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Friday, June 9, 2017

12:00 – 2:00pm Conference Registration (3rd Floor Landing of UST Law School)

1:00 – 1:10pm Opening Remarks (MSL 321)

1:15 – 2:45pm Panel Session I

A. Ethics of Laboratory Science I (MSL321)

Session Chair: Kathleen Schmainda (Medical College of Wisconsin)

- **“Faith & Scientific Experimentation”**
Rev. John R. Waiss, PhD
- **“Challenges for a Pro-Life Scientist Entering the World of Bench Research”**
Maria Feeney (Associate Scholar, Charlotte Lozier Institute)
- **“Immune-Based Therapies and Humanized Animal Models”**
Bryon Johnson (Medical College of Wisconsin)

B. Assisted Suicide and the Law (MSL 334)

Session Chair: Janet Smith (Sacred Heart Seminary)

- **“Justice Gorsuch and Assisted Suicide”**
Lynn Wardle (J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University)
- **“John Keown on *Euthanasia, Ethics and Public Policy*”**
Richard Myers (Ave Maria School of Law)
- **“The Role of the Declaration of Independence in American Bioethics”**
R. Mary Lemmons (University of St. Thomas)

C. Theology and Bioethics (MSL446)

Session Chair: Bernadette Ward Waterman (University of Dallas)

- **“The Bible and Bioethics: From Timeless Truths to Timely Applications”**
Ryan MacPherson (Bethany Lutheran College)
- **“Whose Theology? Which Bioethics? A Response to John Evans”**
Paul Wojda (University of St. Thomas, MN)
- **“Guardian Angels at Birth or Conception? Implications for Abortion, Salvation, and Religious Liberty”**
Eric Manchester (St. Charles Borromeo Seminary)

**2:50-3:20pm Welcome Reception with the School of Law Dean Vischer and
Invocation: Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St.
Paul/Minneapolis (MSL 247)**

3:30 – 5:00pm

Panel Session II

A. Ethics of Laboratory Science II (MSL 321)

Session Chair: Kathleen Schmainda (Medical College of Wisconsin)

- **“Adult Stem Cells for Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries”**
Jean Peduzzi-Nelson (Wayne State University School of Medicine)
- **“Genetic Testing in Children: From Conception to After Birth”**
Tara Sander Lee (Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin)
- **“Proposing the XXVIII Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Adopting the Science of Human Conception”**
James L. Sherley (Director of Asymmetrex)

B. Agency, Freedom and Truth (MSL 334)

Session Chair:

- **“Medical Ethics and the Externalization of Agency”**
Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Human Rights: the Frequent Victim of the Culture of Death”**
Monica Doumit (Catholic Talk)
- **“Witnessing to the Truth in Contemporary America”**
Joshua Cole (St. Joseph’s College)

C. Life and Literature (MSL 446)

Session Chair:

- **“Crimes of Inaction: Death by Neglect in George Eliot’s Novels”** Bernadette Waterman Ward (University of Dallas)
- **“Right-to-Life Issues in Contemporary Bioethics Fiction”**
Jeff Koloze (Walsh University)
- **“Best-Selling Autobiographies and Philosophy: A Winning Combination in Bringing Undergraduates to See the Reality of Their Own Souls and The Dignity of All Persons”**
Peter Colosi (Salve Regina University)

5:10 – 6:10pm

Plenary Address I (MSL 321)

“Bioethics, Biotechnology and Policy: Current Challenges”

David Prentice (Vice President and Research Director for the Charlotte Lozier Institute)

6:15 – 7:00pm

Dinner (MOH 202)

7:15 - 8:15pm

Plenary Address II (MSL 321)

“Human Dignity at the Margins of Life”

Patrick Lee (McAleer Chair of Bioethics and Director of the Bioethics Center at Franciscan University of Steubenville)

8:30 – 9:30pm Social hour TBA

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:00am Mass

8:20 – 9:00am Breakfast (3rd Floor Landing)

8:20 - 9:30am Late Registration (3rd Floor Landing)

9:00 – 5:00pm Refreshments available (MSL 247)

9:00 - 10:30am Panel Session III

A. End of Life Decisions and PAS (MSL 321)

Session Chair: Richard Fehring (Marquette University)

- **“Ethical Strengths and Weaknesses of POLST”**
Kevin Miller (Franciscan University of Steubenville)
- **“Beyond “Sitting With the Body”: Implementing a Holistic Understanding of Grief to Reject Determinations of Brain Death”**
Anne Friedrich (St. Louis University grad student)
- **“The Loss of Trust: Unintended Consequences of Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia for Mental Health Professionals”**
Brett Adams (University of Detroit Mercy grad student)

