members, through their support, help to advance the educational work, the research, and the writing of the scholars based at the Institute.

**Membership Benefits:**

- Subscription to the Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, Scope Note Series (included in the Journal), and New Titles in Bioethics
- Invitation to the annual Members' Symposium
- Discounts on publications of the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature
- Notification concerning publications by scholars and discounts on certain works

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**INSTITUTE SCHOLARS & PROFESSIONALS**

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OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

The following are representative of Internet sites providing information on resources in Bioethics. Other information can be accessed through these sites:

- Center for Clinical Ethics in Humanities and Health Care, University of Buffalo. Choose The Center for Clinical Ethics in Humanities and Health Care.
- American Association of Bioethics, University of Utah
- MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago
- Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center
- Eubios Ethics Institute
- Karolinska Institute, Sweden, Medical Humanities. Choose 'Biomedical Information, Resources and Services', then 'Ethics in Medicine and Science'. National Library of Medicine

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