

Newsletter

David H. Smith

David H. Smith Retires

David H. Smith, Director of the Poynter Center since 1982, retired June 30 as director and as professor of Religious Studies. He will spend the 2003-2004 academic year as the visiting professor in the Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University and then return to Bloomington.

During Smith's tenure, the Poynter Center undertook 40 research and teaching projects totaling \$4.7 million in the areas of biomedical ethics, the professions and ethics, trusteeship for nonprofits, research ethics, and civic engagement. The Poynter Center published 26 monographs on a variety of subjects, including a series on the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution and another on Religion, Morality and the Professions in America.

Smith studied at Carleton College, Yale Divinity School, and Princeton University. He joined the Indiana University faculty in 1967 as part of the fledgling Religious Studies

Department. Since then he has held numerous administrative positions, including four years as acting chair of the department and eight years as chair. He became director of the Poynter Center in 1982.

Richard B. Miller, who was named as Smith's successor, noted, "David's success in part lies in his ability to work so well with others. He is a model collaborator. He knows how to bring out the best in everyone with whom he works. He is a perennial optimist, as evidenced by his support of the Chicago Cubs. But he can spot potential. That is one reason, though not the only one, that he is such a revered teacher. It is difficult to imagine IU without David. If ever there was a scholar and a gentleman, a brilliant ambassador of this university, and an all-around wonderful member of the planet, *that* person is David Smith."

Richard B. Miller Selected as Director

Richard B. Miller, who has served as chair of the Indiana University Department of Religious Studies since 2000, has been selected as the director of the Poynter Center. Miller is no stranger to the Center, having been involved with the Center since 1985.

Miller was educated at the University of Virginia, Catholic University, and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He joined the IU faculty in 1985 and has held numerous departmental and university responsibilities. He has been a member of the American Studies Program since 1994 and an affiliate faculty with the IU Center for Bioethics since 2002.

He is author of *Interpretations of Conflict: Ethics, Pacifism and the Just-War Tradition* (University of Chicago Press, 1991), *Casistry and Modern Ethics: A Poetics of Practical Reasoning* (University of Chicago Press, 1996) and many articles and chapters on religious

ethics and moral philosophy. His most recent book, *Children, Ethics and Modern Medicine*, was published in June by IU Press and resulted from a Lilly Endowment-funded research project through the Poynter Center that enabled him to immerse himself in different pediatric medical contexts as a component of his research.

“One of my dreams as a scholar has been to find myself in a position to address ethical questions across a broad range of issues and constituencies,” Miller noted, “and directing the Poynter Center will allow me to take up that challenge. David Smith has left the center with a strong set of national connections, a wonderful staff and a clear sense of purpose. I’m thrilled by this opportunity, and I look forward with excitement to serving the university, the community and the public in my new role.”

Thomas Murray on Cloning

Thomas Murray, President of The Hastings Center, presented the second Matthew Vandivier Sims Memorial Lecture on March 5. The author of more than 200 publications, his most recent books are *The Worth of a Child* (University of California Press) and *Healthcare Ethics and Human Values: An Introductory Text with Readings and Case Studies* (Blackwell Publishers), which he edited with Bill Fulford and Donna Dickenson.

The Matthew Vandivier Sims Memorial Lecture is presented in memory of Matthew Sims, a child who lived eleven days after being born with multiple challenges.

Dr. Murray spoke on the topic, “Parents, Children, and Cloning.” He noted that the primary aim must be the child’s good, and that mutuality is an appropriate framework.

Dr. Murray met the next day with students from the Wells Scholars and Honors College programs.

Teaching Research Ethics

The tenth annual Teaching Research Ethics workshop met May 14-17 at IU Bloomington. Forty-four people from the US and Canada met to discuss and learn more about teaching research ethics to scientists and others in the academy.

Ethics Series Honoring David H. Smith

The Poynter Center hosted a four-day series of lunches the first week in May to honor David H. Smith’s leadership of the Poynter Center over the last 21 years. A dozen faculty from Indiana University Bloomington and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis served as discussion starters during the week. You can hear their presentations using RealPlayer 8 basic at <http://broadcast.iu.edu/lectures/poynter/index.html>.

