The Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Institute of Ethics

at Georgetown University
The Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Institute of Ethics was established at Georgetown University in 1971 by a generous grant from the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. Today it is the world’s oldest and most comprehensive academic bioethics center. The Institute and its library serve as an unequalled resource for those who research and study ethics, as well as those who debate and make public policy. The Kennedy Institute is home to a group of scholars who engage in research, teaching, and public service on issues that include protection of research subjects, reproductive and feminist bioethics, end of life care, health care justice, intellectual disability, cloning, gene therapy, eugenics, and other major issues in bioethics. Institute scholars figure prominently among the pioneers of the discipline. They are extending the boundaries of the field to incorporate emerging issues of racial and gender equality, international justice and peace, and other policies affecting the world’s most vulnerable populations.

Institute faculty come from a variety of academic disciplines including philosophy, religious ethics, law, and medicine. The Institute is at the center of bioethics research conducted at Georgetown and has numerous faculty affiliates from both the Schools of Law and Medicine. Georgetown’s Law Center has a distinguished faculty, expert in the legal aspects of health policy and bioethics, and the Medical Center has the largest and most long-term concentration of faculty working in clinical bioethics of any American medical school. The Kennedy Institute has served as a catalyst and partner for work in both these programs, with the three campuses collaborating on numerous efforts. The Institute serves as a center of coordinated interdisciplinary graduate education as well, with our faculty taking lead roles in bioethics education through the Philosophy Department, which offers joint degrees including the J.D./M.A., J.D./Ph.D., M.D./M.A., and M.D./Ph.D. We believe no other University in the United States makes this coordinated effort to offer and fund joint degree programs in such an interdisciplinary and “cross campus” fashion.

The interdisciplinary focus of the Institute now extends beyond bioethics to include all major aspects of practical ethics. The work of the Institute’s scholars is prominent in areas of applied ethics, including business and professional ethics, organizational ethics, and ethical issues arising within fields such as law, economics, behavioral sciences, and public policy.

“In civilized life, law floats in a sea of ethics.”

Earl Warren
Chief Justice,
US Supreme Court
Library and Information Services

The specialized bioethics library and information services staff at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics support contemporary scholarship in bioethics and create an organized and accessible record of scholarly and public opinion on bioethics issues. The non-profit library serves both as a reference library for the public and as an in-depth research resource for scholars from the United States and abroad. Bioethics reference services and resources are provided onsite and via telephone and email, through online databases and in library publications. The library is non-partisan and materials representing a wide variety of theoretical and theological commitments share shelf space.

As the oldest and largest collection of its kind in the world, the library's size and scope mirrors the exponential growth and development of the field of bioethics. Its collection spans the ethics literature in many fields, including philosophy, law, theology, public policy, medicine, biology, psychology, and business. Founded in 1973, the Bioethics Library now has three component parts. A contract from the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) supports the gathering and indexing of materials under the Bioethics Information Retrieval Project and ensures that bioethics materials are indexed for NLM databases. The National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature assists patrons from around the world with their bioethics questions and research and is a part of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. This work is supported by a contract from NLM. The National Information Resource on Ethics and Human Genetics, established by a grant from the U.S. National Human Genome Research Institute, enhances the library's collections and services on such topics as eugenics, genetic testing and screening, gene transfer, gene patenting, and genome mapping.

The Kennedy Institute's Bioethics Library's organizing structure and collection principles have served as a model for recently established collections in other countries. Onsite and online, its bioethics reference services and resources help new generations of scholars with their education, teaching, research, writing, and clinical practice.
The Library Collections

After three decades of focused collection development, the library comprises a unique resource for scholars and the public alike. Multiple formats are represented, and the general scope of the subject matter reflects the major topics in bioethics and applied ethics.

