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**SHERWIN B. NULAND SUMMER INSTITUTE IN BIOETHICS**

**SUMMER SEMINAR LEADERS, DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS, AND STUDENT DISCUSSANTS 2015**

**Saara Akhtar** is a 2014 graduate of the Bioethics Summer Institute where she also did research for her final dissertation at King’s College London, receiving her BA in philosophy. She has also taken courses in Bioethics at University College London and Birkbeck University. Having created the first undergraduate Bioethics Society at the University of London, Saara served as the president this past year as well as an editor for their online journal. She is a Master’s Candidate in Global Health at the University of London (UK).

 Discussant - *Global Public Health Ethics*

 Discussion Group Leader – *Global Justice and Health*

**Andrés Arriaga**, PhD, Professor of Medical Psychology and Psychopathology, Universidad Europea de Madrid (Spain). Psychotherapist.

 *Ethical Aspects of Mental Health*

Andrés is a clinical psychologist and a licensed psychotherapist who worked in several psychiatric institutions in Spain, the UK, and Mexico before he became a Doctor and joined the university as a teacher. His dissertation described the subjective quality of life of schizophrenic patients and compared the differences in data gathered from five European countries. He divides his time working at his private practice and teaching Medical Psychology and Psychopathology to medical students who would have to take care to detect the ethical dilemmas in the treatment of the patients. He has published several articles on mental health (especially depression and schizophrenia), education, and intercultural matters. He has been invited as a specialist to universities in Latin America, Turkey, and Europe. Since 2010, he has been a member of the panel of experts for mental health research projects in the European Commission and, therefore, he is interested in how ICT tools can improve the quality of life of psychiatric patients. More recently, he has become a member of the committee of one of the most prestigious bioethics institutes in his country, being part of the advisory panel for psychiatric ethics.

**Laura Ballantyne-Brodie,** BA, LLB (Hons) GradDip Legal Practice, Monash University, Attorney at Baker & McKenzie LLP

*Disasters, Law and Ethics*

A graduate of the 2008 Summer Institute, Laura is an Associate at international law firm Baker & McKenzie where she practices as a climate change and environmental lawyer in Sydney.  Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law with honors from Monash University. From 2008 to 2011 Laura was a director of the World Energy Council of Australia and an intern and consultant to UNESCO's Asian headquarters in Thailand. Laura was invited to speak at the 2011 Looking Beyond Disaster youth forum in Christchurch New Zealand, a forum for youth who have survived a natural disaster. Since completing the summer institute at Yale, Laura has been interested in the intersection of public policy, ethics and law and returns to lead 'disasters, law and ethics' for the second year.

**Csaba Bardossy,** JD, Faculty of Law, Pazmany Peter Catholic University, also studied medicine at Semmelweis University, Hungary, former visiting scholar at Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

*Biotech Law & International Patent Issues*

Csaba is a 2012 graduate of the Summer Bioethics Institute and a former Visiting Scholar at Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics with a scholarship from the European Union’s excellence program. He also joined in some comparative law seminars at Yale Law School during the first semester of 2013/2014. He is currently a JD candidate who defended his thesis with honors. He studied medicine at Semmelweis University of Budapest and also studied law at Bonn University as an Erasmus Scholar. His research focuses on patent (IP) law and international biotech law. He has worked for PriceWaterhouseCoopers Legal and for an NGO at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Besides his professional field of interest, Csaba also has a passion for philosophy and business ethics.

