

## Conference Program

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### *Life & Learning XXVII: Issues in Bioethics*

June 9 - 10, 2017

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**Program Key to Locations: MSL (Law School); TMH (Terrence Murphy Hall); See Map**

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

**12:00 – 2:30 pm      Conference Registration (MSL 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Landing)**

**1:05 – 2:35pm      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)

**B. Assisted Suicide and the Law (MSL 334)**

Session Chair: Teresa Collett (University of St. Thomas)

- **“The Role of the Declaration of Independence in American Bioethics”**  
Rose Mary Lemmons (University of St. Thomas)
- **“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)

**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)

**2:50 - 3:00pm      Invocation by Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis and Welcome by Dean Vischer. (MSL 321)**

**3:00 - 3:20pm      Welcome reception. MSL 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Landing.**

**3:30 – 5:00pm      Panel Session II**

**A. Ethics of Laboratory Science II (MSL 321)**

Session Chair: Kathleen Schmainda (Medical College of Wisconsin)

- **“Immune-Based Therapies and Humanized Animal Models”**  
Bryon Johnson (Medical College of Wisconsin)
- **“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: Michael Degnan (University of St. Thomas)

- **“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/Wabash College)

**C. Life and Literature (MSL 446)**

Session Chair: Jerry Giebel

- **“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)

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| <b>5:10 – 6:10pm</b> | <p><b>Plenary Address I (MSL 321)</b><br/> <b>“Bioethics, Biotechnology and Policy: Current Challenges”</b><br/>         David Prentice (Vice President and Research Director for the Charlotte Lozier Institute)</p>             |
| <b>6:15 – 7:15pm</b> | <p><b>Dinner (TMH 252)</b></p>  |
| <b>7:30 - 8:30pm</b> | <p><b>Plenary Address II (MSL 321)</b><br/> <b>“Human Dignity at the Margins of Life”</b><br/>         Patrick Lee (McAleer Chair of Bioethics and Director of the Bioethics Center at Franciscan University of Steubenville)</p> |
| <b>8:30 – 9:30pm</b> | <p><b>Social hour (third floor landing)</b></p>   |

## Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:00am                    **Mass in Chapel (MSL 167 on the first floor)**  
 8:20 – 9:00am         **Breakfast (TMH 252)**  
 8:20 - 9:30am         **Late Registration for Talks Only (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Landing)**  
 8:30 – 5:00pm         **Refreshments available (MSL 300)**

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)
- **(TBA) 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, (Oncology Research Professor and the Dr. David Lauler Chair of Catholic Health Care Ethics in the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University)

12:00 – 1:00pm        **Lunch (TMH 252)**

**1:15 – 2:45 pm      Panel Session IV**

**A. Brain Death and Medical Science (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: Jason Adkins, J.D. (Independent Scholar)

- **“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 (Chapel, MSL 167 on the first floor)**

**6:15 – 8:00pm          Closing Banquet (TMH 252)**

**2017 Smith Award Recipient and Speaker:**

Robert Spitzer, S.J. Co-founder of UFFL, founding Director of the *Magis Center for Faith and Reason*, the *Spitzer Center for Institute for Ethical Leadership*, co-founder of *Healing the Culture*, and EWTN Star of *Father Spitzer’s Universe*  
**“The Inescapability of the Pro-life Stance”**

**8:00 – 9:00pm          Fellowship Hour (TMH 255)**

**Message of Gratitude from the UFL President:**

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