Collections include:

- Almost 500 ongoing periodical subscriptions, and hundreds of special issues of journals;
- 27,000 books;
- 200,000 classified journal articles, legal documents, reports, pamphlets, and similar materials;
- Syllabi of 544 courses used in diverse settings;
- 350 audiovisuals;
- Special collections:
  - Max M. and Marjorie B. Kampelman Collection of Jewish Ethics
  - R. Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver Collection of Christian Ethics
  - Rose F. Kennedy Collection on Women, Infants & Children
  - Shigeo Morioka Asian Bioethics Collection
- Archival materials of federal bioethics commissions;
- Materials supporting research in other areas and applied ethics, such as business, law, philosophy, and environmental ethics

Library Services

The non-circulating library is a public resource, open to all. In a typical year, visitors from all over the United States and nearly every continent have come to the library to study bioethics. Increasingly its visitors are “virtual,” taking advantage of the diversity of reference services offered via the Web (http://bioethics.georgetown.edu). More than 100,000 accesses per month are logged at the NRCBL site. The ETHX on the Web database delivers bibliographic information as well as links to full-text documents (when available).
Kennedy Institute of Ethics' Publications

- **Bibliography of Bioethics**: Index containing thousands of new citations, many with abstracts, to English language literature. Provides the most comprehensive access to literature about the ethical, legal, and public policy aspects of health care and biomedical research (published annually since 1975).

- **Feminist Approaches to Bioethics**: Newsletter includes articles on current topics (e.g., feminist bioethics, sex and gender, theory and practice, genetics, reproduction, sexuality, and issues in health care), announcements of upcoming events, and book reviews (published biannually).

- **Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal**: Peer-reviewed journal devoted to ethical issues with essays, reviews, and a current bibliographic service called Scope Notes (see below) (published quarterly).

- **Kennedy Institute of Ethics Newsletter**: Bulletin for KIE members regarding Institute-sponsored events, faculty, and current programs (published three times per year).

- **New Titles in Bioethics**: Listing of new books, reports and other monographs acquired by the NRCBL (published quarterly and cumulated annually).

- **Newsletter on Ethics and Intellectual Disability**: Brief articles and essays relevant to the intellectually disabled (i.e., law and justice, genetic issues, ethics of care, and reference lists; published biannually).

- **Scope Note Series**: Annotated bibliographies on selected topics in bioethics, published in the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* and reprinted separately which introduce a topic and highlight relevant major issues and resources (published three times per year).

- **Syllabus Exchange Catalog**: Cumulative listing of international collection of bioethics course syllabi from universities, colleges and health centers (published annually).
A Sampling of Books by Institute Scholars

- *A History and Theory of Informed Consent* (Faden and Beauchamp)
- *Christian Virtues in Medical Practice* (Pellegrino)
- *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics* (6th ed.), (Beauchamp and Walters)
- *Euthanasia, Ethics and Public Policy* (Keown)
- *In the Name of Science* (Orlans)
- *Moral Acquaintances* (Wildes)
- *Moral Particularism* (Little)
- *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* (5th ed.), (Beauchamp and Childress)
- *The Ethics of Human Gene Therapy* (Walters and Palmer)
- *The Nuclear Dilemma & The Just War Tradition* (Langan)
- *Transplantation Ethics* (Veatch)
Kennedy Institute of Ethics

Senior Research Scholars
Tom L. Beauchamp, Ph.D.
Ruth R. Faden, M.P.H., Ph.D.
John Collins Harvey, M.D., Ph.D.
John Keown, D.Phil., Ph.D.
John P. Langan, S.J., Ph.D.
Margaret O. Little, Ph.D.
Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D.
Madison Powers, J.D., D. Phil.
Hans-Martin Sass, Ph.D.
Carol Taylor, C.S.F.N., R.N., Ph.D.
Robert M. Veatch, Ph.D.
LeRoy Walters, Ph.D.
Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., Ph.D.

Institute Administration
Madison Powers, J.D., D.Phil., Director
Linda A. Powell, B.A., Administrator
Sally Schofield, B.A., Secretary
Moheba Hanif, B.A., Administrative Assistant
Bi Ade, B.A., Research Assistant

KIE Journal
Carol M. Spicer, Ph.D., Editor

Library & Information Services
Doris Goldstein, M.L.S., M.A., Director

Bibliographers
Tamar Joy Kahn, M.L.S.
Frances A. Abramson, M.A., M.S.
Jeanne R. Furcron, M.L.S.
Hannelore Ninomiya, M.L.S., M.A.

Reference Librarians
Martina Darragh, M.L.S.
Harriet Hutson Gray, M.T.S., M.S.L.S.
Mary Ruof, M.L.S.

