21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES

REMEMBRANCE and RESILIENCE

HOW BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES CAN MOVE US FORWARD

October 24–27, 2019
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA
ABOUT THE ASBH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Schedule
The conference kicks off with extra-cost preconference sessions on Thursday, October 24, 8 am–noon. Conference sessions begin on Thursday at 1 pm and conclude on Sunday, October 27, at 12:45 pm. View the full conference schedule at www.asbh.org.

Who Should Attend
The American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Annual Conference is designed for physicians, nurses, attorneys, historians, philosophers, professors of literature and the humanities, members of the clergy, social workers, and others engaged in endeavors related to clinical and academic bioethics and the health-related humanities.

Purpose
The ASBH Annual Conference is an arena for interdisciplinary exchange among professionals in the fields of bioethics and the health-related humanities.

Objectives
After participating in this meeting, attendees should be able to
• discuss emerging issues in bioethics and the health-related humanities
• discuss and apply recent research findings related to bioethics and the health-related humanities
• examine the role of bioethics and the humanities in responding to injustice, trauma, and loss in the context of health and medicine.

Continuing Education Credit
Continuing education credit is jointly provided by Creighton University Health Sciences Continuing Education and ASBH for the advancement of patient care. Full continuing education credit information for nursing, medicine, and social work can be found at www.asbh.org, along with other important conference information.

All faculty participating in this activity are expected to disclose any significant financial interest or other relationship they have with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) discussed in an educational presentation.

Registration
Find information on ASBH membership benefits and registration options, along with the registration form, at www.asbh.org.

Abstracts and Speakers
Complete information for concurrent and poster sessions—including titles, presenters and coauthors, and abstracts—will be available early in the summer at www.asbh.org. As the conference approaches, you can use the ASBH conference app or mobile website to decide which paper, panel, workshop, and poster presentations to attend and build your own schedule in advance. Watch the ASBH website for more information.

About ASBH
ASBH is a multidisciplinary not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting an exchange of ideas and fostering multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and interprofessional scholarship, research, teaching, policy development, professional development, and collegiality among people engaged in all endeavors related to clinical and academic bioethics and the health-related humanities. The more than 1,700 members of ASBH are healthcare professionals, teachers, consultants, and others who have an interest in the fields of bioethics and humanities.
Thursday, October 24

8 am–Noon
HEC-C Review Course (001)

Trevor M. Bibler, PhD MTS HEC-C, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; Barbara L. Chanko, MBA RN, National Center for Ethics in Health Care, New York, NY; Deborah K. Cruzé, JD MA, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Riverside, CA; Jane Jankowski, PhD MSW, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; Mark G. Swope, PhD MBE MA, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA

Presented by members of the ASBH Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs (CECA) Committee, this first-of-its-kind review course will provide a solid foundation for those planning to take, or interested in taking, the Healthcare Ethics Consultant-Certified (HEC-C) examination. Using the HEC-C examination content outline, knowledge statements, and core references as a review framework, attendees will review key concepts and references to support further study. The course will include didactic and interactive small-group discussions focusing on these topics: healthcare ethics issues (from big-picture concepts to clinical encounters); healthcare systems and health law; the clinical context; and local healthcare organizations and policies. Attendees will also discuss sample questions simulating the format of questions on the HEC-C examination.

8 am–Noon
Museums and Medicine: Divining Warhol, Drawing and Developing Clinical Skills (002)

Join us at the Andy Warhol Museum to mark its 25th anniversary as the largest museum in North America dedicated to a single artist. The year 2019 also marks the 22nd anniversary of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine’s development of a concentration in the medical humanities and celebrates its subsequent collaborations with the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh (Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and Andy Warhol Museum). The session will feature two talks by museum curators: one on Warhol’s work on the body and his late religious works within the context of the AIDS epidemic, the other on a collaboration between the museums of art and the School of Medicine to develop a course allowing medical students to hone their skills of observation, empathy, and moral imagination. Participants will receive a guided tour of the Warhol Museum, which is located within walking distance of the conference (transportation will also be available). Space is limited.

Supported by Medical Humanities @ the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

8–11:30 am
The Rainbow of Desire: Examining and Overturning Oppressive Systems in Health Care and Medical Education (003)

Katherine Burke, MFA, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; Shannon Ivey, MFA, #WhatSheSaidProject and Gather SC, LLC, Columbia, SC

Prominent healthcare, medical education, and arts organizations are currently engaged in initiatives and research that promote the arts and humanities as essential components of healthcare, population health, and medical education. Participants will learn about activities and tools that can be integrated into curricula, community engagement efforts, and social justice initiatives. Educators and those interested in the intersection of education, social justice, and community outreach will find this session especially valuable.

