Welcome back!

Dear BHS students,

We hope your semester is off to a good start! In this issue, read about the new online advisor's calendar, the Spring Brownbag & Webinar Series, and other interesting opportunities for BHS students.

To our students planning on graduating this Spring, congratulations! Remember that if you are graduating in Spring or Summer, you should have already applied for graduation. If you are graduating in the Summer, you will attend the Spring commencement ceremony, but may still complete pending requirements over the Summer semester.
This month at the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences

The Brownbag Speaker Series

We will kick off the Spring Brownbag & Webinar series with a talk by Jeffrey T. Kullgren, MD, MS, MPH, who is a Research Scientist in the Center for Clinical Management Research at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Kullgren will talk about the promotion of healthy behaviors through the use of behavioral economic strategies. These strategies may include changes in our built environment, and incentive programs tied to health objectives.

Dr. Kullgren's talk will take place this **Wednesday, January 21st, 12-1 pm in C102 East Fee Hall** (The Patenge Room).

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 Spring Brownbag & Webinar talks, visit the Center for Ethics' [website](#).

BHS updates

New advising calendar

You may have noticed that the old online advising appointment calendar is no longer available. Many programs, including ours, are now using the new advisors’ calendar, which also allows you to book, modify, and cancel advising appointments. The new calendar can be accessed at: [https://www.egr.msu.edu/adcalendar](https://www.egr.msu.edu/adcalendar/)
Ask the advisor: answers to your questions about the BHS program

Q: I don’t think I will be able to complete BHS requirements in time for graduation. How do I drop the specialization?

A: You can drop the specialization at any time, as long as you have not applied for graduation. If you have already applied for graduation, you can no longer drop, since once a student is in application status, no changes can be made to their majors, minors, or other academic programs. Instead, we will enter a “deny” decision for that portion of your graduation application for Spring 2015. If this happens, you should not be concerned; “drop” and “deny” decisions are only reflected on MSU's internal records. There will be no record available to those outside MSU that you did not complete the BHS requirements, and this will not affect your graduation process in any way.

Bioethics Community

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.
Graduating this Spring? You may be interested in this job opportunity!

The Hastings Center seeks applicants for the two-year position of Research Assistant, beginning in the summer of 2015.

Job Description: The Hastings Center’s two Research Assistants provide support to our projects, research scholars. Over the course of their employment, Research Assistants have the opportunity to cultivate intellectual engagement with all aspects of our work, to meet and work with leaders in the field, and to develop a deep familiarity with a wide range of bioethics issues. The successful candidate will be trained by and work alongside the other Research Assistant, who has been in the job for one year. Responsibilities will include journal screening, literature and web-based searches, document retrieval, bibliographic and citation services, preparation of detailed summaries of research project meetings, assistance with preparation of scholarly publications and presentations, and other research support. In addition to the formal duties of the position, our Research Assistants have the opportunity to submit abstracts to academic conferences, contribute to Bioethics Forum, and seek publication of their own scholarly work.

Qualifications and key competencies: Bachelor’s degree*; excellent oral and written communication skills; familiarity with the Microsoft Office suite and citation management software as well as online bibliographic and document retrieval tools; flexibility and organization in managing multiple ongoing tasks; a willingness to work creatively and collaboratively in an interdisciplinary environment. Experience in bioethics is highly desirable.

*This position is for recent undergraduates only. Graduate, post-graduate, or advanced/professional degree holders will not be considered. Additionally, candidates must already have the right to work in the U.S. (e.g. U.S. citizens or permanent residents).

Application Components (in PDF or DOC formats):

- Letter of application describing your background and interest in the position
- Resume or CV
- Writing sample, preferably related to bioethics
- Transcript of all undergraduate work (an internal, electronic transcript is
acceptable)

- Names and contact information for two references

Apply Here. Applicants will be contacted regarding phone and on-site interviews.

Application deadline: Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 11:59 PM EST.

For questions relating to the Research Assistant search, please write to
researchassistants@thehastingscenter.org.

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