Acquisitions Librarian
Lucinda F. Huttlinger, M.L.S., M.M.

System Librarian & Archivist
Anita L. Nolen, M.A., C.A.

Research Associates
Laura Jane Bishop, Ph.D.
Susan Cartier Poland, J.D.

Library Staff
Roxie France-Nuriddin, B.A., Project Researcher
Patricia Martin, M.A., Data Entry Coordinator
Mara McGarry, B.A., Project Researcher
Kathleen A. Reynolds, M.A., Administrative Officer
The principles of bioethics can reasonably be stated as: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice...


Madison Powers, J.D., D.Phil., the Institute's Director since 2001, is a lawyer with a doctorate in moral and political philosophy from Oxford University, UK. His research interests include ethical issues in genetics and reproductive decision-making, ethical and legal issues of privacy protection, distributive justice and health care resource allocation, and the theoretical foundations of utility theory, welfare economics, and health policy analysis.
LeRoy Walters, Ph.D., is the Joseph P. Kennedy Sr. Professor of Christian Ethics at the Institute and Professor of Philosophy. He served as Institute Director from 1997-2001. Since 1976, LeRoy has been engaged in ethical and public-policy questions surrounding recombinant DNA and human gene transfer research. He served three terms on NIH’s Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, and chaired it from 1993-1996. He is co-author with Tom Beauchamp of the book *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics* (in its 6th edition), and authored along with Julie Gage Palmer, J.D., *The Ethics of Human Gene Therapy*.

Robert M. Veatch, Ph.D., is Professor of Medical Ethics and former Director of the Institute. Bob writes extensively on medical ethics, including pharmacy and nursing ethics. He is Senior Editor of the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, and the *Newsletter on Ethics and Intellectual Disability*. He frequently serves as an expert witness in cases of medical ethics, and may be best known as the ethics consultant in the case of Baby K. His current research is on the history of professional medical ethics and its relation to philosophical and religious ethics, and he has published extensively in the areas of futility and justice. Among many other books, he is the author of *Transplantation Ethics* and *The Basics of Bioethics*. 
Tom Beauchamp, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, has been a Senior Research Scholar at the KIE since the mid-70s. In 1976, he joined the staff of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, where he wrote the bulk of The Belmont Report (1978). He is a noted scholar of the 18th century Scottish philosopher, David Hume. His research interests are in the history of modern philosophy and practical ethics, especially biomedical ethics and business ethics. With James F. Childress, Ph.D., Tom authored the seminal work, *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*, now in its 5th edition. With Ruth Faden, he coauthored *A History and Theory of Informed Consent*.

John Langan, S.J., is a Jesuit priest with a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Michigan. He also holds graduate degrees in classics and theology. The Rev. Langan is the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Professor of Catholic Social Thought. His research interests include ethics and international affairs (particularly just war theory), human rights in theory and practice, Catholic social teaching, and the ethical theories of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine. He recently edited *A Moral Vision for America*, by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin.

Margaret Olivia Little, Ph.D., is a philosopher with graduate degrees from the University of Oxford and the University of California at Berkeley. A member of the Institute since 1994, her research interests focus largely on the intersections of ethics, feminist theory, and public policy. She has written on issues in surrogate motherhood, abortion, method in moral theory, and the objectivity of ethics.

Ruth R. Faden, Ph.D., M.P.H., is the Philip Franklin Wagley Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Executive Director of The Phoebe R. Berman Bioethics Institute at Johns Hopkins University, as well as a Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. Ruth is the author and editor of numerous books and articles on biomedical ethics and health policy. In addition, her research interests include AIDS, HIV, and issues relevant to women and childbearing. She has served on several national advisory committees and commissions. Most recently, she was chair of the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments.
John Keown, D.Phil., Ph.D., holds the Rose F. Kennedy Chair in Christian Ethics. With a degree in law from the University of Cambridge, he received his doctorate from the University of Oxford. His research has been cited widely, in particular by the U.S. Supreme Court (in its decision on physician-assisted suicide), by the English Court of Appeal (in the conjoined twins case, 2000); and by the House of Lords Select Committee on Medical Ethics. He recently authored *Euthanasia, Ethics and Public Policy*.

