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News**

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Requesting recommendations of ...

RESOURCES FOR EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: With next year declared as the Year of Emotional Well-Being at Pitt, the Center will curate a set of resources about—or conducive to fostering—emotional well-being. Developed with both academic and general audiences in mind, the collection will include both empirical and scholarly research; fiction and non-fiction; conceptualizations of emotional well-being from the perspective of various disciplines and eras; and attention to challenges for achieving emotional well-being at personal and social levels. Send recommendations of books, articles, poems, films, podcasts, and other media to bioethics@pitt.edu. Especially for nonacademic resources, it would be helpful to include a sentence about why the resource is valuable.

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New Center Staff Candidates: With **Jody Stockdill** focusing her work within the Center's Consortium Ethics Program, the Center will be hiring an administrator for its other programs and activities. Responsibilities for this Program Coordinator position will include management of the online presence of other Center programs; coordination of virtual and in-person events; coordination of Center communications; and management of the online presence, communications, and events of the *Research, Ethics and Society Initiative* (RESI) of Pitt Research, including activities of the Research Ethics Consultation Service (RECS). Recommend that those who might be interested may contact **Lisa Parker** (lisap@pitt.edu) for more information, or send along your recommendations of potential candidates. Candidates should have excellent language skills and facility for learning computer platforms and software from A-Z, from academic program support to Zoom webinar management. The position will be posted soon in the [Pitt Talent Center](#) with an Administrator II classification.

CENTER FACULTY ANTICIPATING & RESPONDING TO *DOBBS*: Since 2013 with her law review article on disability-selective abortion bans, **Greer Donley** has been writing about maternal health, fetal safety, and access to abortion. Most recently she has published in scholarly and popular forums on the far-reaching effects of the restriction of abortion rights and the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, including three 2022 law review articles:

- [Medical Abortion Exceptionalism](#), Cornell Law Review, which argues that the FDA's regulation of medication abortion is harmful and not supported by the statute
- [The New Abortion Battleground](#), Columbia Law Review, which argues that a post-*Roe* world will be marked by interjurisdictional conflict (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouche)
- [Abortion, Pregnancy Loss, & Subjective Fetal Personhood](#), Vanderbilt Law Review, which attempts to reconcile a tension between recognizing pregnancy loss and supporting abortion (with Jill Lens)

In addition to academic talks and panels at the law schools of Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago, and the University of Baltimore, as well as the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, Greer has given multiple popular media interviews and presentations:

- Interview for NBC, [Future of Reproductive Rights May Be Digital Abortion Clinics](#) (June 16, 2022)

- Legal Face Off Podcast, [Greer Donley on the SCOTUS Leak](#) (May 17, 2022)
- Strict Scrutiny Podcast, [What's Next in a Post-Roe World](#) (May 16, 2022)

and has published in major news and opinion forums:

- [How to Save Women's Lives After Roe](#), Atlantic (June 13, 2022) (with Kimberly Chernoby)
- [The Coming Legal Battles Over Abortion Pills](#), Politico (May 24, 2022) (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouché)
- [Four Collisions to Expect if Roe Is Repealed](#), Politico (May 5, 2022) (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouché)
- [The Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade Plan Would Condemn Women to Second-Class Citizenship](#), Rolling Stone (May 3, 2022) (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouché)
- [States Want to Ban Abortions Beyond Their Borders. Here's What Pro-Choice States Can Do](#), (March 13, 2022) (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouché)
- [Joe Biden Can't Save Roe v. Wade Alone. But He Can Do This](#), New York Times (December 30, 2021) (with David Cohen and Rachel Rebouché)

In addition, **Bridget Keown** and **Rachel Kranson** are working with colleagues in the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program to develop forums for students to discuss the history and implications of *Dobbs* this summer and during the Fall Term.

