

# Newsletter

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## Poynter Center Fellows Announced

Richard B. Miller, Director of the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, announced the selection of the Interdisciplinary Poynter Center Seminar Fellows for 2003-2004. "This fellowship aims to stimulate interdisciplinary inquiry into political and practical affairs by bringing together faculty from a variety of departments and schools on campus. I am delighted to announce this year's group of fellows and look forward to working with them throughout the year. The five IU Bloomington faculty members are Robert Ivie, Ann Mongoven, John H. Stanfield II, Jeffrey Wasserstrom, and David C. Williams," Miller announced. "We also gratefully acknowledge the contributions that made this fellowship possible, including support from the Center for Law, Society, and Culture."

The seminar focus this year is "Democracy and Dissent." The ten seminar meetings will include theoretical and practical dimensions, including dissent as it relates to (a) citizenship and political obligation; (b) political legitimacy in democracy; (c) freedom and national security; (d) the symbolism and "theater" of moral witness and political protest; (e) moral disagreement and questions of tolerance; (f) public reason and civic virtue. The seminar will be led by Richard Miller, with assistance from Jennifer Girod, Research Associate, and Jae Chung, Student Research Assistant. The seminar will include related public speakers. Fellows will produce a publishable article or chapter by September 1, 2004 that draws on their research fellowship.

The seminar participants are from a variety of disciplines and experience.

**Robert L. Ivie** is Professor of Communication and Culture and a member of the faculties in American Studies and Cultural Studies. His teaching and research interests focus on rhetoric as a mode of political critique and cultural production, with particular emphasis on democracy and the problem of war. Ivie serves as founding editor of *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, a

new journal of the National Communication Association published by Routledge.

**Ann Mongoven** is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University. Her research has addressed bioethical issues (particularly the ethics of organ donation and transplantation), gender theory, and conceptions of civic virtue. She is completing a monograph entitled *Just Love: The Transformation of Civic Virtue*, which explores the interface between religious studies, ethical theory, and political theory, and considers how Christian interpretations of neighbor-love influence American political theory and practice.

**John H. Stanfield II** is Professor of African-American and African Diaspora Studies. He is a historical sociologist of knowledge interested in questions regarding race, racism, and anti-racism in knowledge-producing institutions and communities such as the sciences, universities, and faith communities; and in ways of knowing, such as logics of inquiries, common sense, folklore, and oral traditions.

**Jeffrey Wasserstrom** is Professor of History and of East Asian Languages and Cultures and the Director of Indiana University's East Asian Studies Center. He has published widely, mostly on China, in academic venues as well as in newspapers (such as the *Nation*, *Dissent*, the international edition of *Newsweek*, and the *American Scholar*). His previous works on the topic of dissent include three books: *Student Protest in Twentieth-Century China*; *Protest and Political Culture in Modern China*; and *Human Rights and Revolutions*. He served as a consultant for "The Gate of Heavenly Peace," a documentary on China's Tiananmen protests of 1989 which was shown on PBS and won a Peabody Award.

**David C. Williams** graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, clerked for Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and taught at Cornell Law School before coming to IU in 1992. His scholarship focuses on the constitutional treatment of cultural difference and resistance, especially in the contexts

of Indian Law and the right of revolution. In 2003, Yale University Press published his book *The Mythic Meanings of the Second Amendment: Taming Political Violence in a Constitutional Republic*. In 2001, the law school named him its first John S. Hastings Professor of Law, and in 2002-2003, he delivered the University Distinguished Research Lecture.

## Democracy and Dissent Lecture

As a component of the Poynter Center Fellows program, the Poynter Center will host a series of lectures this year on Democracy and Dissent. David Estlund presented the first lecture October 17 on the topic of "Does Authority Depend on Democracy? The Case of a Soldier in Doubt." Estlund accepts the argument that soldiers cannot commit atrocities just because they are carrying out orders. He then looks at the questions of whether the soldier's obedience should be conditional on the justness of the war and how to evaluate whether the government's conduct of the war is an honest and competent effort to respect the bounds of justice.

Estlund is Professor of Philosophy and Acting Chair of Philosophy at Brown University, where he teaches moral and political philosophy. His most recent publications are as editor of *Readings in Philosophy: Democracy*, and "The Audacious Humility of John Rawls," *Dissent*, Spring 2003.

## Medical Ethics Seminars

This year the Poynter Center is expanding the Medical Ethics Seminar series. In addition to the late afternoon seminars, the Poynter Center hosted Andrew Beckman, M.D. at a September 29 lunch meeting with students and faculty. Dr. Beckman, an alumnus of the Medical Sciences Program in Bloomington, practices Emergency Medicine at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis.

Jennifer Girod, Research Associate at the Poynter Center, announced the speakers for the fall Medical Ethics Seminars.

Ann Mongoven, Ph.D., from the Religious Studies Department at IU Bloomington, spoke October 16 on "War on Terrorism? War against Disease? Re-Questioning War Metaphors in Medicine."

Brian Sloan, M.D., Department of Emergency Medicine and Sports Medicine, Wishard Hospital and the IU School of Medicine, will speak on Thursday, November 6, on "Ethical Issues in Sports Medicine."

Hugh Hendrie, M.D. and Mary Austrom, Department of Psychiatry, IU School of Medicine, will discuss "Ethical Issues in Alzheimers Care and Research" on Thursday, December 4.