John Collins Harvey is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the Georgetown University Medical Center. He is a member of the Center for Clinical Bioethics. Dr. Harvey holds an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University, and a Ph.D. in theology from St. Mary's Seminary and University. His research interests include musculoskeletal disease, rehabilitation and geriatric medicine, and his ethical interests are advance directives, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide.

Heading the German Bioethics and European Professional Ethics Program is Hans-Martin Sass, Ph.D. This cooperative appointment between Georgetown and Ruhr Universität-Bochum permits Dr. Sass to develop ethics programs that will enrich moral awareness in the fields of business, environment, regulation, engineering, and most especially, medicine.
Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., is the John Carroll Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center. He served as Director of the Institute (1983-1989), and the Center for Clinical Bioethics at the Medical Center (1991-1996). Dr. Pellegrino is the recipient of 42 honorary doctoral awards. Author of more than 500 publications, he is best known for his discussions of Christian virtue and medical ethics in the treatment of patients, humanism and the physician, and the philosophical basis of medical treatment. He is the founding editor of the Journal of Medicine and Philosophy.

Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., Ph.D., former Associate Director of the Institute, is currently Associate Dean of Georgetown College and an Associate Professor of Philosophy. His interests are well reflected in his book titles: BIRTH, SUFFERING, AND DEATH: CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES AT THE EDGE OF LIFE; CRITICAL CHOICES AND CRITICAL CARE: CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES ON ALLOCATING RESOURCES IN INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE; CHOOSING LIFE: A DIALOGUE ON EVANGELIUM VITAE; and INFERTILITY: A CROSSROAD OF FAITH, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY. His most recent book, MORAL ACQUAINTANCES, is on methodology in secular bioethics.

Carol Taylor, C.S.F.N., R.N., Ph.D., is Director of the Center for Clinical Bioethics, a Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, and an Assistant Professor of Nursing. She has a Ph.D. in philosophy with a concentration in bioethics from Georgetown, and a Master’s degree in medical-surgical nursing. Experienced in caring for chronically and critically ill patients and their families, Carol now works closely with health care professionals who are exploring the ethical dimensions of their practice. She lectures and writes on various issues in health care ethics, and serves as an ethics consultant to systems and professional organizations.
Educational Opportunities

Graduate Degrees (PhD, Master's, Joint Degrees)

Non-degree Programs

Visiting Researchers and Scholars

The Kennedy Institute offers opportunities designed to meet the ethics education needs of undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, high school students and teachers, mid-career professionals, and others who wish to spend a day, a week, or longer with faculty from the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. It offers a variety of degree and non-degree programs, intensive in-residence courses, off-site training programs, and numerous conferences and public lectures. At the heart of the Kennedy Institute's mission is a desire to collaborate with other departments, schools, and research centers within the University and beyond to provide creative and challenging opportunities in ethics education.

The instructional resources available through the Institute include a distinguished list of Faculty Affiliates who contribute to our graduate, postdoctoral and professional educational mission through participation in conferences, public lectures, dissertation mentoring, and a variety of other activities. Faculty Affiliates are drawn from within the university community and across the Washington metropolitan area. The Law Center is home to more academic lawyers engaged in health care law, policy and ethics than any other American law school. The Center for Clinical Bioethics offers one of the most comprehensive programs of medical ethics education available in any medical center. In addition, the Georgetown Public Policy Institute devotes a substantial proportion of its research efforts to issues of access to health care for uninsured and vulnerable populations. The Institute is thus situated within a University community that is home to the world's largest group of scholars working in bioethics and other areas of applied ethics. In addition, the Institute's extensive network of partnerships with the Center for Clinical Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health, the Phoebe R. Berman Bioethics Institute at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, and with other individual scholars and centers in the metropolitan area, offers students of bioethics at all stages of intellectual and professional development an unparalleled range of educational opportunities.
Graduate Degrees in Bioethics

The Kennedy Institute works in close collaboration with Georgetown's Department of Philosophy to offer a variety of graduate degrees having a focus on bioethics. Many of the Institute's core faculty hold joint appointments in the Department of Philosophy and are actively involved in all aspects of undergraduate and graduate instruction, including student recruitment, dissertation mentoring, and job placement.