COLLABORATING TO BRING "BIG NAME" SPEAKERS: The Center is pleased to be collaborating to bring to University audiences some speakers it otherwise would be unable to afford. Through its collaboration with the Atkins Center at Carlow University, the Center will co-sponsor the visit of pediatrician, scientist, and public health advocate Mona Hanna-Attisha, author of [What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City](#) that presents the story of the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. On October 20, she will be in conversation with Pitt Public Health Dean Maureen Lichtveld. The event will be held in-person on the Carlow campus and also live-streamed. Negotiations with agents are ongoing to bring physician, activist, and co-founder of the Do No Harm Coalition, Rupa Marya, co-author of [Inflamed: Deep Medicine and the Anatomy of Justice](#). Other planned speakers include: psychiatrist Rania Awaad to discuss Islamic origins of contemporary psychology, and historian Arleen Tuchman, author of *Diabetes: A History of Race and Disease*, her book-length treatment of arguments found in her *American Journal of Public Health* article: [Diabetes and Race: A Historical Perspective](#). The Center will announce next year's line-up of speakers in July and will send targeted announcements to faculty across the University so that they can incorporate Center offerings into their course plans.

CENTER FACULTY:

On May 5, **Michael Deem** spoke as an invited panelist for the American College of Healthcare Executives event, "Ethical Challenges in Healthcare Leadership." On June 8, he delivered an invited lecture, "Blurring the Ethical Line between Genomic Research and Clinical Genetics," for the Children's Mercy Center for Genomic Medicine's NHGRI-funded (R25) *Genomic Medicine Short Course*.

For Pitt's new Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) program, Michael designed a new undergraduate course: *PBHLTH 0500: Ethics in Community and Public Health*. The course will be offered for the first time in Spring 2023. Next year, in collaboration with John Maier in Family Medicine, Michael will also initiate a faculty and student working group to discuss readings and themes related to data, ethics, and society. Its goals will be to develop programming and to investigate funding opportunities for research.

Michael served as a grant proposal reviewer for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Willing to Participate (W2P) pilot awards challenge. He was named to the Advisory Board for the Duquesne University School of Nursing's five-year, NHGRI-funded (R25) Genomic Competencies for Nurses from Theory to Application: An Online Long Course. He also serves as a Co-Investigator for a PRCORI grant: GeT Testing: Moving the needle on hereditary risk identification in patients with ovarian cancer (with Co-PIs Sarah Taylor and Heidi Donovan).

Michael's paper, [Empathy and the Evolutionary Emergence of Guilt](#), with Grant Ramsey, is forthcoming in *Philosophy of Science* and available as a pre-print.

Bridget Keown received the Kirkpatrick History of Medicine Research Award from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland for her project "*In the midst of the Trouble area during rebellion*": *Gender and Trauma on the Homefront of the Easter Rising*. Also, Bridget's narrated gallery tour of the Center's virtual exhibition [Experience, Integration, Expression: The Work of Norman Klenicki](#) may be found under the Lectures tab on the exhibition website. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute course that she offered on the exhibition and "the many faces of trauma" will be reprised in the Fall with a slightly different set of topics.

Paula Leslie published (with Judith Broll) [Eating, Drinking, and Swallowing Difficulties: The Impacts on, and of, Religious Beliefs](#) in *Geriatrics*.

Jennifer Lingler was invited to present "Ethical Implications of the Collection and Analysis of Real-World Data" for the Alzheimer's Association Spring Research Roundtable Meeting in Washington, DC. She was also senior author of a presentation, "Reporting Race and Ethnicity in AD Biomarker Disclosure Research: A Systematic Review," presented at the Alzheimer's Association Addressing Health Disparities Conference on June 22, also in Washington, DC.

Lisa Parker was invited to curate [Ethical Challenges in Obtaining Informed Consent for Genetic/Genomic Research](#), an [ELSIhub Collection](#) for the NHGRI-sponsored online "everything ELSI" resource. She also served as a reviewer for the School of Medicine Dean's Year-Off Fellowship Program and the CTSI Willing to Participate (W2P) Participate Pilot Program. As a Fellow of the Center for Philosophy of Science, she is teaching in the 5th Pittsburgh Summer Program designed for students traditionally underrepresented in philosophy of science.