**Shawna Benston**, JD, MBE, MA, Health Care Advocate / Staff Attorney, Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY), New York, NY

*Narrative Medicine and Bioethics Mediation*

**Shawna** has a BA in English and Classics from Yale University, an MA in Classics from the University of St Andrews (Scotland), a Masters of Bioethics and the Clinical Ethics Mediation Certificate from the University of Pennsylvania, and a JD from Cardozo Law School. Her work has focused on mourning, melancholia, and metamorphosis in Classical literature and on narrative ethics, narrative medicine, mediation, and reproductive ethics in the realm of bioethics. At Cardozo Law, Shawna served as President of the Dispute Resolution Society and as a member of the Mediation, Divorce Mediation, and Health Care Reform Clinics. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. One of her duties as Editor-in-Chief was to plan and host the *Journal’s* annual Symposium, for which she chose the topic: “Bioethics, Healthcare Policy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Age of ‘Obamacare.’” Shawna is currently serving as Health Care Advocate / Staff Attorney at the Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY), where she helps New Yorkers navigate the healthcare and health insurance arenas.

**Jack Brackney,** Masters Candidate, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; Research Assistant, Center for Genetic Research, Ethics and Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

*Obesity Issues and Bioethics*

Jack received his BA from the University of Akron in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics. Currently he is involved in a research project exploring genomic medicine and medically underserved populations with a focus on issues of justice, access to health care and education, and influence on public health policy.

**Lori Bruce,** MA*,* Assistant Director, Yale University’s Summer Institute in Bioethics; Chair, Community Bioethics Forum, Program for Biomedical Ethics, Yale School of Medicine; Vice-President, Community Voices in Medical Ethics

Neuroethics

Lori Bruce became an Assistant Director of the Summer Institute in 2011. Before Yale, Lori managed a social neurosciences laboratory at Harvard University, conducting research on the neural mechanisms relating those who are prodromal to psychotic disorders.

Lori has consulted for a member of President Obama’s Commission on Bioethics, has presented research regarding the community’s role in bioethics to the American Society of Bioethics & Humanities, and has lectured at Boston University School of Medicine and guest-lectured at Harvard University.

Lori has served on bioethics committees at Harvard (including the Cambridge Health Alliance and the innovative Community Ethics Committee) and has helped to author improved policy on a wide range of issues, including pediatric organ donation after cardiac death, palliative sedation, and doctor/patient social media communications.

Lori is currently a member of Yale-New Haven Hospital’s Adult Ethics Committee. She also serves as Vice President of Community Voices in Medical Ethics (a nonprofit) and directs the Community Bioethics Forum at Yale Medical School’s Program for Biomedical Ethics - unique community outreach initiatives that enable members of the public to learn about – and advise on – pressing medical ethics issues.

Lori co-teaches the Neuroethics seminar and greatly enjoys working with the students on their summer research initiatives.

**Stephen M. Campbell,** PhD,Postdoctoral Fellow in Advanced Biomedical Ethics, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania

*An Introduction to Ethical Theory*

Steve received his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Michigan in 2012.  In addition to teaching at Yale, he has served as an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy and Environmental Studies at Coe College and is now a Postdoctoral Fellow in Advanced Biomedical Ethics at University of Pennsylvania's Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy.  He has teaching and research interests in ethical theory, medical ethics, and environmental ethics and has published work in *Utilitas*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Hume Studies, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice,* and *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Well-Being*.  His current research concerns the concepts of well-being, benefit, and harm; the good death; and the ethics of prenatal genetic screening and selective abortion for disabilities.

**Sheena M. Eagan Chamberlin,** MPH, PhD

University of Maryland University College, Europe

*Medical Ethics During Conflict, War & Genocide*

Sheena holds a PhD in the Medical Humanities from the University of Texas Medical Branch, as well a MPH from the Uniformed Services University and a BA from the University of New Brunswick. Her work has focused on military medicine, examining moral dilemmas in war, armed conflict, and the specific obligations of military medical professionals. Sheena has presented academic papers at conferences in the humanities, medical ethics, and military medicine across North America, Europe and Asia. She has also lectured for the International Committee of Military Medicine. Sheena is currently Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Maryland University College Europe where she teaches active duty soldiers and their dependents.