- PhD in Bioethics
  The Philosophy Department, a large and pluralistic department, is particularly well endowed in applied ethics and ethical theory, and offers specialized concentrations in bioethics or the history and theory of ethics. Covering every period in the history of philosophy, department faculty are especially well-represented in continental philosophy. Faculty are active in all the core areas of contemporary analytic philosophy including epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of science. A special strength of the PhD program for students of bioethics is a commitment to ensuring that our graduates are not only well-suited to enter the multidisciplinary conversations of bioethics but are prepared to enter into those discussions as well-trained professional philosophers.

- MA in Bioethics
  The MA program at Georgetown is intended primarily for students who already have advanced degrees in another field (typically law, medicine, or nursing) and who intend to concentrate in applied ethics to broaden their career possibilities within that field. Applicants to this program should have a strong background in philosophy. GRE scores are required, and the submission of a writing sample and letters of recommendation from philosophers are strongly advised.

- MD/PhD and MD/MA
  Qualified candidates have the option of applying for the joint degree program leading to a medical degree and a graduate degree in bioethics. The combined program offers opportunities for financial support, a streamlined set of degree requirements, and an educational experience that draws upon the teaching resources of Kennedy Institute philosophy faculty and the clinical faculty of the Center for Clinical Bioethics.

- JD/PhD and JD/MA
  Georgetown offers joint degrees in law and philosophy, with an opportunity to draw on the considerable expertise at the intersection of law, ethics and health policy, as well as an opportunity to develop dual academic competencies in some other connection between law and philosophy, such as jurisprudence. Among the resources available for those enrolled in the joint degree programs are faculty members in the Law Center, Philosophy Department, and the Kennedy Institute who themselves have both law degrees and doctorates in philosophy.
- **PhD/MPH**

  Students enrolled in the Georgetown PhD program can apply for admission to a joint degree program leading to a Master's of Public Health offered through a cooperative arrangement with the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. The core curriculum provides grounding in the philosophical and historical basis of public health; the statistical basis of public health, including quantitative reasoning, problem-solving, computer applications, and demography; epidemiology; the environmental and biological basis of public health; social and behavioral aspects of public health; the theory of management of health services; and public health practice.

**Non-Degree Programs**

- **Greenwall Fellowship Program**

  The Greenwall Fellowship Program in Bioethics and Health Policy, jointly administered by Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities, provides an incomparable opportunity for fellowship and faculty development while training in bioethics and health policy. Greenwall Fellows commit to a two-year postgraduate program of study and experiential learning tailored to their particular interests and backgrounds. The program includes: academic course work (that can lead to a Master's Degree in Public Health or Philosophy); a year-long seminar in bioethics and health policy; a bimonthly colloquium series with presentations by leading policy makers and academics in the field; a "hands-on" summer internship at a government agency, congressional health committee or private institution involved in health policy; supervised research of a quality and scope to produce at least one publishable manuscript; and teaching opportunities in law, medicine, philosophy or public health.

- **Intensive Bioethics Course**

  Since the early 1970s, the Kennedy Institute has offered a five-day bioethics course to the public at large. The course has been designed to address the most challenging current topics in health care ethics. It provides the opportunity for participants from different disciplines (typically, doctors, nurses, attorneys, and other health care professionals and academics) to come together for a few days to explore the theoretical framework and practical issues of bioethics with a distinguished faculty from the Institute and elsewhere (NIH, other universities and bioethics centers). Lectures and panel presentations are paired with small group discussions, allowing in-depth exploration of issues and personal interaction with faculty and other course participants. Sessions in past years have included: "Race, Gender, Justice and Reproductive Health Policy," "Respect for Autonomy," and "Cloning and Genetics," and much of the intellectual exchange occurs over shared meals and in extra discussions organized around participants' special interests. While on campus, attendees have full access to the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, the world's largest collection of bioethics resources. A committed staff of professional librarians is...
available to assist course participants with bibliographic searches for their research and provide
training sessions for those interested in learning how to access bioethics databases and the
 burgeoning resources available on the World Wide Web.

- **Joint Bioethics Seminar**
  Co-sponsored by the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, the Department of Clinical Bioethics at the
National Institutes of Health, and Johns Hopkins University, the Joint Bioethics Seminar offers a truly
world-class seminar series on theoretical issues relevant to contemporary health care ethics. Each
semester graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty from the three institutions join
together bi-weekly to hear from top academic experts on a chosen topic. Lively discussion and
dinner follow.