Hannah Star Rogers received noteworthy positive response to her book [Art, Science, and the Politics of Knowledge](#). The book seeks to demonstrate how the tools of science and technology studies (STS) can be applied to artistic practice and offers new ways of thinking about people and objects that previously have largely fallen outside the scope of STS research. Peter Galison (Joseph Pellegrino University Professor and Director, Black Hole Initiative, Harvard University) commented that "Hannah Star Rogers shines light on the intersection of art and science in a real-world context. With a curator's eye versed in science and technology studies, she opens with a fresh, site- and display-specific inquiry into Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka's astonishing glass models. Berenice Abbott is a key transitional figure, as Rogers moves forward to contemporary installations, film, and performance. A fine new inquiry into the now vibrant art-science world." The Center supported the inclusion of color images in the book, available by [open access](#).

At the American Thoracic Society 2022 International Conference, **Jennifer Seaman** presented an invited talk (“Symptom Management Strategies in Palliative Care, Nursing Assembly Year-in-Review”), a symposium talk (“Family Caregiving in Chronic Critical Illness, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Decision Making, Caregivers of Adults with Chronic or Critical Illness”), and a poster with colleagues: **Seaman, J.B.**, Butler, R.A., **Arnold, R.M.**, Doobay, R., Maloney, D.J., Gautier, W.C., Norman, M.K., Dev, S.P., **White, D.B.** Pilot Study of a Scalable Web- and Videoconference-based Training Platform to Improve ICU Nurses’ Serious Illness Communication Skills, American Thoracic Society, May 2022, San Francisco, CA.

Gaetan Sgro was invited by the School of Medicine Class of 2022 to speak at the School’s Commencement ceremony. Gaetan, who described himself as “the poetry guy,” gave the [closing remarks](#), which can be heard on the recording beginning at minute 3:17:00. In his remarks, he reflected on the importance of the subjective, his insistence that “a study with an n of 1 is an adequately powered study,” and his urging that attention be paid to particulars.

Mark Wicclair was [interviewed on All Sides with Ann Fisher](#), a live, public affairs program on WOSU-NPR in Columbus, Ohio, about a recent Ohio law offering broad protection for healthcare-related conscientious objection. He also facilitated a workshop on ethics in palliative care for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Scientist Training Program. In July, the elective *Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice* will be offered to a record number of 4th year medical students with Mark as the course director and with guest lectures and discussion facilitation by multiple Center faculty.

Daniel Wilkenfeld has had two papers accepted for publication:

- Stuart, M. T., & Wilkenfeld, D. A. Understanding Metaphorical Understanding (Literally). *European Journal of Philosophy of Science*.
- Wilkenfeld, D. A., & Johnson, C. M. In Defense of Vaccine Mandates: An Argument from Consent Rights. *Public Health Ethics*.

His proposal—“Understanding and Diagrams”—was accepted for presentation at the 25th Annual International Nursing Philosophy Conference.

MA PROGRAM STUDENTS AND ALUMNI:

Alum **Jessica Benham**, State Representative for Pennsylvania House District 36, won her reelection primary contest with 68% of the votes cast.

Michael Certo presented [Bioethics of Phage Therapy](#) at the June 2022 Pittsburgh Phage Project Symposium. He also had both of his submissions to the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) accepted for the October 2022 annual meeting. He will present work drawn from his MA thesis project—Using Cognitive Capacity, Experiential Capacity, and Domains of Suffering to Inform Assessment of Suffering in Children—as a paper presentation. His flash presentation will report on his PICU Ethics Conference quality improvement/education project.

Gabriella Nutter’s submission, “Building on Epistemic Error: A Non-ideal Approach to Epistemic Injustice in Healthcare,” was also accepted for presentation at the ASBH annual meeting.