**Márta Dabis,** MSc, MBA, Chaplaincy Research Assistant, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

*Discussion Section: Introduction to Relational Bioethics via*

*House MD (TV series)*

Márta is a 2014 graduate of Yale University’s Summer Bioethics Institute and a graduate of the Clinical Pastoral Education Residency Program at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She is currently a Research Assistant for Hurricane Sandy related chaplaincy research at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York (JTS).

Márta completed graduate studies in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics at University of Szeged (Szeged, Hungary) and at Corvinus University of Budapest, and later she completed an MBA at Oakland University (Rochester, Michigan) with a specialization in Human Resource Management and International Business. Her professional career at Accenture, a multinational management consulting services company, focused on the area of organization and human performance development in six countries.

In 2009 she moved to California and underwent a three-year program in monastic training at the San Francisco Zen Center. She completed a year-long Buddhist Chaplaincy course at the Sati Center for Buddhist Studies in Redwood City, California, and began her Clinical Pastoral Education studies at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center in 2012.

Márta is a lay-ordained Zen Buddhist endorsed for healthcare chaplaincy. She completed Clinical Pastoral Education Internships at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Oakland Hospitals in Michigan and a residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

As a visiting scholar at The Hastings Center during the fall of 2014, she examined existing theories of related fields (healthcare chaplaincy, organization development, philosophy of science, ethics education, psychology) and their role in developing Relational Bioethics for the future.

Beyond her professional commitments, Márta has a passion for playing duets on the piano, watching science fiction movies, swimming, biking and studying bodywork.

**Elin C. Doval**, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Business, Virginia State University; Associate Director, Yale University’s Summer Institute in Bioethics

*Disability and Bioethics*

*Discussion Session - Impact Ethics: Developing Self-determination Skills to Make a Difference in Bioethics*

Elin is currently an Assistant Professor of Management, Organization, and Leadership for the Reginald F. Lewis College of Business at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

Elin received her PhD in Special Education and Disability Policy from the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond, Virginia. Her scholarly graduate research was honored with the Outstanding Dissertation Award of the Year. She also holds a Masters of Education from VCU.

Her extensive background in the field of disability ethics and policy includes her experience as Research Coordinator for the Swank Employment Program and the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware; Research Assistant and Behavior Specialist, Behavior Research Center at Virginia Commonwealth University; Principal Coordinator for Person Centered Customized Employment Federal Grant, from the Department of Labor, for the City of Richmond, VA; Senior Consultant and Behavior Specialist, Grafton, Richmond, VA; Senior Consultant, Virginia Autism Resource Center, Richmond, VA; and Educational Consultant for the Autism Program of Virginia, Richmond, VA, and her Post -Doctoral Fellowship at theDepartment of Rehabilitation Counseling (School of Allied Health Professions) at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Elin’s service to the community and state organizations include consecutive appointments by four Virginia Governors to serve as a Governmental Advisor to The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, including the Chair of Board position from 1997 to 2002, and to the Virginia Latino Advisory Board from 2002 to the present. Other memberships include Virginia Developmental Disability Medicaid Waiver Committee; Autism Advocacy Coalition of Virginia (State Developmental Disability Council); the Olmstead Committee of VA; Developmental Disability Waiver Task Force, Commonwealth of Virginia; Chairman of the Legislative Committee for Family Support and Self-Determination, VA; member of the Mental Retardation Waiver Task Force, Commonwealth of Virginia; and Co-president of the Autism Society of America, Central Virginia Chapter.

Her leadership and commitment to the protection, education, respect, and social justice for persons with disabilities has helped author and improve policy on a wide range of issues, including the Medicaid Waiver for Developmental Disabilities, the re-designing of the Intellectual Disabilities Waiver and the implementation of the Olmstead Decision in the state of Virginia.

Elin’s unconditional commitment to bioethics stems from the profound love and respect she has for her son, Robert, a young man with autism, and the many other individuals like him whose quality of life depends on society’s understanding and practice of bioethics.

