The Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics
Alumni Association (YALE-SIBAA)
2015

The Summer Institute was established ten years ago to bring together students wishing to further their bioethics education and faculty interested in supporting those interests. The Bioethics Alumni Association is comprised of both past and present students and faculty.

Mission

SIBAA’s purpose is to provide a bioethics, multidisciplinary, and international forum for discussion, scholarship, fundraising, and networking to support and foster the professional growth of SIBAA members.

To accomplish our mission, we sponsor studies, publications, and working groups, as well as symposia, forums, and lectures. These scholarly pursuits will take place during both the academic year and the Summer Institute.

Outreach

Through outreach to individuals and organizations interested in supporting our efforts and mission (i.e., “Friends of Our Community”), and then through the provision of aid in SIBAA members’ publication of books and articles, SIBAA would like to make a financial impact in its member bioethicists’ academic ventures. Finally, SIBAA serves as a simultaneously social and professional forum to promote global and multidisciplinary collaboration among scholars and practitioners.

The Summer Symposium for Returning Students and Faculty

Each year, following the Summer Institute’s end-of-term Banquet, the Summer Symposium will take place. The Banquet will serve as a “welcome” for returning students and faculty, and as a farewell dinner for the present students and faculty. Twelve students and faculty from previous years will be selected to present scholarly papers at the Symposium. Their papers will then be collected and placed in a special section of the Summer Institute’s website. Each paper presenter will be given credit for an e-publication.

Choosing the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee will be composed in the following manner: the present director of the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics; the present director of the Summer Institute; two past students; two past faculty; and one “Friend of Our Community”; and the past, ex-officio director, who has no voting rights. Their terms
will last two years, after which a call for nominations will be circulated. The director and present Advisory Committee members will determine their replacements.

**Meetings During the Academic Year and Summer Term**

Each year two meetings will take place on Yale’s campus: one after the Summer Symposium, and one in January of the following year. The director of the Summer Institute and members of the Summer Institute Advisory Committee will compose the agenda with input from the general student and faculty bodies. Decisions made by the director and advisory committee will include input from those students and faculty who will respond.

The January meeting will also be a forum for individual presentations by past students and faculty.

**Website construction**

A website will be created and maintained and will be used as the primary communication tool.

**Other Purposes**

The Alumni Association membership can also recommend students for each summer class; conduct applicant Interviews; organize symposia nationally and internationally; co-author articles/books; organize panel discussions; and seek out possible “Friends of Our Community.” The organization of symposia or panels requires formal Advisory Committee approval.

**Changes to our Mission Statement**

Changes to our by-laws can be made by member petition and by Advisory Committee vote.