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24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Reimagining and Claiming the Role of Public Bioethics and Health Humanities



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Reimagining and Claiming the Role of Public Bioethics and Health Humanities

PURPOSE

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

OBJECTIVES

After participating in this conference, attendees should be able to

- define public bioethics and health humanities
- explore emerging issues in bioethics and the health humanities
- discuss and apply recent research findings and insights from critical methodologies related to bioethics and the health humanities
- demonstrate how bioethics and the health humanities can engage with diverse public communities
- identify opportunities to advocate for structural, cultural, and disciplinary changes through the examination of diverse values and viewpoints.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The American Society for 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 humanities.

Over
250
speakers

Over
200
in-person
sessions

Up to
28.75
CE credits*

*Up to 28.75 continuing education (CE) credits are available for continuing medical education, continuing nursing education, social work continuing education, and Healthcare Ethics Consultant–Certified (HEC-C) certification renewal.

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Preconference Workshops

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Opening Plenary Session, Conference Welcome Lunch, Concurrent Sessions, Affinity Group Meetings, Meet the Expert Sessions, and Conference Supporter Engagement Sessions

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Plenary Session, Concurrent Sessions, Meet the Expert Sessions, Affinity Group Meetings, and Conference Supporter Engagement Sessions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Closing Plenary Session, Concurrent Sessions, Affinity Group Meetings, and Conference Supporter Engagement Sessions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

ASBH After Hours

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 5:30–7 pm

Planning to stay in Portland on Saturday after the conference? Join us for TalkRx, a live storytelling event showcasing the power of narrative medicine. Drinks will be available for purchase along with some light snacks. Go to www.asbh.org to learn more and register.

AFFINITY GROUP MEETINGS

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.

MEET THE EXPERT

The Meet the Expert session is an opportunity for a small group of students, trainees, and early career individuals to meet with nationally renowned experts in bioethics and health humanities in a friendly, casual setting during the Annual Conference. The Meet the Expert program is not a forum for individual advising but rather an opportunity to engage in an hour-long group conversation with other participants and the expert. Learn more and register at www.asbh.org.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary and concurrent sessions will take place at the Oregon Convention Center.

Reframing the Great Resignation in Healthcare

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 11:15 am–12:30 pm

Moderator: Mara Buchbinder, PhD

Panelists: Pringl Miller, MD FACS; Mary Ersek, PhD RN FPCN

We have all heard that high numbers of healthcare workers have chosen to leave their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Terms like “Great Resignation” put the focus on the individual who decides to leave rather than on the environment. This panel will focus on the structural issues that have contributed to the departure of healthcare workers, such as racism, sexism, ableism, and other forms of bias and systemic disadvantage that adversely impact healthcare workers, which pre-date the pandemic. Our panelists will offer their perspectives and wisdom on these larger problems and address the role of bioethics and the humanities in thinking about and helping to solve them.

Decolonizing Data: Restoring Culture and Building Beauty

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 11:15 am–12:30 pm

Presenter: Abigail Echo-Hawk, MA

This session will focus on ethical data and research techniques that are centered in Indigenous scientific knowledge systems. It will discuss how Western-based models of achieving health equity have not worked for Indigenous communities and must shift to be inclusive of non-Western modalities if true equity is to be achieved. An Indigenous framework will be presented that discusses strength-based protective factors and illustrates how to interrupt colonially built health disparities in a manner that benefits tribal communities in rural and urban settings. This framework defies and resists the impact of ongoing oppression and resulting historical trauma and instead moves into historical healing, which gathers the pieces broken by historical trauma and stitches them back together in bold, beautiful, intricate patterns of strength and resiliency woven on the fabric of Indigenous knowledge and cultural systems.

Doing Bioethics in Public: A Conversation About the Aducanumab Controversy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 3:15–4:30 pm

Speakers: Jason Karlawish, MD; Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD MBE

In June 2021 the FDA approved Biogen’s aducanumab for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease—and with that, patients and their caregivers finally had a treatment. Or did they? In the months that followed, controversy unfolded across several domains: regulatory capture at the FDA, the difficult balance between speed and certainty, the role of advocacy groups and patient desperation, the relevance of expertise, the distortion of innovation, the cost and coverage of drugs, and more. Join Holly Fernandez Lynch and Jason Karlawish for a conversation about their experiences wading into this controversy and doing bioethics in public.

PRECONFERENCE SESSIONS

Preconference workshops will take place at the Courtyard Portland Downtown/Convention Center.

(extra-fee events)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 2–4 pm and 4:30–6:30 pm

Mediation Workshop Series

Ethics consultation requires ethicists and other stakeholders to navigate several complex forms of communication, from difficult conversations with patients and their families to collaborations with fellow staff members and ethics committees. Learn to communicate more effectively, defuse conflicts, and build trust through this two-part workshop series. Each workshop will present tools and data about effective communication in addition to interactive exercises and small-group activities.

