

**Western Michigan University
Medical Humanities Workgroup**



**Conference Program
September 18-19, 2014**

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About Us: Under the direction of Dr. Fritz Allhoff and Mr. David Charlton, the Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Workgroup works to coordinate individuals from the campus and broader Kalamazoo community with interests in the humanistic dimensions of medicine and health. To this end, we understand the medical humanities quite broadly, including, but not limited to: medical ethics, history of medicine, medical anthropology, religious approaches to health, health narratives, health education, conceptions of wellness, and so on.

The workgroup's mission, initially simply to aid the collaboration of people with shared interests and celebrate the strengths of WMU and the surrounding community, has expanded to include planning and hosting academic events—both at the undergraduate and professional levels, providing a platform for extramural funding and research, and assisting in the development of new curricula in the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine and in the WMU College of Arts and Sciences—with respect to the latter, in the form of a new undergraduate medical humanities minor. With the continued interest and support of the campus and local community, the workgroup continues to flourish into a dynamic, powerful resource which serves myriad research and educational goals.

Thursday, September 18

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration, [Fetzer Center](#) Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 am

Concurrent Session I

I. A. Organized Panel: Educating and Medical Humanities (Fetzer 2020)

“Teaching about Health Care Policy in Controversial Times: Ethical Issues and Challenges” **David Rochefort**, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University; **Raymond Higbea**, School of Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration, Grand Valley State University; **Anna Bergqvist**, Department of History, Politics, and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University

I. B. Caring and the Ethics of Care (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Compassionate Care and Human Suffering” **Padmashri Rastogi**, VA North Texas Health Care System
2. “An Ethics of Care: Cultivating the Senses through the Art of Practicing Chinese Medicine” **Sepideh Bajracharya**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College
3. “Ashley X Revisited: An Ethics of Care Perspective” **Lisa Freitag**, Independent Scholar; **Joan Liaschenko**, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota

I. C. Medical Humanities in the Age of Technology (Fetzer 2040)

1. “The Coming of Age of the Patient Narrative? Patient Narratives in the Age of Mass Communication” **Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig**, Libraries and Medical Humanities, College of Medicine, University of Florida
2. “On Jahi McMath, Decay, and Alienation: The Progressive and Decadent Use of Life-Sustaining Technologies” **Trevor M. Bibler**, Baylor College of Medicine & Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Concurrent Session II

II. A. Life’s Meaning and the End of Life (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Philosophy’s Silence On Dying Well: On Meaningful Narrative at Life’s End” **Peyton McElroy**, Department of Philosophy, Millsaps College
2. “Losing Oneself a Death at a Time” **Dustin VanPelt**, Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University
3. “Donor Anonymity and Identity in Body Worlds Exhibits: Should Creator Gunther Von Hagens Become a Plastinate?” **Jessica Adkins**, Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

II. B. History of Medicine (Fetzer 2030)

1. “The Diverse Political Uses of Eugenics” **Katherine Sorrels**, Department of History, University of Cincinnati
2. “Newton, the Optical Nerve, and Celestial Mechanics” **Zvi Biener**, Department of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati

II. C. Art and Medicine (Fetzer 2040)

1. “Cognitive Penetration and the Visual Arts in Medicine” **Paul Solomon**, Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University; **Anna Bergqvist**, Department of History, Politics, and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University
2. “Art Rounds: Using Art Museums in Health Professions Education” **Craig M. Klugman**, Department of Health Sciences, DePaul University
3. “All My Fish Are Dead: Coping with Depression through the Consumption of Art” **Cheryl Frazier**, Barry University

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Lunch Break (Fetzer 1035/1045)

Lunch Provided for Conference Registrants

1:45 – 2:45 pm

Plenary Session I (Putney Auditorium)

“The Little Manual that Started a Revolution: How Midwifery Became a Hippie Practice” **Wendy Kline**, Department of History, Purdue University

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Session III

III. A. Patient-Centered Care and Medical Humanities (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Representation, Humanism, and the Health Humanities” **Kevin J. Gutierrez**, Program in Narrative Medicine, Columbia University
2. “Particularism and Person Centered Medicine” **Anna Bergqvist**, Department of History, Politics, and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University

III. B. Medical Narratives (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Professionalism Narratives” **Emily Beckman**, Medical Humanities and Health Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis & Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

III. C. Medical Humanities and Literature (Fetzer 2040)

1. “Minority Report: Re-reading Gilgamesh after Levinas” **Francis Dominic Degin**, Wheaton Franciscan Health Care of Iowa; Department of Philosophy & World Religions, University of Northern Iowa

4:15 – 5:15 pm

Concurrent Session IV

IV. A. Caring for Patients and Their Values (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Identification of Authentic Patient Values in Facilitating Autonomous Decisions: The Role of Microethics in Clinical Bioethics” **Laura Madigan-McCown**, Boston College & Maine Medical Center
2. “Dissatisfaction Relating to Unplanned Cesarean Sections: A Qualitative Approach” **Kalie N. Brenneman**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Albany Medical Center; **Shazneen Hushmendi**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Albany Medical Center; **Paul Burcher**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Albany Medical Center; **Melissa J. Cheyney**, Department of Anthropology, Oregon State University; **Kevin C. Kiley**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Albany Medical Center

IV. B. **Care-Givers and Their Responses** (Fetzer 2030)

1. "The Bereaved Surrogate" **Michael Cholbi**, Department of Philosophy, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
2. "Taking Moral Distress Seriously" **Elijah Weber**, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University