**Alex Dubov,** MDiv; PhD Candidate, Duquesne University

*Transplantation Ethics*

Alex is a PhD candidate in Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University. He has a strong interest in ethics of end-of-life decision-making and transplantation ethics. His dissertation research focuses on the ethical dimensions of “nudging” in these two areas. Nudging implies the use of interventions aimed to suggest one choice over another by gently steering individual decisions and enhancing directions yet without imposing any limit on available choices - thus preserving autonomy. Prior to starting his PhD, Alex graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Andrews University and worked for Emory University Hospital first as a transplant chaplain and then later as a palliative care counselor. Recently Alex became a member of the Research Committee within the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. He enjoys diversity and loves learning about different cultures and traditions. He speaks six languages and have lived and studied in several countries.

**Sally Edwards,** MAT, MA,Chaplain, Monroe Village Continuing Care Retirement Community

*End-of-Life Issues*

*Perspectives on Aging*

Sally has served for 20 years as a chaplain in nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, and residential and home-care hospices. While Pastoral Associate at Christ Episcopal Church, she served on the Robert Wood Johnson Institutional Review Board. Now retired, Sally continues as a volunteer chaplain to advocate for palliative and hospice care for residents in a Continuing Care Retirement Community. For the Yale Summer Bioethics Institute she has participated in two End-of-Life Issues panels: “Mercy or Misery - The Impact of Communication on End of Life Care”, and Interfaith End-of-Life Issues. She also teaches the Perspectives on Aging seminar.

**Ramona Fernandez**, PhD, M.Ed. (Counseling Psychology), CCC, FT - Assistant Professor in Health Sciences/ Adjunct Assistant Professor in Counselling Psychology/ Research Coordinator in Family Medicine at Western University, Canada

 *Reproductive Ethics*

Ramona is currently a faculty member and researcher at Western University in Canada and serves on the board of directors and Scientific Advisory Committee for the international Association of Death Education and Counseling. She is clinical counsellor/psychotherapist by profession with a Master’s degree in Counselling Psychology, Certificate in Grief and Bereavement and an interdisciplinary PhD in Health Professional Education. She also holds an international certification and Fellow in Thanatology with specialization in bereavement counselling for reproduction and perinatal loss. She is a graduate of Yale University’s Bioethics Summer Institute (2013), was a Visiting Scholar at The Hastings Center and did a clinical ethics fellowship at St. Joseph’s Healthcare London & London Health Sciences Center in Canada and served previously on the Perinatal Ethics Council at St. Joseph’s. Her clinical, academic and research work spans the disciplines of counselling psychology/social work, thanatology, reproductive medicine, bioethics and biopolitics.

**Lisa Paige Glass**, Esq., Glass Law Office, Boca Raton, Florida

*Legal & Ethical Issues in Adoption, Surrogacy, and Reproductive Law*

Lisais anattorney with diverse interests and areas of practice. She is the sole shareholder of Glass Law Office, where she practices adoption, surrogacy, and reproductive law, commercial litigation, as well as appeals in all areas of the law, including civil, criminal, and family. Lisa is a graduate of the Summer Institute, and,in 2014, Lisa was a Summer Institute guest lecturer and seminar instructor in the Disaster Law and Ethics seminar. Lisa and her husband Adam also work together as real estate agents in the South Florida area.

Lisa is involved in various organizations in the community. She is currently: the Newsletter Editor for the South Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers; the Secretary of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association; and an active member of Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, where she is also a Bar/Bat Mitzvah teacher and tutor.

Lisa earned both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida. She began her legal career as an appellate law clerk to Judge Jonathan D. Gerber at Florida’s Fourth District Court of Appeal. Prior to opening Glass Law Office, she worked at a boutique law firm practicing complex commercial litigation. Lisa is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and all Florida State Courts.

