Looking forward to Spring Break

Dear BHS students,

Although it does not look much like Spring, we are getting close to that time, at least on paper! In addition to thinking about Spring Break plans, keep in mind that March 4th officially marks the middle of the Spring semester; this is also the deadline for dropping courses with no grade reported. It’s also a good time to firm up your plans for the upcoming academic year; enrollment by appointment starts right after Spring Break.

This month at the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences

Bioethics Brownbag & Webinar Series

Melanie B. Jacobs, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs in the College of Law at Michigan State University will offer a talk on the topic of legal parentage. With the increase in availability and use of assisted reproduction technologies (ART), establishing who is the legal parent of a child can be a complex issue. This talk will address the existing legal frameworks that regulate parentage, as well as the concept of "intentional parentage", which may have implications for ART families and non-ART families alike.
Melanie B. Jacobs' talk will take place on **Wednesday, February 18, 12-1 pm in C102 East Fee Hall** (The Patenge Room). Light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

Remember that if you are unable to attend the lectures in person, you can access them virtually in real time through our [webinar platform](#). You can also listen to a recording of this and all previous BB Series talks by going to our [Webinar Archives](#).

To see the full list of 2014-2015 Brownbag & Webinar talks, visit the Center for Ethics' [website](#).

**Clinical Ethics position "job talk"**

The Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences is in the process of hiring for two faculty positions, one in Neuroethics and one in Clinical Ethics. As part of the hiring process, selected candidates are invited for a campus visit, which includes a public presentation- commonly known as a "job talk". Tyler S. Gibb, currently Senior Clinical Ethics Fellow in the UCLA Health System Ethics Center, in Los Angeles, CA is one of our Clinical Ethics candidates; his job talk, *Refusing Palliation and the Limits of Parental Authority*, will take place on February 19, 12-1 pm in C102 East Fee Hall. This talk is free and open to the public. Download the event flyer [here](#).

**BHS Updates**

**Summer '15, Fall '15, and Spring '16 BHS course schedules now available on the BHS website**

If you are still thinking about which BHS courses you might take this summer, Fall '15, or Spring '16, we have now posted [schedules](#) for all BHS courses for these semesters. The detailed schedules present a full list of BHS courses offered during each semester, including section numbers, number of credits, and class meeting days and times. The course schedules also include courses that have been approved for substitution but are not listed on the official requirements handout.

**Ask the advisor: answers to your questions about the BHS program**

**Q: I took a BHS course listed as an approved substitution, but it's not showing up as a fulfilled requirement on Degree Navigator. Why not?**

**A:** Degree Navigator will automatically count any course listed on the BHS program description in the [Academic Programs Catalog](#). Since approved substitutions are not part of this official curriculum, Degree Navigator will only count them if authorized faculty or staff have added the course to an individual student's Degree Navigator page. If you have already taken a course that counts as a substitution, or are planning to do so in the future, get in touch with the BHS advisor to make sure it is counted towards your requirements.
Bioethics Community

Undergraduate Bioethics Society

UBS has a new president! With the graduation of former UBS president Jordan Krieger last Fall, the UBS e-board faced the task of electing a new president to head the organization for the remainder of the 14-15 academic year. Last Monday, during the first UBS meeting of the semester, an election was held for this position. Megan Ryan, a Junior in James Madison College, was elected. Megan previously served as treasurer of the board, a position now assumed by Maizie Faber, a junior in Neuroscience. One of the organization’s goals for this semester is to grow their membership; show your support by attending one of their meetings! The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in 307 Berkey Hall. For details on the topic for this meeting, as well as the full Spring meeting schedule, please visit the UBS webpage.

Medical Ethics and Health Policy in London- Application reminder!

The deadline for application for summer study abroad programs is fast approaching! All summer study abroad applications must be submitted by March 1st; however, if you are planning on applying for the Medical Ethics and Health Policy in London program, it's best to submit your application as soon as possible, as this program generally fills up before the official deadline. Remember that this program can count for two A category courses for your BHS requirements. For more details on program requirements and how to apply see the study abroad section of our website.

Around Campus

We Don't All Die Alone: The Social Context of End of Life Preparations in the United States

The Department of Sociology Speaker Series presents Dr. Deborah Carr, Professor and Chair of the Sociology Department at Rutgers University, speaking on the topics of death and dying, and end-of-life decision-making. Dr. Carr will address some of the many factors that lead Americans to eschew the use of living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care designations. This talk will take place on Friday, February 27, 12:00- 1:15 p.m. in 457 Berkey Hall.

Do you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter? Please share this link with them!