Clinical Medical Ethics

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Acknowledgments

This conference remembers Dorothy Jean MacLean, who helped create the MacLean Center and was deeply committed to its work. D.J. MacLean believed that education was the best way to improve the world and throughout her life supported many leading educational institutions. The Conference organizers wish to thank Barry and the late Mary Ann MacLean, who for 25 years served as co-chairs of the Center’s Advisory Board. We also thank the MacLean family, especially Barry, Duncan and Gillian MacLean, for their continuing support of the Center and this annual conference. We want to thank the MacLean Center’s current Chair of the Board, Rachel Kohler, for her superb leadership, guidance, support, and insights as the Center moves forward.

We wish to acknowledge the Center’s distinguished Advisory Board and the following individuals for their support of the MacLean Center: the late Lindy Bergman, Kay and the late Matthew Bucksbaum, Martha and Bruce Clinton and the Clinton Family Foundation, Janet and Craig Duchossois, Ann Dudley and Stan Goldblatt, Joan Harris and the Irving Harris Foundation, Connie and Dennis Keller and the Keller Family Foundation, Rachel Kohler and Mark Hoplamazian, Dick and Michaela Parrillo, Amelia Mazzioli, Carole and Gordan Segal, Caroline Grossinger, Annamette and Henrik Clausen, the late Julius Lewis, Brenda Shapiro and the Shapiro Family Foundation, Bryan Traubert and the Pritzker-Traubert Family Foundation. We especially wish to thank the current and former MacLean Center fellows and faculty as well as all our current and former fellows for making the MacLean Center the leading program in Clinical Medical Ethics in the United States and internationally. This 2-day conference is widely regarded as one of the leading clinical ethics conferences in the world.

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This conference is open to the public and free of charge. Please register as early as possible at: https://MacLeanConference2022.eventbrite.com

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Friday, November 11th

8:00-8:15 AM WELCOME: The Past and Future of the MacLean Center
Peter Angelos, University of Chicago

Panel 1: Health Policy and Health Disparities
Moderator: Marshall Chin
8:15 AM: Liberalism of Fear, Prevention of Cruelty, and Advancing Health Equity: Insights from the Writings of Judith Shklar
Marshall Chin, University of Chicago
8:35 AM: Embryonic Stem cell Research: Advancing Regulation to Foster Innovation
Selwyn Rogers, University of Chicago
8:55 AM: When Guideline Concordant and Appropriate Care is Actually a Disparity
Micah Prochaska, University of Chicago
9:15 AM: Ethical Considerations in Remediating Participatory Disparities in Clinical Cancer Research
Andrew Hantel, Harvard Medical School
9:55 AM: The Intersection of Gender and Race: Black Women and Clinical Ethics
Monica Peek, University of Chicago

10:15 - 10:45 AM Break

Panel 2: Pediatric and Family Ethics
Moderator: Lainie Ross
10:45 AM: Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose: Race and Ethnicity in Pediatric Research
Lainie Ross, University of Chicago
11:05 AM: Using Artificial Intelligence to Predict Mortality in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit: Promises and Pitfalls
Kelly Michelson, Northwestern University
11:25 AM: The Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Discharge Planning in Technology Dependent Children
K. Sarah Hoehn, University of Chicago
11:45 PM: Finding the Balance: Hope and Honesty in Refractory Childhood Cancer
Eric Kodish, Case Western Reserve University

12:05 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break

Panel 3: Medical Decision Making and Clinical Ethics
Moderator: K. Sarah Hoehn
1:30 PM: Tackling the Dialysis Default: Using Implementation Science to Integrate Shared Decision Making into the Care of Patients with Advanced CKD
Alvin Moss, West Virginia University
1:50 PM: It’s All in Your Head: How Mind/Body Duality Leads to Misdiagnosis and Mistreatment of People with “Functional” Syndromes
Peter Ubel, Duke University
2:10 PM: Advance Care Planning: What needs to be done so that Patients’ Wishes for Medical Care at the End of Life are Honored?
Susan Tolle, Oregon Health and Science University
2:30 PM: Algorithmic-Shared Decision-Making: Neuro-Critical Care Applications
Christos Lazaridis, University of Chicago
2:50 PM: How Nutrition has helped Shape the Field of Modern Bioethics
Dejan Micic, University of Chicago
3:10 PM: Placenta: Friend and Foe? The Principle of Double Effect at the Maternal-Fetal Interface
Luke Gatta, Duke University
3:30 PM: What can 21st Century Clinical Investigators Learn from 19th Century Human Experimentation?
Joel Howell, University of Michigan

3:50 - 4:20 PM Break

Panel 4: Pandemic Ethics and Scarcity
Moderator: Emily Landoff
4:20 PM: Ethics of Mandatory Public Health Measures during a Pandemic
Emily Landon, University of Chicago
4:40 PM: Moral Injury and COVID-19
Lydia Dugdale, Columbia University
5:00 PM: Embedding Equity in Scarce Healthcare Resources Allocation
Algorithms with Place-based Disadvantage Indices
William Parker, University of Chicago
5:20 PM: Balancing Pragmatism, Fairness and Prognostic Humility in State Policies Allocating Scarce Critical Care Resources
Erin DeMartino, Mayo Clinic
5:40 PM: Child Well-being, Education, and the Ethics of Pandemic Response
Meghan Collins, Johns Hopkins University

Panel 6: Clinical Ethics and the Clinician
Moderator: Alexia Torke
12:30 PM: Some Notes on Ethical Leadership
Laura Roberts, Stanford University
12:50 PM: Must Clinicians Do Philosophy?
Daniel Brudney, University of Chicago
1:10 PM: In Tension - Organizational and Clinical Medical Ethics
Timothy SellaF, University of St. Thomas
1:30 PM: Using Graphic Narrative to Improve Informed Consent
Daniel Golden, University of Chicago
1:50 PM: Toward an Ethics of Moral Distress as Agent-Regent
Daniel Kim, Albany Medical College
2:10 PM: Ordinary Talk about Ordinary Trouble: Ethics Consultation and the Task of Memory
Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Break

Panel 7: Clinical Ethics and Contemporary Society
Moderator: Julie Chor
3:00 PM: Is Legislative Anxiety an Indication for Surgery?
Julie Chor, University of Chicago
3:20 PM: Reconceptualizing Professionalism to Meet the Needs of 21st Century Health Professionals
Preston Reynolds, University of Virginia
3:50 PM: Dead Donor Rule and Donation after Circulatory Death: Part 2
Giovanni Testa, Baylor University
4:10 PM: James Gustafson: Master Contextualist of Medical Ethics
Harold Pollack, University of Chicago
4:30 PM: Medical Harm Without Negligence
Valerie Gutmann Koch, University of Houston
4:50 PM: Ethical Challenges and Study Designs to Confront the Opioid Epidemic
Harold Pollack, University of Chicago
5:10 PM: Reflections
Mark Siegler, University of Chicago
5:20 PM: ADJOURN
Peter Angelos, University of Chicago