The University of Miami Ethics Programs foster and support a range of efforts dedicated to education, research, and community service in ethics and the professions. We do this by developing and supporting a variety of courses, conferences, research projects, seminars, and other activities around the University of Miami and with regional, national and global partners.

Many of these activities are made possible by a gift from philanthropist and UM Trustee Adrienne Arsht.

Friday Interdisciplinary Lecture Series
Trauma: A Key Social Determinant of Health in a Life Course Perspective

Friday, May 9, 2014
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MCCD, Conference Room 3023
Medical Campus

Jeffrey P. Brosco, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Associate Director of the Mailman Center for Child Development, and Ethics Programs Director of Pediatrics, will present *Trauma: A Key Social Determinant of Health in a Life Course Perspective* as part of the Mailman Center for Child Development Friday Interdisciplinary Lecture Series.

These series provide an opportunity for discussion on current research, ethics, interdisciplinary case studies, advocacy, leadership issues, and topics of neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Students, faculty, and community members are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Rochelle Baer at rbaer@med.miami.edu.

Dialogues In Research Ethics
International Research on Sexual Minorities

Friday, May 16, 2014
12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.
RMSB, 4th Floor Auditorium
Medical Campus

*Jaime Hernandez*, J.D., M.Be. from the University of Pennsylvania, will be the guest speaker of this month's Dialogues In Research Ethics, a series of monthly conferences presented by the University of Miami.
Ethics Programs.

Two issues are particularly thorny when doing research on sexual minorities in developing countries. First, the social benefits of the research to the host country may clash with the risks/benefits to the sexual-minority participants. Second, difficulties in selecting participants fairly and in recruiting an unbiased population sample endanger the scientific validity of these studies. Informed consent and/or a collaborative design can minimize these challenges only to a limited extent. This is especially true in Latin America, where acceptance of homosexuality has made more legal than cultural progress.

Learn More

For more information, call UM Ethics Programs at 305-243-5723 or e-mail ethics@miami.edu.

Arsht Research on Ethics and Community Grants Program Announces 2014 Call for Proposals

The University of Miami Ethics Programs have announced the eighth annual Arsht Research on Ethics and Community Grants program.

Under the auspices of the Arsht Ethics Initiatives and made possible by generous gifts from UM Trustee Adrienne Arsht, the program has emerged as a fixture of interdisciplinary intellectual life at UM. Since the program's inception, the Ethics Programs have funded more than 50 projects and made over $1 million in awards. The grants are awarded for research projects that address a contemporary ethical issue and have implications for public policy, professional practice, human rights, etc.

To view the 2015 call for proposals, click here
To view the Archives, click here

Deadline for receipt of proposals is 11 p.m., May 19, 2014.

Arsht funds support a variety of projects, including the ethics research program, a distinguished speaker series, distinguished faculty awards, undergraduate ethics debates, and a visiting ethics scholars.

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Pan American Bioethics Initiative Concludes with DC Workshop

Thursday, May 1, 2014
Pan American Health Organization
Washington, DC

The Pan American Bioethics Initiative (PABI) concluded its Fogarty International Center grant with a special workshop at the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, D.C.

The overarching goal of PABI was to stimulate efforts to foster human subjects protection, research integrity and the responsible conduct of research by challenging and working with decision leaders and policy architects who have practical responsibility for the development and/or oversight of research ethics programs in Latin American and the Caribbean. Content developed by fellows and faculty is posted on the CITI Program website.

The workshop was attended by representatives of PAHO, the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health and the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. The Commission's blog features a report on the workshop. To view the report, click here

The PABI grant (R25TW008186) was led by Drs. Kenneth W. Goodman and Paul Braunschweiger; Dr. Sergio Litewka was Project Director.

For more information, please contact Dr. Litewka at slitewka@med.miami.edu or call 305-243-5723.

Nation's Oldest and Largest Bioethics Conference Marks 22nd Year

Friday, April 4, 2014
Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay

The University of Miami Ethics Programs hosted its 22nd annual spring conference in conjunction with the Florida Bioethics Network on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay. Some 300 health professionals and students attended the conference continuing the University's track record of producing the largest and oldest community bioethics conference in the country.

The program featured presentations on topics such as recent brain death controversies, military medicine, pediatric health disparities, concussion and sports, the Affordable Care Act, and clinical professionalism in healthcare.

Robin N. Fiore, Ph.D., of the UM Ethics Programs served as program director for the conference.
In conjunction with the Florida Bioethics Network, the conference is sponsored by a variety of South Florida health care organizations and academic institutions. UM-affiliated sponsors included UHealth, University of Miami Hospital, the CITI Program, Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Miami VA Medical Center.

For more information about the conference or to view the archives, click here

Publications and Authors

Arsht Distinguished Ethics Faculty Member Publishes Book on Genetic Disease

Jeffrey P. Brosco, M.D., Ph.D., Ethics Programs Director of Pediatrics, has co-authored a book on historical, medical and ethical aspects of phenylketonuria (PKU), a rare genetic malady, which if not managed with a strict diet, can lead to severe cognitive damage. The PKU Paradox: A Short History of a Genetic Disease was published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

As the book's website describes it, "In this first general history of PKU, a historian and a pediatrician explore how a rare genetic disease became the object of an unprecedented system for routine testing. The PKU Paradox is informed by interviews with scientists, clinicians, policymakers, and individuals who live with the disease. The questions it raises touch on ongoing controversies about newborn screening and what happens to blood samples collected at birth."

Dr. Brosco's research for the book was funded in part by the Arsht Ethics Initiatives, which supported his work as an Arsht Distinguished Ethics Faculty.

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