**Evie Kendal,** Assistant Lecturer, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash Teaching Hospitals, Alfred Centre; PhD Candidate, Centre for Human Bioethics and School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

 *Bioethics and Biotechnology*

Evie Kendal is an Assistant Lecturer with the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the Alfred Centre, Melbourne (Australia) and a doctoral candidate at Monash University’s Centre for Human Bioethics. She has worked for Monash since 2011 holding various positions across the Faculties of Medicine, Science, Arts, and Business and Economics. She has previously also taught for the Faculty of Science and Technology at Deakin University. Evie completed her Bachelor of Biomedical Science in 2008 before receiving the Cecile Parrish Memorial Scholarship to undertake an Honours degree in English literature. After completing her Master of Bioethics in 2012, Evie was awarded the Monash-WHO Fellowship to undertake research at the World Health Organization’s Global Health Ethics unit in Geneva, Switzerland. Evie worked for two years as the Production Editor of the *Monash Bioethics Review* scholarly journal and is currently serving as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Colloquy: Text, Theory, Critique.* She has recently received a Better Learning Better Teaching small grant from Monash to run a university tutor training program with the School of Literary Studies in 2015. Evie’s dissertation focuses on representations of ectogenesis and other reproductive biotechnologies in science fiction and popular culture.

**Susan Kopp**,Professor of Health Sciences, Veterinary Technology Program, LaGuardia College, (City University of New York); Affiliated Scholar, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

*Topics in Animal & Veterinary Ethics*

A Veterinarian and Professor of Health Sciences in the Veterinary Technology Program at LaGuardia Community College (CUNY), Susan is a Bioethics Center scholar and chairs the Center’s Interdisciplinary Scholars Study Group in Animal Ethics. In 2010, while a visiting scholar at Yale, she developed and taught the first summer seminar in Veterinary Ethics and Animal Welfare. Susan earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University, Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Virginia Tech, and completed course work in religious studies at the Instituto Internazionale Mystici Corporis, Loppiano, Italy. She served as Attending Veterinarian for LaGuardia College’s Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee and is a past director of its Veterinary Technology Program. She teaches courses in veterinary technology, life science, and public health, and works on scholarly initiatives in areas tied to animal ethics.

**Steve Latham**, PhD, JD, Director, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

*Research Ethics*

Steve has been Director of the Bioethics Center since 2011 and was its Deputy Director from 2008.  A graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and the University of California/Berkeley Doctoral Program in Jurisprudence, he is a former healthcare business and regulatory attorney and served as Director of Ethics Standards at the American Medical Association before entering academics full-time.  He has been a Graduate Fellow at Harvard's Safra Center on Ethics and a Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities.  He is a former member of Connecticut's Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee and presently on the board of the American Society for Bioethics & Humanities, which gave him its Distinguished Service Award in 2010. Steve's publications on health law and ethics have appeared in numerous medical and bioethics journals, law reviews and university-press books.

**Zohar Lederman, MD, PhD candidate.**

*Medical Ethics During Conflict, War & Genocide*

**Zohar** is a medical doctor and a PhD candidate at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics, National University of Singapore. Zohar’s dissertation focuses on the ethics of One Health and infectious diseases. Zohar’s other areas of interest include: family presence during CPR, environmental ethics, organ donation, and the dual loyalty dilemma of the physician-soldier.

**Evie Lindemann**, LMFT, ATR-BC, ATCS, Associate Professor/Clinical Coordinator, Master of Arts in Art Therapy Program, Albertus Magnus College

*Children’s Issues in BIoethics*

*End-of-Life issues*

*Perspectives on Aging*

Evie is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Board Certified Art Therapist. She has worked as a psychotherapist and as a researcher for a number of years. Currently, she is an Associate
Professor in the Master of Arts in Art Therapy Program at Albertus
Magnus College in New Haven, CT. Additionally, she has consulted for the Veterans Administration in treating traumatized combat veterans using art therapy and other creative arts modalities. Evie studies and
practices yoga, and has been immersed in Eastern philosophy and
movement-based healing systems. She teaches courses about the
experiences associated with death and dying and end-of-life care. She
has been deeply influenced by the teachings of Meher Baba, a highly
regarded Indian spiritual leader. She has lived and worked in
Afghanistan, India, and Israel and is fascinated by the cultural
lenses through which we see our worlds. Evie is a printmaking artist
who exhibits her work nationally and internationally and believes
that the creative process is one of the most powerful means for
finding inspiration, knowledge, and inner guidance. This year is her sixth year of teaching in the Summer Bioethics Program.

