

Upcoming bioethics events, BHS updates, and opportunities



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Dear BHS students,

I hope that you had a fun and relaxing winter break, and that you are starting this semester fully recharged and ready to do your best! Although it seems a bit early, the Spring Semester is a great time to start thinking about summer opportunities, and to plan your schedules for next year. In this newsletter, you will find information about recent course substitutions, job opportunities, the National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, and workshops that may be of interest to you.

BHS Updates

Course substitution updates

Please remember that if you enrolled in the BHS program and had a course substitution approved before Fall 2015, it is very important that you [contact the BHS advisor](#) to ensure that your course substitutions are adequately recorded.

Recently approved substitutions:

HNF 377 (Applied Community Nutrition): this course was approved as a B category course for all students Fall 2014 and after.

EPI 290 (History of Healing Practices, Global Public Health and Epidemiology): approved as a B category course for all students taking this course in Spring 2016.

If you would like either of these courses counted toward your BHS minor, please contact the BHS advisor.

Course schedules for Summer 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017

The tentative course schedules for the upcoming Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters have been posted on the MSU [Schedule of Courses](#) page. Although you may not yet enroll in these courses, this is a good time to start planning.

Summer enrollment will begin on March 14, and students will be notified of their Fall 16 and Spring 17 appointment times on March 15. We will soon post summaries of the BHS course schedules for upcoming semesters on our website, stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences

Brown-Bag Webinars:

A New Foundation for Psychiatry?

Robyn Bluhm, PhD

Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy
Lyman Briggs College
Michigan State University

**January 27, 2016
12 - 1 pm; C102
Patenge Room,
East Fee Hall**

Bioethics Community

National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference

The 2016 National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference (NUBC) will be held at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, April 8-10. The focus of the conference will be on major issues in the science and ethics of regenerative medicine and biomedical engineering. As regenerative medicine and new forms of bioengineered medical devices march toward clinical development for patients, the scientific and ethical issues surrounding these practices will evolve in complex directions. The conference will feature talks by invited and local faculty. There will also be a poster symposium of student research, panel discussions featuring members of the bioethics/biomedical research community of Cleveland, and a bioethics debate bowl.

Registration is now open, and **the deadline for presentation proposals is March 1, 2016**. To be considered for presentation, contributed papers and posters must be submitted as abstracts 250-500 words by March 1, 2016. For more information, see the [conference website](#).

Please consider submitting an abstract for presentation. If you need help preparing your abstract, or would like feedback on it, please [contact us](#)!

Upcoming Events (cont.)

Ethical Implications of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for African American Women and Adolescent Girls

Faith E. Fletcher,
PhD, MA
Assistant
Professor
Division of
Community Health
Sciences
University of
Illinois at Chicago

**February 17, 2016
12 - 1 pm; C102
Patenge Room,
East Fee Hall**

Bioethics in the News Blog: should cancer prevention continue to be a priority for drug development research?

Dr. Tom Tomlinson, Director of the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, comments on a [New York Times article](#) dealing with this complex question. Make sure to stop by [our blog](#) tomorrow to check out this blog post, fresh off the press!

Job Opportunity with the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues!

A fellowship opportunity for recent bachelor's or master's graduates is available within the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (Bioethics Commission) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Bioethics Commission provides advice and counsel to the President of the United States on bioethical issues that emerge as a consequence of advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. Through engaging in original research, holding public meetings, and developing reports and other materials for public distribution, the Bioethics Commission works on identifying and promoting policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in an ethically responsible manner.

Deadline for applications: 2/8/16. For full details, go to:

<http://bioethics.gov/node/4000>

Around campus

Undergraduate Research Workshops

The Undergraduate Research Office spring workshop series will begin tomorrow evening! Below are all of the workshops for the month of January.

Learning about Undergraduate Research

January 20 7:15-8:15 PM: 312 Bessey

This workshop will be repeated on January 27 at 7:15 PM.

Unpacking Your Research Experience

Jan 25 6:00-7:00 pm: C201 Snyder

Have you thought about how the skills you are gaining through your undergraduate research experience will assist you in the future? Come learn about strategies for communicating your skills and abilities to others, such as graduate schools and future employers.

Finding a Summer Research Opportunity

January 26 6:00-7:00 PM: 304 Bessey

Learning about Undergraduate Research

January 27 7:15-8:15 PM: 312 Bessey

For more information on any of these workshops, call 517-884-4384.

Career Services Network

Graduating in the Spring? Then this is the time to spruce-up your resume. MSU Career Services Network offers help with resumes, cover letters, interview strategies, internships, and other career related support. Drop in or make an appointment with a career advisor! Here is a link for the drop in hours for the Career Services Network hubs across campus <http://careernetwork.msu.edu/services-locations/career-advising-drop-in-hours.html>

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