B. Theoretical Questions (MSL 334)

Session Chair: Barbara Freres (Cardinal Stritch University)

- **“On the Supposed Moral Wrongness of Speciesism”**
Matthew Lu (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Does an Embryo Represent to Itself Its Own Teleological Unfolding?”**
Nathan Metzger (Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies)
- **“Is a Person Their Body? The Ontology of Abortion”**
Charlotte Marcotte-Toale (New York University grad student)

C. The Implications of Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt (MSL 446)

Session Chair: Richard Myers (Ave Maria School of Law)

- **“How and Why Whole Women's Health Got the Undue Burden Standard Wrong -- and What Can Be Done About It”**
Stephen G. Gilles (Quinnipiac University School of Law)

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Scott Gaylord (Elon University School of Law)
- **“Hellersedt and the Constitutionality of Fetal Remains Statutes”**
Thomas J. Molony (Elon University School of Law)

10:45 – 11:45am **Plenary Address III (MSL 321)**
“The Promise and Peril of Genomic Medicine”
 Kevin Fitzgerald, SJ, (Georgetown University)

12:00 – 1:00pm **Lunch (MOH 202)**

1:15 – 2:45 pm **Panel Session IV**

A. Brian Death (MSL 321)

Session Chair: Peter Colosi (Salve Regina University)

- **“The Mendacities of ‘Brain Death’”**
Paul A. Byrne (University of Toledo college of Medicine, retired)
- **“The Brain-Dead Body is Alive and One”**
Michel Accad (University of California, San Francisco)
- **“Understanding the Apnea Test”**
Chris Zainer (Medical College of Wisconsin, retired)

B. Pro-life Proposals (MSL 334)

Session Chair: Jeff Koloze (Walsh University)

- **“Physicians and Lethal Injection: Nonmaleficence is Not Enough”**
Sarah K. Sawicki (St. Louis University grad student)
- **“A Proposal for Medical Professionals Which Is Particularly Easy for an Ivory Tower Professor to Make, and which Stands a Good Chance of Offending Everyone”**
Stephen Heaney (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Why even Pro-Lifers Who Aren’t Pacifists Shouldn’t Kill Abortionists”**
David Hershenov (University of Buffalo) and Phil Reed (Canisius University)

C. Abortion; After Abortion; After Roe v. Wade (MSL 446)

Session Chair:

- **“Paul Linton on ‘Overruling Roe v. Wade: Implications for Women and the Law’”**
Teresa Collett (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Poland-US Abortion Laws and John Paul II’s *Evangelium Vitae*”**
Rachana Chhin (L.L.M candidate, University of Notre Dame)
- **“Men and Abortion: Grief and Loss”**
Catherine Coyle (Alliance for Post Abortion Research and Training)

3:00 – 4:30 pm Panel Session V

A. Contraception and Pro-Life Sustainability (MSL 321)

Session Chair: Heidi Giebel (University of St. Thomas)

- **“Influence of Current Contraceptive Use on the Abortion and STD Rates Among Adolescents and Young Adults in the United States”**
Richard Fehring (Marquette University)
- **“Building a Sustainable Medical Model for Addressing Women’s Hormonal Health”**
April Lind (Independent Scholar)
- **“Sustainability and the Link to Contraception, Abortion, Bioethical Applications”**
Weronika Janczuk (Regional Director, World Youth Alliance)

B. Utilitarian, Legal and Pragmatic Arguments (MSL 334)

Session Chair: Steve Heaney (University of St. Thomas)

- **“Utilitarian Arguments Against Abortion”**
Catherine Deavel (University of St. Thomas)
- **“Ramifications of Roe v Wade’s Fetal Non-Person Holding”**
Philip A. Rafferty (Independent Scholar)
- **“A Pragmatic Solution to Abortion: A Millennial’s View on the Pro-Life Moral Argument”**
Jaime Konerman-Sease (St. Louis University grad student)

4:30 – 5:00 pm Open Microphone (MSL 321)

5:10 – 6:00 pm Catholic Vigil Mass

6:15 – 8:00pm Closing Banquet

2017 Smith Award Recipient and Speaker:

Robert Spitzer, S.J.

“The Inescapability of the Pro-life Stance”

8:00 – 9:00pm Fellowship Hour TBA