8–11:30 am
Resilience Training: Redress for Clinical Distress (004)

Theresa Drought, PhD RN, Kaiser Woodland Hills Medical Center, Woodland Hills, CA; Leah R. Eisenberg, JD MA HEC-C, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine, Little Rock, AR; Heather Fitzgerald, MS RN HEC-C, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO; Andrea Frolic, PhD, Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster University Medical Center, Hamilton, ON, Canada; Joan M. Henriksen, PhD RN HEC-C, Children’s Hospital Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

One proposed strategy for mitigating the effects of moral distress in healthcare professionals and students is the cultivation of resilience. As clinical ethics consultants, we have found that nurturing our own resilience is critical for effective practice. Clinical ethics consultants are also ideally situated to bring education and expertise to those experiencing (or at risk of developing) moral distress. The presenters, practicing clinical ethics consultants working in various settings, will offer an overview of the literature on moral distress, along with strategies for teaching and mentoring resilience in academic and healthcare settings. In small groups attendees will share ideas and apply the concepts discussed. Presenters will share ways they have nurtured resilience in themselves by developing their own peer support group, which uses the featured approaches and strategies. Participants will leave with a repertoire of choices for nurturing moral resilience and be asked to commit to one test of change in their own practice setting.
Thursday, October 24

5:15–6:30 pm
OPENING PLENARY SESSION
Trauma and the Tree of Life Tragedy: Finding a Path Forward

**Panelists:** Fr. Paul Abernathy, FOCUS Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; Rev. Liddy Gerchman Barlow, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA; Rabbi Aaron Bisno, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA; Deepika Mohan, MD MPH, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Matthew Randall Rosengart, MD MPH, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

**Moderator:** Alex London, PhD, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

This year, ASBH’s annual meeting falls on the first anniversary of the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue, where 11 people were killed in the deadliest attack on a Jewish community in the history of the United States. This session brings together a panel of religious leaders from the Jewish and Christian faiths and medical professionals from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center to discuss not only the immediate response to this event but broader issues—anti-Semitism, mass violence, trauma, and the ways that those in the healthcare field can productively respond to traumatic events in their communities and play a role in finding a path forward.

6:30–8 pm
OPENING RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITS

The opening reception provides a unique opportunity to network with other conference attendees and visit our exhibitors. Join us for light hors d’oeuvres and refreshments, catch up with colleagues, network with publishers, and meet with representatives of the nation’s most prestigious bioethics and humanities programs.

*The opening reception is supported by the Center for Bioethics and Health Law at the University of Pittsburgh and the Center for Ethics and Policy at Carnegie Mellon University.*

Friday, October 25

7:30–9 am
MEET-THE-PROFESSOR SESSION

Don’t miss this chance to confer with leaders in the fields of bioethics and the health-related humanities. The Meet-the-Professor Session provides an opportunity for students and early-career scholars to share conversation with distinguished faculty members. Application forms will be available in August. Watch for ASBH e-mails or call 847.375.4745 to register.

9:15–10:30 am
PLENARY SESSION

**In Celebration of The Hastings Center’s 50th Anniversary**

**What Does Justice Require of Bioethics? Moving Our Field Forward**

**Featured Speaker:** Mary T. Bassett, MD MPH, Francois-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University, Boston, MA

**Commentary:** Marion Danis, MD, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; Virginia A. Brown, PhD MA, University of Texas–Austin, Austin, TX

**Moderator:** Mildred Z. Solomon, EdD, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

Racial, health, and economic inequities are a persistent reality in America. In the face of worsening injustices and inequalities, what can scholars, researchers, and practitioners in bioethics do? Can we help bridge the divide in public sentiment? How can bioethics more effectively address urgent and long-standing racial injustice and health inequality in the United States and beyond? The field of bioethics was founded in response to misuse of power and includes among its founding principles a commitment to justice. This presentation is intended to challenge, equip, and inspire those in our field to address more fully the principle of justice, thereby increasing our ability to improve the world.

Bassett will discuss how we define and think about structural racism and why understanding matters. In their commentary Danis and Brown will explore several ways that bioethicists and humanities scholars can contribute to efforts to address racism and other types of injustice.

*This plenary session is supported by The Hastings Center.*
FEATURED EVENTS*

**3:30–5 pm**
**ANNUAL MEMBERS’ MEETING, AWARD PRESENTATIONS, AND PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**
Take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the 2019 ASBH award winners, learn about the state of the association and future plans for ASBH during the President’s Address and Treasurer’s Report, and recognize our incoming and outgoing board members. Learn about the influencers of our field and the impact that ASBH can have for our members and the bioethics and humanities professional communities.

