Greetings, BHS students! I expect you are as glad as we are that Spring Break, and hopefully nicer weather are right around the corner. Also coming up soon are deadlines for all Summer Study Abroad Programs at MSU (March 1st), and the National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference (NUBC), which this year will be held at Loyola University Chicago, April 4-6. More detailed information and other bioethics related news below, please read on!

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

Brownbag Speaker Series

Since our last newsletter, the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences has hosted two Brownbag talks. The first of these, on January 15, was delivered by Alan Loup, J.D., Regulatory Affairs Specialist at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Loup’s talk addressed the question of whether or not researchers are obligated to provide individual research findings to non-participant third parties, for instance, participants’ family members. If you missed it, the webinar recording is available here.

Dr. Sebastian Normandin, faculty of Lyman Briggs College was our second guest speaker of the semester. Dr. Normandin offered interesting insights on the role of the breath and the practice of mindful breathing in biomedicine. The webinar recording is available here.

Coming up after Spring Break, Dr. Arthur Ward, who is also a faculty member at Lyman Briggs College, will offer a talk titled: “Low Health Literacy: Blame to Go Around”. Join us for this talk on Wednesday, March 26, 12-1p.m. in C102 East Fee Hall (The Patenge Room). We hope to see you there!
Bioethics in the News Blog

If you have not done so, be sure to check out the Center’s Bioethics in the News blog. A new commentary on current topics in bioethics is posted every month. Here are links to our most recent blog posts:

1. **The Hunter’s Last Quest: The Idolatry of Autonomy** (Dr. Ann Mongoven, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences)
2. **Welcome to FDA Enforcement** (special guest post by Kayte Spector-Bagdady, J.D., Associate Director at the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues)
3. **A Brain Dead Little Girl Raises Some Big Questions** (Dr. Tom Tomlinson, Director, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, MSU)

Opportunities in Bioethics

Penn Bioethics Journal

The Penn Bioethics Journal is a peer-reviewed journal focusing on current issues in bioethics, featuring undergraduate authors from across the globe. The journal accepts submissions on a rolling basis from undergraduate students at accredited institutions. Currently, the journal is accepting two kinds of submissions: one to three page editorials, and full-length journal articles (3300 words maximum). Full submission guidelines are posted on the journal’s website. Next submission deadline is March 14, 2014. Put your class papers to good use, and add a publication to your CV! If you need assistance in preparing and submitting your article, or, if you would like to get some feedback on your work, contact the BHS advisor at bhs@msu.edu.

Bioethics Commission internships

Looking for a Summer internship? Interested in bioethics? The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues is looking for interns! If you are interested, and can commit to at least 10 weeks during the summer, we encourage you to apply. Applications are being accepted through March 7. More details at: [http://bioethics.gov/node/3324](http://bioethics.gov/node/3324)

National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference

The National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference (NUBC) is right around the corner! NUBC is an annual event created for, and led by undergraduate
students interested in bioethics. This two-day event, planned and organized completely by students covers issues of current interest within the field of bioethics with discussions led by experts invited by the hosting students. The 17th Annual National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference will take place at Loyola University Chicago, April 4-6, 2014. The theme for this year’s National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference is “Morals and Medicine: The Ethics of Becoming a Health Care Professional.” The keynote speaker will be author, lecturer, and documentary film-maker T.R. Reid, well known for his PBS Frontline video “Sick Around the World”, as well as his 2009 best-selling book “The Healing of America”. Student registration is $60 and includes all meals during the conference. For more information, or to register, visit the conference website: http://nubc2014.wordpress.com/
Do you want to know who else is going from MSU? Get in touch with the BHS advisor!