

Upcoming bioethics events, BHS updates, and opportunities



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## **Bioethics, Humanities and Society Undergraduate Program**

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### **Dear BHS Students,**

Did you know that we are not only one of the largest minors on campus, but also have an excellent graduation rate? During the past academic year, our program served 324 students, and an astonishing 97% of those who applied to graduate successfully completed requirements for the minor. It goes without saying that our students are what make this program great, but they also help our program grow. Do you know someone who would benefit from adding the BHS minor? Tell them about us! There are many great ways to know more about the program: explore our [website](#), attend one of our [Brown Bag Seminars](#), or come [meet with our advisor](#)!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Bioethics Brownbag & Webinar Series:**

[Oncologists' decisions about administering late chemotherapy: What makes it so difficult?](#)

#### **Minnie Bluhm, PhD, MPH**

Assistant Professor  
College of Health and  
Human Services  
Eastern Michigan University

**October 28, 2015**

**12 - 1 pm; E4 Fee Hall**

## BHS Updates

### Can't make it to our office? No problem.

#### New Advising Options

In addition to our in-person appointments, we now offer advising appointments by **phone** and **Skype**. When making your appointment through the online appointment system, select your preferred method from the drop-down menu. For more information on scheduling an appointment, please **see our advising page**.

## Bioethics Community

### Undergraduate Bioethics Society

UBS held a successful first meeting, with more than 25 students in attendance. The meeting provided an opportunity for students to meet some of the faculty at the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences; faculty members offered short, provocative presentations on topics such as childbirth, the ethics of neuroenhancement, precision medicine, and the determination of death. Needless to say, interesting discussions emerged! The next UBS meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm, 307 Berkey Hall**. All are welcome!

For more information, visit the [UBS webpage](#) or contact [ubs@msu.edu](mailto:ubs@msu.edu).

### Bioethics in the News Blog

Have you ever thought about whether or not it's appropriate for doctors and other healthcare workers to joke about their patients? In his recent blogpost, Center for Ethics director Tom Tomlinson proposes that humor is sometimes warranted and necessary in medicine. Read the full story [here](#).

[What We Have Already and Have Still to Learn from Historical Unethical Research](#)

**Kayte Spector-Bagdady, JD, M.Bioethics**

Research Fellow  
Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine  
University of Michigan

**November 11, 2015**  
**12 - 1 pm; C102 Patenge Room, East Fee Hall**

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[Medical Ethics and Health Policy in London Study Abroad Program](#)

Information meetings  
**Monday, October 26, 7- 8 pm, 314 Bessey Hall**  
OR  
**Thursday, October 29, 7- 8 pm, 307 Bessey Hall**

# Around campus

## **Study Abroad Fair**

Did you know that MSU offers 275 study abroad programs, in 60 different countries? If you are thinking about adding a study abroad experience to your academic program, make sure to put the 2015 Study Abroad Fair on your calendar.

The fair is **this** Thursday, October 15th from noon to 6:00 pm at the Breslin Center.

The fair provides a great opportunity for students to explore program options by talking with program leaders, representatives from partner institutions, former participants, and representatives from support units, all in one place.

## **Are you a pre-professional student? Check out the great resources available on the MSU Pre-professional Advisors website!**

### **Available resources include:**

- Who are the Preprofessional Advisors and how to make an appointment:  
<https://natsci.msu.edu/students/preprofessional/preprofessional-advising/>
- Preparing for professional school, including information about majors, how to get the Premedical Tracking Code, health-related co-curricular opportunities such as health-related study abroad programs, volunteering, internships, research and

summer programs, and information about gap years:

<https://natsci.msu.edu/students/preprofessional/preparation/>

- Curriculum planning, which is where we now house the preprofessional guides and also information on health-related elective courses at MSU and taking courses at another institution during summers:

<https://natsci.msu.edu/students/preprofessional/planning/>

- The application process, which includes guidelines for requesting letters, calculating science and math GPA's, writing personal statements, etc.:

<https://natsci.msu.edu/students/preprofessional/application-process/>