Poynter Center Ethics Bowl team (left to right): Betsey Wiegman, Valerie Aquila, Summer Johnson, James Bourke, Jae Chung, Jacob Fulck, and Mark Wilson (coach)

Ethics Bowl Team Wins Second Place in National Contest

The Poynter Center Ethics BowlSM team placed second in the national Ethics BowlSM competition at the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics on February 27, 2003.

The IU team included six members: Valerie Aquila, a junior in Journalism and History; James Bourke, a sophomore in Philosophy, Political Science, and the Individualized Major Program in Nonviolence in Theory and Practice; Jae Chung, a senior in Philosophy and French; Jacob Fulck, a junior in Religious Studies; Summer Johnson, a senior in Philosophy and the Individualized Major Program in Bioethics; and Betsey Wiegman, a senior majoring in Philosophy and Germanic Studies. The faculty director was David H. Smith, Director of the Poynter Center and

Professor of Religious Studies. The coach was Mark A. Wilson, a graduate student in Religious Studies.

The Kelley School of Business at IU Bloomington also fielded a team. The coach/sponsor was Carolyn Wiethoff, a Clinical Assistant Professor of Management in the Kelley School of Business.

The forty participating teams competed in three rounds in the morning. The teams studied the cases in advance and were required to respond to questions concerning the ethical dilemmas posed by the cases. The top eight teams advanced to the quarterfinals. The IU Poynter Center team defeated St. Louis University in the quarterfinals and the Air Force Academy in the semifinals. The Naval Academy won in the final round.

The competition is held each year as a method of involving students in viewing difficult situations from a variety of perspectives. The competition is presented by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics and the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions at the Illinois Institute of Technology. It was co-sponsored this year by AMS and Sears Roebuck & Company.

IU Research Ethics Presentations

The Poynter Center and the Indiana University Research and University Graduate School presented a four-part series on research ethics for IU faculty and staff in February and March. Titled “Working Together: Rules, Regulations, and Etiquette of Collaborative Research,” the series was led by IU faculty and coordinated by Kenneth D. Pimple, Director of Teaching Research Ethics Programs at the Poynter Center, and Ann Gellis, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research Compliance. More information about the series is available at our web site: <http://poynter.indiana.edu>.

Seminars in Philanthropy

The Poynter Center and the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy hosted six faculty presentations in the spring Philanthropy series. Richard Turner spoke January 23 on the

topic, “I’ll Change the World—Maybe: Ambivalence about Philanthropy in Literature.”

William Schneider spoke January 31 on the philanthropy of the Rockefeller family.

Nancy Robertson presented February 20 on the subject, “The Better Sort of People: Liberalism, Class, and Racial Reform in 20th Century America.”

Phil Cochran spoke on business ethics on April 2, emphasizing the problem of plagiarism in class, especially since the advent of the internet and the ease of finding papers online.

David Setran spoke May 12 on the campus YMCA movement.

Stanley Katz spoke June 17 on philanthropy and humanities.

Medical Ethics Seminars

The medical ethics seminar series hosted three presenters this spring. Jennifer Girod spoke January 30, on the subject “Having a Child to Save his Brother.” Mark Moore, President and CEO of Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare Systems, led a discussion March 27 on “Balancing Money and Mission.” On April 24 Dr. Mark Wisen led a number of physicians and others in a discussion on the use of smart drugs.

Online Research Ethics Module Available

The Least of My Brothers, an online module on the ethics of research with human subjects, is now available for review. The module is based on a dramatization of the Public Health Service Syphilis Study at Tuskegee. The facilitator works with learners who read and respond to fictionalized scenes and supporting resources that are available on the Web. The course is designed to be used alone or as a part of a larger course or workshop.

The Least of My Brothers was developed by Kenneth D. Pimple and Julia Pedroni in collaboration with WisdomTools, Inc. The project was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Poynter Center. For further information, see the Web site, <http://poynter.indiana.edu> or contact Kenneth Pimple at the Poynter Center.

New Monograph: David H. Smith on Ethics and Teaching Responsibilities of Faculty

The newest monograph in the Poynter Center series is by David H. Smith, *Ethics and the Teaching Responsibilities of Faculty*.

A complete list of monographs is at the Web site, <http://poynter.indiana.edu>. Most recent monographs, including Smith's, are available in PDF files or you can order by contacting the Poynter Center at 812-855-0261 or poynter@indiana.edu.

Be Involved

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