- **The Executive Program in Bioethics and Biotechnology**
The Executive Program in Bioethics and Biotechnology is a collaborative project funded by
the Greenwall Foundation to develop a prototype course that can be used by biotechnology firms
within their organizations to examine complex bioethical issues. The project involves faculty from the
Johns Hopkins University's Bioethics Institute, the Kennedy Institute, Georgetown's Law Center, and
the University of Virginia Institute for Practical Ethics. The course involves not only industry leader­
ship, but also mid-level management to facilitate the ongoing consideration of ethics throughout the
organizational structure.

- **National Cancer Institute Fellowship in Ethics and Public Health and Prevention**
The Kennedy Institute offers opportunities for bioethics seminars and individual mentoring in
association with NCI’s Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program. The program provides a specialty
track in the ethics of public health and prevention. Public health ethics and the ethics of prevention
are increasingly important concerns to scientists, health professionals, the public, and policy makers
alike. The NCI program provides an opportunity to study ethical issues in cancer prevention research
and related ethical issues that arise in the application of research findings in public health and
clinical medical practice.

**Visiting Researchers**
The Visiting Researchers Program was established to accommodate scholars who wish to
be in residence at Georgetown for some part of the academic year to utilize the full range of
research facilities available within the University. Scholars receive an e-mail address and
university identification card that authorizes lending privileges at the main University library and
permits attendance at various University-sponsored events. The Visiting Researchers Program
is the Institute's primary means of hosting many scholars from around the world. The program
operates through an application process administered by the University's Graduate School of
Arts and Sciences.
Supported Projects

THE DNA PATENT DATABASE PROJECT

The Kennedy Institute has received awards from the National Human Genome Research Institute and the Department of Energy to further develop and deploy the DNA patent database. This database is available at http://dnapatents.georgetown.edu/. The overall goal is to study the licensing policies and practices of up to 24 academic institutions regarding their DNA-based patents. These projects are pilot studies to test the feasibility of conducting more comprehensive follow-up studies of such policies and practices.

HIGH SCHOOL BIOETHICS CURRICULUM PROJECT

Funding from The Greenwall Foundation and the Office of the President of Georgetown University supported a pilot program to assist and train teachers in ways to introduce bioethics within a high school curriculum. The Kennedy Institute of Ethics developed four curriculum units adaptable for use within a variety of standard high school courses. The Institute hosted four interdisciplinary workshops, two national and two regional (metropolitan Washington, DC and Baton Rouge, LA with St. Joseph’s Academy). The workshops prepared and trained teachers in the effective use of the bioethics curriculum units and in creation of their own lesson plans and courses. We encourage you to contact the High School Bioethics Curriculum Project for more information (http://hsbioethics.georgetown.edu).

CARNEGIE-GEORGETOWN FORUM ON ETHICS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Forum is a joint initiative of Georgetown University and the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs to develop a community of discourse on the ethical and moral questions inherent in international policy making. The Georgetown partners include the Kennedy Institute, the William V. and Madge L. O’Brien Fund, and the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. The Forum provides an opportunity for discussion among scholars and practitioners in the Washington policy community on emerging issues in our rapidly changing world. Activities include public lectures and more intimate settings for discussion of issues such as the moral justification for the use of force, the changing nature of conflict, and the moral imperatives of justice and reconciliation. The opening speaker for this series was General Henry Shelton, USA Retired, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

THE PANAPHIL FOUNDATION AND KINNOULL FOUNDATION

These two foundations have been generous supporters of the Institute and the scholarship of our colleague, F. Barbara Orleans, Ph.D., in her work to promote ethics in animal research. Dr. Orleans is the author of In the Name of Science: Issues in Responsible Animal Experimentation.

17
ASIAN BIOETHICS

The Asian Bioethics Program, formerly under the direction of Professor Rihito Kimura who has returned to Japan, continues to serve as a resource and reference on issues relating to ethics and values raised 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 the cross-cultural aspects of biomedical ethics and business ethics as a joint project with Waseda University’s Center for Human Sciences in Tokyo. Institute scholars are typically invited to present at world conferences, the most recent being “Human Rights as an Instrument for Bioethics.” The Asian Bioethics Program collaborated with the European Program in Professional Ethics in Advance Directives and Surrogate Decision Making in Health Care, a study of advance directives in Japan, Germany, and the United States.