**Lydia Lissanu** is a recent graduate of Transylvania University (Lexington, Kentucky) where she studied sociology and explored intersectional issues through the lens of feminist, queer, and critical race theories. While in college, she swam competitively, volunteered at the AIDS Volunteer Organization of Lexington, was Vice President of the Black Student's Alliance, and worked at the U.S. Attorney General's Office and her school's writing center. In her past summers she interned at Kentuckian's for the Commonwealth, conducted biomedical research for the NIH in Kenya, and attended the Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics 2014.

Discussant and Research Fellow, *Sexual Ethics and Social Justice*

**Evie Marcolini,** MD, FACEP, FAAEM, Assistant Professor, Yale School of Medicine

*Neuroethics*

Evie jointed Yale School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Yale School of Medicine in 2010 and divides her time as Faculty between Emergency Medicine, Neurocritical Care and Surgical Critical Care. She has recently become board-certified in neurocritical care, is a member of the Ethics Committee at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and is very interested in issues surrounding ethics and end-of-Life decision-making. She is the Chair-Elect for the Critical Care Section of the American College of Emergency Medicine and is a co-editor on the recently published book: *Emergency Department Resuscitation of the Critically Ill.* Evie has travelled to teach Emergency Medicine and Critical Care to programs in Egypt, Greece, Vietnam, and Argentina, as well as nationally for American College of Emergency Medicine and American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Outside of academics, Evie teaches Wilderness Medicine and enjoys rock and ice climbing, skiing and mountaineering.

**Kyle A. McGregor**, MPP, MSW; PhD Candidate, Indiana University; NIH Translational Science Fellow

 *Global Public Health Ethics Seminar*

Discussion Section*: Clinical Ethics*

Kyle is a Doctoral Candidate at Indiana University writing his dissertation on the development of a capacity assessment tool for adolescents wishing to participate in clinical trials. Kyle’s position at Indiana University is housed within the Section of Adolescent Medicine at the IU School of Medicine where he does research and clinical work focused on adolescent health. His main research interests are broadly focused on research ethics and methodology. Kyle also teaches research, theory, and statistics in the graduate and undergraduate social work program at Indiana University. He is a former Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics Fellow where he provided clinical case consultations for the hospital system and carried out a research project evaluating pediatric patient perceptions of voice and input in clinical decision making. Outside of academics Kyle enjoys watching/playing soccer, Netflix-ing, playing tennis, and watching college football.

**Sumaya M. Noush,** B.A. Philosophy & B.S. Psychology, Loyola University Chicago; J.D. Candidate, Loyola University Chicago School of Law; M.A. Candidate, Loyola University Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics

 *Patent Perspectives: The Ethics of Global Pharmaceuticals*

Sumaya is a 2014 graduate of Yale University’s Sherwin B. Nuland Bioethics Institute. She is a J.D. Candidate in Health Law at Loyola University Chicago as well as an M.A. Candidate in Bioethics and Health Policy at Loyola University’s Neiswanger Institute. Sumaya is currently a Client Advocate at Loyola’s medical-legal partnership called the Health Justice Project, a member of the *Annals of Health Law* journal, a writer on Loyola’s *Advance Directives*, Executive Director of Health Law Society Initiatives, and Vice President of the Women’s Law Society. Her research interests are in addressing ethical concerns and consequences of current patent and regulatory laws within and between countries that need to better balance intellectual property protection with rights of individuals to access medicine. She also finds a bioethical interest in amending the current patent infrastructure in the United States to lessen protections over biotechnologies that are more informative than curative.

