Bioarchaeology, Biomedicine and Bioethos

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In this dialogue, and with the aim of developing the concept bioethos, Dr. Geller outlines the historic connection between biomedicine and bioarchaeology. The former clearly has had a commitment to advancing discussions about bioethics. Such has not been the case for the latter, a neglect that practitioners are now rectifying. Conversations in bioethics—about consent, anonymity, vulnerable populations, legislation and policy, etc.—are germane, but require expansion so as to be useful for particular aspects of studying archaeologically contextualized human remains.

Dr. Geller is an anthropological bioarchaeologist who brings together varied concerns in her research—bioarchaeology and biohistory; critical social theories about gender, sexuality, race, and nation; bio-politics and necropolitics; socio-politics of the past; and bioethics. Her publications include The Bioarchaeology of Social-Sexual Lives (2017, Springer), the co-edited volume Feminist Anthropology (2006, University of Pennsylvania), and numerous journal articles. Over the years, Geller has conducted archaeological, bioarchaeological, and ethnographic fieldwork in Israel, Hawai’i, Belize, Honduras, Peru and Haiti.

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