**5:15–6:15 pm**
**RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS, FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES, AND STUDENTS**
All new members, first-time attendees, and students will receive a ticket to this exclusive wine reception and opportunity to connect with ASBH board members, past presidents, and colleagues.
*The reception is supported by the AMA Journal of Ethics.*

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**Saturday, October 26**

**9:30–10:30 am**
**PLENARY SESSION**
**Death and Sex: Using Thought Experiments with Modern Technology to Address Issues like Abortion, Infectious Disease, and Alzheimer Disease**
Margaret P. Battin, PhD MFA, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Take three perennial issues in bioethics that are related to death and sex: abortion, the control of transmissible infectious disease, and the challenges of long-term dementia, especially Alzheimer disease. Battin will supplement the usual ways we address such issues by employing a distinctive type of conjectural reasoning, the “thought experiment with normative force.” (This isn’t like the usual philosophers’ thought experiments about whether you’re a brain in a vat or have a famous violinist hooked up to your kidneys for 9 months. Not at all.) This strategy can provide insight into the nature of practical efforts to address real-world issues and expose problematic underlying assumptions that often block such efforts.

Battin will pursue three thought experiments in rapid succession: one about abortion, another about infectious disease, and a third about advance directives for those with Alzheimer disease. Central in each thought experiment will be attention to the predictable objections they raise, the conceptual gains they yield, and the common issues they address.

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*Before you make your travel plans, check the ASBH website (www.asbh.org) for information about concurrent sessions, speakers, and abstracts. On Sunday morning, more than 100 workshops, panels, and papers are available to choose from.*
Affinity group meetings provide opportunities for attendees to gather around common interests and disciplines. Many feature distinguished speakers and cutting-edge research. Join ASBH and participate in this valuable networking throughout the year. For more information, visit the ASBH website at www.asbh.org.

**Friday, October 25**

**12:30–1:30 pm**
- Animal Bioethics
- Baccalaureate Bioethics and Humanities
- Disability and Rehabilitation Ethics
- Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications
- Ethics and Humanities Educators in the Health Professions
- Health Science and Policy
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Jewish Bioethics
- Literature and Medicine
- Medical Decision Making
- Military, Humanitarian, and Disaster Medicine
- Religion, Spirituality, and Bioethics
- Residency Interest Group
- Social Work

**5:30–6:30 pm**
- Bioethics and Christian Theology
- Conflict Resolution and Bioethics
- Race and Cultural Ethnicity
- Reproduction
- Sexuality and Gender Identity

**6:30–7:30 pm**
- Clinical Ethics Consultation
- Dental Ethics
- Nursing

**Saturday, October 26**

**7–8 am**
- Surgical Ethics

**Noon–1 pm**
- Clinical Research Ethics Consultation
- Environmental Bioethics
- Feminist Approaches to Bioethics
- History of Medical Ethics
- Law and Bioethics
- Neuroethics
- Organizational Ethics
- Pediatric Ethics
- Philosophy of Medicine
- Rural Bioethics

**6–7 pm**
- Philosophy
- Public Health
- Students
- Visual Arts and Cultural Representations
Headquarters Hotel
The Westin Pittsburgh Hotel
1000 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412.281.3700
Reservations: 1.888.236.2427
Online reservations: www.asbh.org
Rate: $189 single/double
Cutoff date for special rate: October 1, 2019

Additional Hotels
Omni William Penn Hotel
530 William Penn Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone: 412.281.7100
Reservations: 1.800.843.6664
Online reservations: https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/pittsburgh-william-penn/meetings/asbh-annual-meeting-2019-10232019
Rate: $195 single/double
Cutoff date: October 2, 2019

Courtyard Pittsburgh
945 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Phone: 412.434.5551
Reservations: 1.800.627.4688
Online reservations: https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1558544567980&key=GRP&app=resvlink
Rate: $199 single/double
Cutoff date: September 24, 2019

Additional travel and destination information can be found at www.asbh.org.

Exhibitors (as of May 9, 2019)
Albany Medical College
Case Western Reserve University
Center for Law, Health and Society at Georgia State University College of Law
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine
Children’s Mercy Bioethics Center
China Organ Harvest Research Center
Columbia University Bioethics
Creighton University
Duquesne University School of Nursing
Emory University Center for Ethics
Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics
The Hastings Center
The Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics
Johns Hopkins University Press
The Journal of Clinical Ethics
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—LECOM School of Health Services Administration
Loyola University Chicago Bioethics Institute
Mayo Clinic Biomedical Ethics Research Program
The MIT Press
New York University Center for Bioethics
Oxford University Press
Pennsylvania State University
Saint Louis University Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics
Springer Nature
Taylor and Francis
Temple University Urban Bioethics Program
The University of Massachusetts–Amherst
University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics
Wake Forest University Bioethics

Career Advancement Opportunities
In addition to a wide choice of educational topics and formats to enhance your understanding of bioethics and the medical humanities, the ASBH annual conference offers many opportunities for professional development. The exhibit hall is at the center of the conference, where you can
• connect with colleagues
• introduce yourself to leaders in the field
• network with publishers
• peruse the latest publications
• meet with potential employers at the most prestigious bioethics and humanities programs in the country.

Don’t miss this conference and its many opportunities to help advance your career.