**Karmele Rosalia Olaciregui Dague** is a 2014 graduate of the Bioethics Summer Institute and will receive her MD degree in 2015 from the Universidad Europea de Madrid (European University of Madrid). Previously Karmele has worked as a research assistant in the Neurology Department at the University Hospital Quiron Madrid and as a volunteer emergency medical technician for the City of Madrid Emergency Services.

 Discussant, *Disability and Bioethics*

**Cristina Pardini**, JD, PhD Candidate in Law, University of Pisa, Italy; Research Fellow, CIGA, University of Padua, Italy

*International Perspectives on Bioethics: Ethical and Legal Approaches in Asia, Europe, and the US*

Cristina is a Doctoral Student in Law at the University of Pisa in Italy. Her research focuses on the legal concept of capacity and its implications for end-of-life decision-making. She has worked as Adjunct Professor at the Law School in Pisa, where she was the instructor for an undergraduate seminar entitled “Biolaw and decision-making”. She has recently published her research on the subject of genetic biobanks and preimplantation diagnosis. Beyond academia, she has been collaborating with the Italian Organ Donors Association and was involved in a nation-wide interdisciplinary committee that drafted a law on advance directives submitted for consideration to the Italian Parliament. As part of her research, she has collaborated with physicians, philosophers, legal scholars, and members of Italy’s National Commission on Bioethics.

She is currently a Research Fellow at the Center on environmental, ethical, legal and social decisions on emerging technologies (CIGA), University of Padua.

Her interest in international legal practices in bioethics has led her to participate in numerous conferences as well as the Intensive Clinical Bioethics Course at Harvard Medical School and the Yale Bioethics Summer Program; during the summer of 2013, she was a visiting scholar at the Hastings Center.

**Carol Pollard**, MA, MSc, Associate Director, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

*Discussion Section – How to Think about Bioethics*

*En- of-Life Issues (Instructor and Coordinator)*

Working on the formation of the Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, the Center made use of many of Carol’s past and present interests and then some. She worked in hospital administration for eleven years, where she became acquainted with ethical issues involving euthanasia, quality of life, abortion, doctor/patient relationships, and end-of-life decision-making. For ten years after that, she founded and directed an international human rights organization that dealt, for the most part, with issues involving prisoners that acquainted her with international ethical values concerning human life. The connection between these two areas—health/medical care and human rights—became very clear once she discovered the field of bioethics, and she has been happily ensconced in this area of study ever since.

**Matthew T. Riley**, Ph.D. Candidate, Drew University; Research Associate, The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale; Online Education Specialist in Religion and Ecology – Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Ethics

 *Environmental Ethics*

 *Religion and Ecology*

Matt is a doctoral candidate at Drew University. While writing his dissertation, he is employed as an Online Education Specialist in Religion and Ecology at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental studies. Matt is also engaged as a Research Associate at the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, and he serves as a Steering Committee Member for the Religion and Ecology Group at the American Academy of Religion. In the past he has worked for the Green Seminary Initiative, he taught biology in the New York City public school system, and he designed the curricular materials for the *Journey of the Universe* project. He received a MAR in religious ethics from Yale Divinity School, a MS in secondary science education from Pace University, and an MPhil in sociology from Drew University. Broadly speaking, Matt approaches bioethics from an interdisciplinary standpoint, and he is interested in the intersection of environmental ethics, animal ethics, and religious perspectives on bioethics. Matt’s dissertation research centers on the relationship between religious ideas and environmental values.

