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The Institute for Ethics is sponsoring Adrian College students to attend the Upper Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl on December 3, 2011

Ethical Issues in Sports Medicine

The final presentation of the Fall series on November 10, is *Ethical issues in Sports Medicine* presented by Dr. Tina Claiborne.

Medical ethics is a tradition that dates back to the 5th Century starting with the Hippocratic Oath. More recently, the historical "ethical duty" of healthcare providers has been defined as "codes of ethics" by organizations such as the American Medical Association. In modern times, patient autonomy and malfeasance are only a couple examples of the ethical dilemmas facing medical professionals. Today's presentation will explore common ethical problems experienced by patients



Dr. Tina Claiborne, Exercise Science

and their providers in the field of sports medicine. The audience will consider scenarios commonly experienced in the field of sports medicine, and participate in a discussion on how these problems could be approached or solved.

Getting Started: Key Questions in Ethics

- *What is the right thing to do?*
- *What is the fair thing to do?*
- *What is the just thing to do?*
- *What will create the greatest moral good?*
- *What will create the least moral harm?*
- *What is the caring thing to do?*
- *What constitutes moral character?*
- *Do all people have moral worth?*
- *What are our moral obligations and responsibilities?*
- *How do we decide between two moral actions when they are in conflict?*

Institute Support to Speakers Campus-wide

As part of our mission to promote ethical discourse on campus, the Institute for Ethics can provide financial support up to \$200 for speakers invited by faculty to address classes or give public presentations on ethical issues related to the disciplines. Faculty interested in this opportunity should contact Fritz Detwiler, Institute Director, via email (fdetwiler@adrian.edu or ethics@adrian.edu) or by phone (x5025). The presentation need not be

focused exclusively on ethics but should incorporate the topic into the presentation in a substantive way.

In addition, all supported presentations will be listed in the Institute for Ethics newsletters, on our Facebook page and on our web site. Look for the "Guest Speaker" image for listings of Institute sponsored and supported events.



Brown Bag Schedule

November 10

Ethical Issues in Sports Medicine,
Dr. Tina Claiborne

Jan 19

NASW Code of Ethics and Ideological Criticisms
Dr. Susan Nichols

Feb 16

Business and Foreign Bribery
Professor Dave Coy

March 15

Ethics and International Study
Dr. Robin Bott

April 12

Ethics and Social Media
Janet Creque

Time: 12:05—12:45 Twenty minute presentation. Fifteen minute Q&A.

Place: Knight Auditorium, Valade Hall

Brown Bags 2011 - 2012

The Brownbag series returns in January for our spring session.

It will begin with *NASW Code of Ethics and Ideological Criticisms*," presented by Dr. Susan Nichols.

Social workers utilize the NASW Code of Ethics to evaluate students applying to social work programs, educate and supervise social workers and as a basis for practice decisions. Yet Social Work ethics have been criticized by conservative Christians and politicians in recent years as being less inclusive than

the profession claims. How has the profession responded to these external pressures? Is there value in maintaining its Code of Ethics?

In February, Professor Dave Coy will present "*Business and Foreign Bribery*".

It is a great temptation for businesses to offer bribes in order to obtain access to markets outside of the USA. We will review one or two instances of bribery and through this discussion, learn about legal and regulatory prohibitions on such activities.

In March, Dr. Robin Bott will present "Ethically Abroad".

We will examine the ethical issues that study abroad programs, study abroad faculty, and students studying abroad

may face, particularly issues of responsibility, fairness, and value surrounding the abroad experience. Some of the discussion will focus on student departure from and re-entry into campus life at their home institution.

The series will conclude in April with Janet Creque, Adrian College Web Content Editor presenting "Ethics and Social Media.

Social Media is still a relatively new phenomenon that is growing and changing rapidly. Having an ethical approach, both professionally and personally, to using social media can lead to success. Learn about the key points that lay the foundation of social media ethics.

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Institute Support for Faculty in the Classroom

The hottest topic in professional education is a focus on ethics. As the professions become more complex there is a greater need for professionals to be able to think through the ethical problems that they confront in the performance of their duties. Integrating ethical reflection into your professional programs will give your students "a leg up."

The Institute for Ethics offers resources for helping you weave ethical discourse into your courses. The initiative the Institute offers does not require any formal background in ethics or ethical theories. It is built around the simple steps of recognizing ethical situations, ethical questions, and some of the basic vocabulary of ethical discourse.

Since your time is valuable the Institute offers faculty a minimum of \$100 to participate in this initiative. The Institute will work with you on the process of putting ethical reflection into one of your courses or into your departmental curriculum. The more detailed you want to become the more money we can offer you. To express interest please contact Fritz Detwiler, the Institute director, at extension 5025 or through ethics@adrian.edu.



Conferences

Drs. James Spence (Philosophy/Religion) and Fritz Detwiler (Institute for Ethics) participated in the 2011 annual meeting of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum in St. Louis. Both chaired sessions and delivered papers. Jim Spence's paper, "Thinking Carefully About Ethical Questions," was particularly well received. Dr. Spence talked about a method he uses to get students to develop thesis statements and construct substantive essays. Fritz Detwiler's paper, "The Moral Foundation of Native American Worldviews" provoked a lively discussion. The Society focuses on developing and sharing ideas for disseminating ideas for teaching ethics.

Society for
Ethics Across the Curriculum



What Students are Saying



Feedback from "Understanding the Nuances of Apologizing" Brown Bag presentation by Joanna Schultz on October 27, 2011. "I feel this presentation

was extremely helpful. Not only did it allow insight for a topic rarely addressed, it opened my mind to an entirely new way of thinking."

RIBBONS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



Even if you have turned in your abstracts, it is not too late to incorporate an ethical component into your presentation!

The Institute for Ethics offers three prizes for the best ROE presentation incorporating ethical reflection:

First Prize: \$100

Second Prize: \$50

Third Prize: \$25

Students wishing to compete for the prize should notify the Institute at least one week before the presentation through e-mail at ethics@adrian.edu.

The institute director is available for consultation with students and/or their advisors to help them develop the presentation.

General Process:

- ◆ Become familiar with key terms in ethics: "fairness," "virtue," "duties," "rights," "justice," etc.
- ◆ Identify an ethical question or problem: What is the ethical issue?
- ◆ Take a stand: What *should* be done?
- ◆ Defend the stand: Why should it be done?
- ◆ Explore consequences: What difference would it make?