EUROPEAN BIOETHICS

This program, under the direction of Professor Hans-Martin Sass, Ph.D, 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 governments 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 at the Ruhr Universität Bochum in Germany and subsequently in other European countries. More information about these activities and programs, as well as access to European and German documents in bioethics and health care ethics and politics, can be found at the Zentrum für Medizinische Ethik / Center for Medical Ethics website (http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/zme). The Zentrum provides support to a European discussion list and bulletin board in medical ethics and a list concentrating on the legal and ethical issues of substitute judgment and care law.

Endowed and Other Lecture Events

JOSEPH B. BRENNAN LECTURE

This endowed lecture series, established with gifts from the Joseph B. Brennan family and the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan, honors a three-generation relationship between the Brennans and Georgetown University. Well-known academics from a variety of disciplines and reflective practitioners from law, medicine, science, and public service offer public lectures to members of the Georgetown University and the Washington, D.C. community. Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., and director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at the NIH, and Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, were recent speakers. The lectures provide an opportunity to explore the relationship between ethics and leadership and to emphasize the central importance of moral values in business and the professions and the development of public policy.
ISAAC FRANCK LECTURE
Occurring in conjunction with the Intensive Bioethics Course, this important lecture series occurs annually. A prominent Jewish scholar is invited to present a public lecture that relates to bioethics and the Jewish perspective. The lecture is presented in honor of Dr. Isaac Franck who was a Senior Research Scholar at the KIE from 1979 until his death in 1985. He turned the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington into an influential forum on local, national, and international questions during the 25 years that he served as its Executive Vice President.

ANDRÉ HELLEGROERS LECTURE
This lecture is dedicated to the memory of André Hellegers, M.D., founding Director of the Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown, and is presented annually at the Member’s Day Symposium. Dr. Hellegers was also Professor of OB-GYN and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at Georgetown University Hospital. His hope for the newly founded Institute was that it would link scientific progress with religious belief, and would foster uninhibited moral debate that would effectively reflect a commitment to the disadvantaged and the powerless. Dr. Hellegers was instrumental in developing the field of bioethics on an international basis.

EDMUND PELLEGRINO LECTURE
Presented every other year, usually in conjunction with the Intensive Bioethics Course, this lecture was established to honor Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, John Carroll Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Ethics, former Director, Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Medical Center, and former Director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. Dr. Pellegrino is the author, coauthor, or editor of seventeen books, including Humanism and the Physician; and, with David C. Thomasma, Ph.D., Philosophical Basis of Medical Practice, For the Patient’s Good, The Virtues in Medical Practice, The Christian Virtues in Medical Practice, and Helping and Healing.

OFF-SITE LECTURES AND CONSULTATIONS
Institute scholars and Faculty Affiliates 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, or animal research. Arrangements can be made for individual scholars or groups of Institute faculty to present lectures or conduct a variety of instructional programs in institutional settings beyond Georgetown’s campus.
Service to Government and Community

The Institute Scholars and Faculty Affiliates are active as consultants, volunteers, public speakers, symposium panelists, and authors of commissioned policy position papers for a host of national and international agencies and organizations. Examples of such service include:

- Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC) at the National Institutes of Health
- Washington Regional Transplant Consortium
- Data Safety and Monitoring Board, National Institute of Child Health (CHIME) Study
- Data Safety and Monitoring Committee, National Eye Institute, Age-Related Eye Disease Study
- Hospice Care of Washington
Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy
Institute of Ethics

Founded: 1971

The Institute's faculty and staff, both past and present, give grateful recognition for the generous support of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation in the founding of the Institute. With extraordinary foresight and commitment based on deep appreciation of issues affecting people with mental retardation and their families, the Kennedy family secured a legacy that ensures that ethical issues remain in the forefront of public awareness.
The Joseph P. and Rose F. Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University
4th Floor, Healy Hall
37th and O Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20057
Phone: (202) 687-8099
Fax: (202) 687-8089
Email: kicourse@georgetown.edu
Web: http://www.georgetown.edu/research/kie