IV. C. **Medical Humanities on the Stage and Screen** (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Scientists and Psychopaths: Empathy, Identity, and the Relational and Responsible Self in *Hannibal*" **Jack Simmons**, Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy, Armstrong State University; **Leigh E. Rich**, Department of Health Sciences, Armstrong State University
2. "Operatically Unwell: Phthisic Heroines in the Works of Verdi, Offenbach, and Puccini" **Dorothea J. Nelson**, Department of Music, University North Dakota

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Keynote Address (Putney Auditorium)

"Market Failures, Moral Failures and Health Reform" **Susan Dorr Goold**, Medical School, School of Public Health, & Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine, University of Michigan

6:30 – 7:15 pm

Reception (Fetzer Lobby)

Open to all Conference Registrants

7:15 pm

Conference Dinner (Fetzer 1040/50)

Registration Required

Friday, September 27

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration, Fetzer Center Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 am

Concurrent Session V

V. A. Health Care Resources and Economics (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Rationing Health Care Resources through Institutions for Collective Action” **Roel Feys**, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina
2. “Case Study Comparing the Implementation of Medicare with the Implementation of Health Exchanges” **Raymond Higbea**, School of Public, Nonprofit, and Health Administration, Grand Valley State University

V. B. Challenges to Decision-making and Autonomy (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Neuro-ethics” **William Goldie**, St. John’s Regional Medical Center; **George West**, St. John’s Regional Medical Center
2. “Psychological Trauma: How the Dissociative Model of Memory Wrecks Client Normative Capacities” **Kate Mehuron**, Department of Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University
3. “Freedom, Belief, and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder” **Robert Noggle**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Central Michigan University

V. C. Ethical Considerations and Clinical Treatment (Fetzer 2040)

1. “A Duty-Based Approach to Treating Patients in Altered Mental States” **Noah Levin**, Department of Philosophy, Golden West College
2. “Tactics vs. Ethics in Military Medicine: Which Comes First?” **Moni McIntyre**, Duquesne University
3. “The Ethical Significance of Unrealistic Optimism in Phase I Trials” **Adam Omelianchuk**, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Concurrent Session VI

VI. A. Ethical and Practical Issues in Economic Health Care (Fetzer 2020)

1. “Clinical Ethnomics” **Abraham P. Schwab**, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
2. “Are Medical Care and Self Care Health Substitutes or Complements?” **Don Meyer**, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University

VI. B. Issues of Autonomy for Patients and Providers (Fetzer 2030)

1. “Physician Refusal: The Strictly Negative Scope of Respect for Autonomy” **Tatiana Gracyk**, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
2. “Parental Free Will and Pediatric Oncology Early Phase Trial Enrollment” **Hannah Giunta**, Department of Philosophy & College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University
3. “Vaccine Refusal and Conscientious Objection” **Mark Navin**, Department of Philosophy, Oakland University

VI. C. Reflecting on Medical Ethics (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Bridging the Tower: Theory, Practice, and the Need for Conversation in Medical Ethics" **Elisa Ruhl Rapaport**, Department of Philosophy, Molloy College
2. "Legitimacy in Bioethics: Let's Pause for Review" **William Smith**, Department of Philosophy, Notre Dame University & School of Medicine, Emory University
3. "Is Gratitude a Virtue in a Medical Setting?" **Andy Wible**, Department of Philosophy, Muskegon Community College

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Concurrent Session VII

VII. A. Genetics and Ethics (Fetzer 2020)

1. "Attending to Vulnerability in Genetic Counseling" **Michael J. Deem**, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
2. "Ethical Issues in Whole Genome Sequencing: What Would Jean Valjean Recommend?" **Shirley Bach**, Department of Philosophy & Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, Western Michigan University

VII. B. Autonomy and Responsibility (Fetzer 2030)

1. "Self-Governed Agency and Freedom to Be Held Responsible: A Consideration of Patient Non-Compliance" **Ruth Tallman**, Department of Philosophy, Barry University
2. "Personhood, Autonomy, and Abortion: A Critique of Thomson's Argument from Bodily Autonomy" **Aaron Thieme**, Department of Philosophy & Women's Studies Program, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

VII. C. Religion and the End of Life (Fetzer 2040)

1. "The Dialectics of Death and Continuity: What Can We Learn from Japanese and Jewish Traditions" **Ilana Maymind**, Department of Comparative Studies, Ohio State University
2. "An Analysis of John Paul II's Statements on Euthanasia" **Jacob Affolter**, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Arizona State University

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Session VIII

VIII. A. Controversial Surgeries (Fetzer 2020)

1. "A Better Half: The Ethics of Hemorrhoidectomy Surgery" **Jane Jankowski**, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical College; **Lisa Campo-Engelstein**, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical College
2. "Biological Interests and Voluntary Amputation" **John Basl**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Northeastern University

VIII. B. **Animals and Ethics** (Fetzer 2030)

1. "Diminishing Animals used in Research" **Marcus Schultz-Bergin**,
Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
2. "Veterinary Medical Ethics: An Unexplored Terrain" **Craig B. Merow**,
Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University

VIII. C. **Gender and Sexuality** (Fetzer 2040)

1. "Gender Roles and Framing a Professional, Medical Identity in Fighting
for Life" **Amy Rubens**, English Department, Francis Marion University

4:15 – 5:15 pm

Plenary Session III (Putney Auditorium)

"Arts in Medicine" **Jill Sonke**, Center for Arts in Medicine, University of Florida

5:15 pm

Closing Remarks

5:30 pm

Reception

[Central City Tap House](#)

359 S. Kalamazoo Mall

Cash Bar

6:45 pm

Conference Dinner

[Mangia Mangia Italian Ristorante](#)

209 S. Kalamazoo Mall

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