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Program in Medical Ethics, Humanities, and Law**

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About the WMU Medical Humanities Workgroup: Under the direction of Dr. Fritz Allhoff and 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.

About the WMU Program in Medical Ethics, Humanities, and Law: The Program in Medical Ethics, Humanities, and Law, comprising a vibrant, interdisciplinary research faculty, offers a unique, multi-disciplinary academic program focused on historical, perennial, and emerging issues related to the practice of modern medicine. Together, our mission is to promote robust inquiry, interprofessional dialogue, meaningful educational opportunities, and professional and humanistic development in aspiring physicians, as well as others who are engaged in the delivery of healthcare.

All Times Eastern Time Zone (UTC-4)

	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
9:00 - 10:00	History & COVID-19	Humanities in Medical Practice	
10:00 - 11:00	Health Equities	Narratives	Panel: Communicating Uncertainty
11:00 - 12:00	Health Equities	Narratives	Ethics
12:00 - 1:00	Keynote Address		
1:00 - 2:00	Panel: Visual Thinking for Teaching and Research	Patient-Centered Care / Narratives	Public Policy
2:00 - 3:00	Panel: Cross-Disciplinary Ethics Pedagogy	Mental/Mind Health	Ethics
3:00 - 4:00	Panel: Student Responses to COVID-19	Humanities in Medical Practice and Education	Panel: Ethics and Emerging Technologies
4:00 - 4:10	Closing Remarks		

9:00 – 10:00 am

Stream 1: History & COVID-19

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Sam Allen Wright, “Science Literacy and the Medical Humanities: Connections from the 1918 Influenza Pandemic to Today”

Tracey L. Mersfelder, “Student Pharmacists’ Impression of Three Plagues”

Stream 2: Humanities in Medical Practice

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Sorin Costreie, “The Role of Critical Thinking in Clinical Medicine”

Monica Consolandi, “Human-Centered Medicine: Why Medicine Should Go Beyond Science”

Erika “Ann” Jeschke, Roman Baca, Tamara Averett-Brauer, & Sarah L. Huffman, “Palliative Performance as Political Protest in Western Medicine”

10:00 – 11:00 am

Stream 1: Health Equities (I)

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Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, “Nature, Arts, and Equity During a Pandemic”

James L. Benedict, “Profound Familiarity in Rural Life and Its Significance for Health Care Ethics”

Stream 2: Narratives (I)

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Ioan-Alexandru Mirea, “Cathartic Poetry – The Therapeutics of a Narrative-Based Self-Case Study”

Jordan Longabaugh, “The OB-GYN and Me: An Experience Challenging Paternalistic Patient Counseling”

Annika Divakar, “Why Medicine Needs Podcasting: Integrating the Humanities into the Practice and Teaching of Medicine with Podcasts”

Stream 3: “Communicating Uncertainty in Medicine: Historical, Visual, and Ethical Perspectives”

[Direct link to this session](#)

Panelists: **Tia Forsman, Isabel Josephs, Raphaela Posner, & Joseph Wu**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Stream 1: Health Equities (II)

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Irène Mathieu & Benjamin Martin, “Bodies & Books: An Undergraduate Literary Seminar on Health (In)equity”

Jessica Nowlin, “Mapping Health Disparities in Late 19th and Early 20th Century San Antonio Through Digital Humanities”

Stream 2: Narratives (II)

[Direct link to this session](#)

Kate Jackson-Meyer, “Moral Distress as a Lens for Understanding Media Portrayals of Covid-19 Frontline Workers”

Hedyeh Elahinia, “Medical Humanities and Islamic Humanities: A Cross Cultural Perspective on Narrative Medicine”

Stream 3: Ethics (I)

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Jason T. Eberl, “Unilateral Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Treatment Within Crisis Standards of Care”

Ariadne Nichol, “Examining the Ethical Considerations of Limited Resource Allocation During an Emerging Infectious Disease Outbreak Response”

Kyle Boerstler, “The Intersection of AI and Bioethics”

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Keynote Presentation

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Patrick Smith, “The Racialized Imagination and the Practice of Medicine”

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Stream 1: “Visual Thinking For Teaching and Research in Medical Humanities”

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Panelists: **Atsuko Sakai, Ulluminair Salim, Holly Donahue Singh, & Nana Tuntiya**

Stream 2: Patient Centered Care / Narratives

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Chloe Matovina, “Sexuality and Cancer: The Role of Pleasure in the Fight for One’s Life”

Caitlyn Mulcahey, “The Power of Narrative-Based Medicine in Developing Empathy”

Andrew Molas, “The Ethics of Narrative-Based Medicine for Improving Therapeutic Relationships for Persons with Schizophrenia”

Stream 3: Public Policy

[Direct link to this session](#)

Kiarash Aramesh, “The Biopolitics of Pseudoscience in the United States, China, and Iran”

Jake Greenblum & Ryan Hubbard, “State Actors: On Physicians’ Public Role”

Andy Wible, “Pay for Play: Ethical Considerations of Payments in Public Health”

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Stream 1: “Engaging Students in Cross-Disciplinary Ethics Dialogue”

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Panelists: **Kathleen Eggleston, Rider Foley, Kathryn Haas, Gwynneth Hurley, Catherine Vaerewyck, & Jessica Young**

Stream 2: Mental/Mind Health

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James C. Blackmon, “Losing a Capacity vs Losing a Mind”

Shaun Respass, “Escaping the Paradigm: Resentment Towards the Biomedical Gaze”

Kathleen Lowenstein, “Mad Vulnerability: Rethinking Autonomy from the Perspective of Mad Studies”

Stream 3: Ethics (II)

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Lee Hristienko, “Effort, Capability and Solidarity: A New Direction for Individual Responsibility in Public Healthcare”

Nathan Stout, “Case Report: Determinations of Medical Futility in COVID-19”

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Stream 1: “Storying Students’ Experiences of Covid-19”

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Panelists: **Catherine Wilkins, Lindy Davidson, Benjamin Young, & Brianna Cusanno**

Stream 2: Humanities in Medical Practice and Education

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Jennifer Orth, “Grass-rooting Medical Humanities”

Heather Snay, “Illuminating the Subjective Patient Through Art”

Elizabeth Fehsenfeld & Jennifer Hartmark-Hill, “Weaving Narrative Ethics in Family Medicine Clerkship Didactics”

Stream 3: “The Ethics of Utilizing Emerging Technologies in Medicine”

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Panelists: **Ariadne Nichol, Cara Hunt, & Kellen Mermin-Bunnell**

4:00 pm

Closing Remarks

[In the “Keynote” room of the Teams meeting](#)

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