The seminars bring together practitioners, faculty, and students to discuss topics in medical ethics. Seminars are at 4 p.m. at the Poynter Center, 618 East Third Street.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching Research Ethics Workshop is May 19-22

For those interested in sending someone to a workshop on how to teach research ethics, mark your calendar and check the Website for details and registration information, <http://poynter.indiana.edu/> and follow the link to Teaching Research Ethics. The registration fee will be \$650.

## Scientists and Subjects Online Seminar Scheduled for January 19-March 14, 2004

The fifth annual Scientists and Subjects eight-week online seminar on the ethics of research with human subjects will be January 19-March 14. The program is funded by the National Institutes of Health. The registration fee will be \$100. For more information, including registration, see <http://poynter.indiana.edu/> and follow the links to Scientists and Subjects.

## Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting, February 26-29, 2004 in Cincinnati

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting, open to Association members and nonmembers, includes presentations from various disciplines and professions for discussion of common concerns in practical and professional ethics. The keynote speaker will be Harvard professor Howard Gardner, whose presentation is entitled, "Good Work Across the Professions."

The Annual Meeting begins with an Ethics Center Colloquium and the Tenth Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl competition on February 26. This year the Annual Meeting will include a graduate seminar and an undergraduate session in addition to the regular sessions and Lunch with an Author.

Information about the program and registration is available at the Association Website, <http://www.indiana.edu/~appe/>.

## Religion and Violence Lecture

The Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and the Poynter Center are sponsoring a lecture series this year on Religion and Violence. The first lecturer, Robert White, Professor of Sociology and Acting Dean of the School at Liberal Arts at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, spoke October 15 on "The Irish Republican Army: An Assessment of Sectarianism." White concluded that his research data suggests Provisional IRA behavior in general is consistent with their claim that they are non-sectarian, even though members have killed Protestant civilians. Henry Glassie, Professor in the Indiana University Department of Folklore, responded by noting that his experiences in Northern Ireland from 1972-82 substantiate White's conclusions.

## New Staff

**Jennifer Girod**, Ph.D., R.N., joined the Poynter Center in August for a three-year appointment as Research Associate. Jenny has worked as a cardiovascular critical care nurse and has taught religion and bioethics classes at a number of institutions. Her research interests include ethical issues in transplantation, communitarian approaches to medical decision-making, reproductive ethics, and ethics issues in Emergency Medicine.

**Mark Wilson** is a doctoral student in Religious Studies. Mark successfully coached the Poynter Center Ethics Bowl team to second place in 2003 and has agreed to coach the 2004 team.

**Jae Chung**, a senior in Philosophy and French, was on the 2002 and 2003 Ethics Bowl teams.

The staff welcomes all three new staff members and welcomes back **Kara Lochridge**, a graduate student who is returning for her second year working with Ken Pimple and the Teaching Research Ethics programs.

## Recent Publications

### *Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine*

In his new book, *Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine*, published in 2003 by the IU Press, Richard Miller combines philosophical arguments with firsthand knowledge of the issues facing children and families in pediatric care. Miller tests

different ethical approaches in various medical settings to arrive at a new paradigm for how best to care for children. Miller contends that the principle of beneficence must take priority over autonomy in the treatment of children. Miller argues that physicians must become part of a "therapeutic alliance" with families and the child to reach the best solution for the individual child.

The book is part of the IU Press Medical Ethics series. Books on ethics are available from the IU Press at a discount to Poynter Center friends. See the Website, <http://poynter.indiana.edu> for details.

### *A Christian Response to the New Genetics: Religious, Ethical, and Social Issues*

David Smith, Nelson Poynter Senior Scholar, and Cynthia Cohen served as editors for *A Christian Response to the New Genetics: Religious, Ethical, and Social Issues*, published in 2003 by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. The authors explore a broad range of topics, including genetic testing, gene transfer, genetic manipulation, patenting, health insurance and the moral status of embryos. The authors conclude that the new technology cannot automatically be embraced or dismissed and that we must live with the moral uncertainty brought by the new options.

The book can be ordered from Rowman & Littlefield at <http://rowmanlittlefield.com>.

## Other Resources for the Responsible Conduct of Research

In addition to the online Scientists and Subjects seminar and the four-day Teaching Research Ethics workshop, the Poynter Center offers other resources for instruction and training in the responsible conduct of research.

*Moral Reasoning in Scientific Research* is an 80-page booklet of materials for teaching the responsible conduct of science in college and university science courses. The booklet, which includes an introduction, instructions, an essay for students, and six case studies, can be ordered from the Poynter Center for \$7 or downloaded in .pdf format for free.

*The Least of My Brothers* is an online module or short course in the ethics of research with human subjects.

See the Website at <http://poynter.indiana.edu/> and follow the link to *Moral Reasoning in Scientific Research* or *The Least of My Brothers*.

## Be Involved

You can keep up-to-date on Poynter Center events and programs by checking the web site at <http://poynter.indiana.edu>.

You can further the work of the Poynter Center by sending contributions to the Indiana University Foundation, State Road 46 Bypass, Bloomington, IN 47405, with a notation designating the gift for the Poynter Center. The Poynter Center is an endowed research center at Indiana University.

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## Upcoming Events

January 19-March 14, 2004  
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February 26-29, 2004  
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Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

May 19-22, 2004  
Teaching Research Ethics Workshop, Indiana  
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