You may choose to attend both workshops or one that best meets your interests.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 2–4 pm

Mediation Workshop: Conflict Resolution Skills for Ethics Committees (001)

Presenter: Haavi Morreim, JD PhD

Member: \$80	Nonmember: \$105	Student: \$35
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Often, ethics consults stem not from moral puzzlement but from conflict: staff tensions about a complex situation, a “difficult” patient, or intra-family feuds. Here, the optimal consult usually is not opining about ethics but resolving conflict: exploring the situation, learning the backstories that fuel the conflict, helping people articulate their most important priorities, and forging a mutually agreeable plan. Ethics committees and consultants must be prepared to discern what approaches and resources will best suit each consult. This workshop teaches clinical conflict resolution, including negotiation, facilitation, and assisted negotiation. The workshop begins by presenting a key tool set of skills such as mirroring, managing expectations, affect labeling, normalizing, active listening, and probing for detail. These core techniques help build the trust on which successful resolution relies, thereby enabling those in conflict to come to their own workable agreements. Practice scenarios are interwoven so participants can gain comfort in using each skill. The workshop culminates in a two-part exercise focused on a complex problem of family dynamics.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 4:30–6:30 pm

Mediation Workshop: Managing Challenging Conversations: Advanced Facilitation Skills for Clinical Ethics Consultation (002)

Presenter: Autumn Fiester, PhD

Member: \$80	Nonmember: \$105	Student: \$35
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While mastery of multiparty facilitation is one of the core competencies for ethics consultation, many ethics consultants have not been trained in facilitation techniques. Empirical data show that the majority of clinical ethicists in the United States hold group meetings with clinical staff, patients, and families as part of an ethics consult, even though many have not had formal training in group facilitation techniques. Having skills-based knowledge in approaches to group interaction is especially important when tensions in the group are running high and members of the group are experiencing anger, frustration, burnout, or moral distress. This workshop will provide facilitation foundational training by teaching group management; strategies to manage difficult and contentious conversations among and between the clinical team, family members, and patients; and pitfalls to avoid that can cause a group meeting to fail. Participants will master advanced facilitation through a combination of didactic presentations, question and response activities, and small-group activities.

PRECONFERENCE SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 3–6:30 pm

HEC-C Review Course (003)

Member: \$110	Nonmember: \$160	Student: \$55
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Developed and presented by ASBH Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs Committee members, this updated review course will provide a solid foundation for those interested in or planning to take the Healthcare Ethics Consultant-Certified (HEC-C) Examination. The course will be **highly interactive**, with enhanced sample questions used to provide attendees an opportunity to test their knowledge and connect information with the HEC-C Examination content outline, knowledge statements, and core references as a review framework. The 3.5-hour session will include discussion and practice test questions for each of the following:

- Healthcare Ethics Issues and Concepts: Big Picture
- Healthcare Ethics Issues and Concepts: Clinical Encounters
- Healthcare Systems and Health Law
- Clinical Context
- Local Healthcare Organizations and Policies

Each attendee will receive a PDF version of the 2020 HEC-C Study Guide prior to the session.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 3:30–6:30 pm

Improv for Equity (004)

Presenters: Gitanjali Arora, MD; Katie Watson, JD; Rachel Rusch, LCSW; Bryon Stewart

Member: \$110	Nonmember: \$160	Student: \$55
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Improvisation (improv) is a well-defined technique in theater arts with application to healthcare. In practice, it requires spontaneity and authenticity, yet to reach this goal it teaches an underlying skill set that empowers scene partners to trust and communicate with one another to co-create a narrative in the moment. “Medical improv” is an adaptation that applies the tenets of improv to medical education and practice. Medical improv recognizes that health practitioners must have the agility to listen and respond in the moment, think creatively and collaboratively, and work within trusted partnerships with patients and colleagues. Through skill building and exploration of improv themes, this interactive workshop will apply the medical improv framework to health equity. Improv for Equity will cultivate an awareness of self and others with a focus on the stakes and power differentials of healthcare and the goal of improving our ability to serve and empower historically marginalized and minoritized patients. Through improv, participants will consider the limitations of individual perspectives and biases and expand their acceptance of the patient’s expertise about their own body and values.

REGISTRATION

Save up to \$100 by registering before the early-bird deadline of September 23, 2022.

Member: \$410	Member one-day registration: \$250
Nonmember: \$710	Nonmember one-day registration: \$400
Student: \$100	Student one-day registration: \$65

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

Attendees will have a variety of ways to interact and connect throughout the full week of activities, October 26–29. The full registration fee includes

- paper and flash presentations, debates, panels, performances and exhibitions, and workshops
- three plenary sessions followed by Q&As with the presenters
- networking opportunities
- affinity group meetings
- access to the Networking Hall

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of conference attendees is a priority for ASBH. Leadership will continue to monitor developments related to COVID-19 and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and local government and health agencies. Specific ASBH requirements for masking, vaccination, and screening will be finalized and publicized prior to the ASBH Annual Conference.

PRODUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

ASBH supports an environment of productive engagement where the free expression of diverse points of view occurs in an atmosphere of scholarly exchange and mutual respect. Conference attendees, participants, and vendors are expected to observe commonsense norms for public behavior, personal interaction, and common courtesy. Abusive, harassing, or threatening behavior is not acceptable.



CONFERENCE VENUE AND HOTELS

Oregon Convention Center

777 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Portland, OR 97232

www.oregoncc.org

Hyatt Regency Portland at the Oregon Convention Center

(Room block)

375 NE Holladay Street
Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 971.222.1234

Rate: \$220 plus tax single/double occupancy,
\$245 plus tax triple occupancy,
\$275 plus tax quad occupancy

Courtyard Portland Downtown/Convention Center

(Preconference workshops and limited room block)

435 NE Wasco Street
Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 503.234.3200

Rate: \$209 plus tax

Go to www.asbh.org for more hotel booking information.



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