**Thomas E. Robey**, MD, PhD; Chair, Waterbury Hospital Ethics Committee

*Ethics in the Emergency Room*

Thomas is an emergency medicine physician who as chair of a community hospital’s ethics committee, oversees a clinical ethics consultation service. He studied bioengineering and the history and philosophy of science at the University of Pittsburgh, earned his MD/PhD at the University of Washington and completed an emergency medicine residency at Yale. His dissertation involved the optimization of human embryonic stem cell based treatments for cardiac repair. Robey has designed and taught medical ethics courses to medical students and residents using principles- and casuistry-centered approaches to analyzing ethical dilemmas. He has completed a Greenwall Foundation-funded project examining ethical issues surrounding radiation exposure from CT scans in the emergency department and continues to research ways to decrease dependence on CT scans in the emergency room.

**Adam Schechter**, PhD

 *Medical Ethical Debates in Popular Culture*

Adam,having done his doctorate work in philosophy and biomedical ethics at Syracuse University, spent several years working as a clinical ethics associate at St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center in Syracuse. His responsibilities included ethics education, consultation, and mediation. Adam spent the majority of his professional career in the realm of human subjects research administration at such academic institutions as Weill Cornell Medical College, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Yale University. He enjoys movies and books (hence this class), watching sports, spending time with his wife and four-year-old son, friends, and long walks on the beach.

**Naomi Scheinerman**, PhD Candidate, Political Science, Yale University

 *Bioethics and the Law*

Naomi Scheinerman studies political theory in Yale’s Political Science PhD program. Prior to coming to Yale, she spent two years as a research assistant at The Hastings Center where she was engaged in research on a vast spectrum of bioethics topics, such as genetics, animal ethics, reproductive technology access, and undocumented immigrant health care. She received her BA in philosophy, political science, and Hebrew & Jewish cultural studies from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. At Michigan, she taught a course on the commodification of the human body and received high honors for her thesis on surrogate motherhood. She is interested in law and ethics, as well as the interaction of science and value in policy creation.

**Roberto Sirvent,** PhD, JD, Associate Professor of Political and Social Ethics, Hope International University, Fullerton, CA

*Sexual Ethics and Social Justice*

Roberto received an MA from Johns Hopkins University, a JD from the University of Maryland School of Law, and a PhD from the London School of Theology in the UK. He is the author of the book *Embracing Vulnerability: Human and Divine* (Pickwick Publications, 2015). Roberto has broad interests in religion, morality, and political theory and has published essays on issues ranging from democracy and nationalism to existentialism and David Foster Wallace. His most recent work explores how various conceptions of love, sex, and marriage inform debates in bioethics. A Kierkegaardian at heart, he loves playing hide-and-seek with his niece.

**Jeff Stryker**, Freelance writer

*Bioethics in the Media*

Jeff is a freelance writer based on the Connecticut shoreline. He is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, where he has written about topics as diverse as vegansexuality, haunted houses and childhood innocence and as bioethical as organ transplantation and sperm banking. His commentaries have appeared in *The Nation*, *Salon* and aired on National Public Radio. He has been a researcher and writer at a variety of health policy foundations and think tanks, including the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Institute of Medicine, the Hastings Center and federal commissions on bioethics and HIV/AIDS. His academic work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals in law and medicine, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The Lancet*. He is at work on a book on what drives people to commit suicide.

**Kavot Zillén,** LL.D candidate in Medical Law, Sweden, Uppsala University, Faculty of Law

*Human Rights and Health*

Kavot is a fourth-year Doctoral Student in Medical Law at Uppsala University in Sweden. She started her Doctor of Laws (LLD) studies in September 2010. Her dissertation focuses on health care professionals’ freedom of religion and on their obligations to provide good health care. One of the questions that Kavot deals with in her doctoral studies is health care professionals’ right to conscientious objections in lawful medical care. Her position at the Faculty of Law involves research and teaching in the field of administrative and medical law. Prior to starting her LLD, Kavot worked as a legal expert at the Swedish Medical Responsibility Board and at The National Board of Health and Welfare, under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.