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Our Sunday Visitor
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. Hebd, 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 Prolife Stance”

8:00 – 9:00pm  **Fellowship Hour TBA**