Foundations in Bioethics

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this four-day program, participants will be able to answer:

- What is bioethics, and what is ethical theory?
- What are the main principles, concepts, and common terms in bioethics?
- What methods, frameworks, and arguments are commonly used in bioethics?
- What are the most pressing issues in bioethics today (in research, law & policy, clinical ethics, and more)
- How might I utilize bioethics in my career?

This program is intended for those who are interested in ethics as it relates to the clinical setting, research, policy, and law as well as the history and theories of bioethics. Topics will be explored through lectures, case studies, and small-group break-out sessions. To register, or learn more, please email us at bioethics@yale.edu.

Schedule

Tuesday, June 11 Sloane Physics Lab Room 59 (2nd floor) unless noted	**Topic**	**Speaker**
9:15 am	Welcome & Introduction	Bruce
9:45 - 10:00	Bioethics as Inspiration	Latham
10:00 – 10:45	Introduction to Ethical Theory	Campbell
10:45 – 11:45	Ethical Theory: Happiness and Well-Being	Campbell
11:45 – 12:45	—LUNCH—	
12:45 – 1:30	Ethical Theory: Consequences and Utilitarianism; Introduction to The Trolley Problem	Campbell
1:30-2:30	Case Discussion: The Trolley Problem (small groups)	Cardona-Wolenski, Earp, Herbst, Takahashi, Tolchin
	—break—	
2:45 - 4:45	Justice, Principlism, & Casuistry	Latham

Wednesday, June 12 Sloane Physics Lab Room 59 (2nd floor) unless noted	**Topic**	**Speaker**
9:15-9:30	Convene/Announcements	Bruce
9:30-10:30	Ethical Theory: Rights, Respect for Persons, and Moral Status	Campbell
	—break—	
10:45 – 11:30	Ethical Theory: Virtue & Pluralism	Campbell
11:30 -12:45	--LUNCH—	
12:45 – 2:15 pm	Origins of Bioethics	Latham
	--break—	
2:35– 3:45 pm	Common Methods & Arguments in Bioethics	Latham
3:45 – 4:45 pm	Thinking like an Ethicist: Small-Group Case Studies on Common Arguments	Earp, Herbst, Kopp, Kudina, Takahashi, Tolchin

Thursday, June 13 Sloane Physics Lab Room 59 (2nd floor) unless noted	**Topic**	**Speaker**
9:15 - 9:30	Convene/Announcements	Bruce
9:30 – 10:30	Branches of bioethics (clinical, research, public health, policy)	Latham
10:30 – 11:30	Overview of Clinical Ethics	Latham
11:30 – 12:45	—LUNCH—	
12:45 - 2:15 pm	"Why Pediatric Ethics is Different, and Harder"	Mercurio
	—break—	
2:30 – 3:30	**Break-out Session 1 (Choose One Small-Group Session)**: Designing Children: Choosing and Modifying Human Traits (Latham) Ethical Issues Related to Severely Impaired Cognitive States: Brain Death, Minimally Conscious State, & Vegetative State (Tolchin) Overview of Animal Ethics (Kopp)	
3:45 – 4:45	**Break-out Session 2 (Choose One Small-Group Session)**: Love Drugs: The Final Frontier of Human Enhancement (Earp) Finding Common Ground: Bioethics, Religion & Dialogue (Kopp)	

	Community Inclusion in Health Policy: A Novel Paradigm of Ethics Consultation (Bruce) Ethics of Technology: An Overview of Risks, Benefits, and Dilemmas (Kudina)

Friday, June 14 Sloane Physics Lab Room 59 (2nd floor) unless noted	**Topic**	**Speaker**
9:15 - 9:30	Convene/Announcements	Bruce
9:30 – 11	"Everything You Wanted to Know about Normative Ethics"	Kagan
11 – 11:15	—break—	
11:15 – 12	Law & Bioethics (Contraception & Abortion)	Latham
12 – 1 pm	—LUNCH—	
1:00 – 2:15	Law & Bioethics, continued (Artificial Reproductive Technology & End-of-Life Issues)	Latham
2:30-3:30	**Break-out Session 3 (Choose One Small-Group Session):** Why the US Doesn't have Universal Healthcare Yet, and the Foreseeable Hurdles to Getting There (Herbst) Bias and Bioethics (Mertens) Ethics & Marginalized Populations: A Glimpse into Today's Challenges in the Clinical Setting (Bruce) Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology: A Cross-Cultural Comparison (Takahashi)	
3:45 – 4:45	**Break-out Session 4 (Choose One Small-Group Session):** Pig Brains and the Recently Dead: Frontiers in Research Ethics (Latham) Hospital Ethics Committees: What's it all About (Bruce & Cardona-Wolenski) Academic Careers in Bioethics (can be either Fri session) (Kudina & Earp) Careers in Law and Ethics: How to "do Ethics" with a JD (Herbst)	