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CENTER FOR
MEDICAL ETHICS
& HEALTH POLICY

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

It has been almost two years since the first COVID-19 diagnosis in the U.S. The pandemic continues to hold a tight grip on us all, and it's deeply personal.

Each of us has been impacted and/or knows someone impacted by COVID-19 and the ongoing uncertainty the pandemic has created.

During this time of upheaval, I am proud to report that our Center has continued to drive change through the work that we do.

Our team of clinical ethicists have been on the front lines helping patients, families, providers, and hospitals make challenging decisions through the pandemic. They have had to have very emotional meetings with sick and dying patients and their families, and have done their best to support our front-line healthcare providers to cope in the face of shortages in staffing, ICU beds, and life-saving equipment. They have also provided guidance to our hospital partners on the most pressing ethical issues they are facing as institutions, including scarce resource allocation, visitation policies, and vaccine mandates. I am extremely proud of the resilience, dedication, and agility of our team and our partners, who are doing everything they can to help provide the best care possible to everyone who needs it.

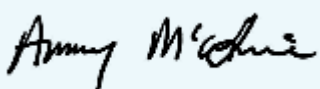
Through our research and commentary, we have objectively assessed the landscape and identified opportunities for improvement as it relates to COVID-19 and beyond. We studied the psychological impact of COVID-19 among the general population and addressed the importance of transparency in vaccine research and the ethical allocation of future COVID-19 vaccines. We have also continued important work related to advancing equity and inclusion in bioethics and public health, examining the ethical, legal, and social implications of emerging technologies, and asking difficult questions about patient decision aids, genetic genealogy, nudging, hospital education, and governance of human data.

We have also been incorporating our learning and experience into our teaching and outreach programs. We are thinking critically about the benefits we've seen this past year of online learning and how to use the increased accessibility to create new, more effective ways of connecting and engaging students and our community. We are committed to diversifying the field of both bioethics and clinical ethics and launched our first-ever summer internship programs. And we are continuing to host regular Grand Rounds and other events with our community on key topics in ethics and health policy.

We are proud of what we've achieved this year, but we know there is still much more to do. As we look ahead to 2022 we see this as a time to REBOOT, REFRAME, and REIMAGINE what our new normal will be. This is the theme of our upcoming TEDxBaylorCollegeofMedicine event in February 2022, and we will continue to integrate it into our lives and our work throughout the year. And so I invite you to join us as we move into 2022 to take stock, reconsider, prioritize, and push the limits by asking the big, challenging questions and inspiring positive change, individually and collectively.

We hope that what you read in our report excites and inspires you, our incredible partners, collaborators, and supporters. We're excited to move forward together into the future and create a better, more inclusive tomorrow.

With gratitude and optimism, I hope to see and connect with you in 2022.



Amy Lynn McGuire, J.D., Ph.D.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

OUR CENTER AT A GLANCE

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YEARS CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND INFLUENCING POLICY ON TODAY'S MOST PRESSING ETHICAL ISSUES

HOUSED ON THE MAIN BAYLOR CAMPUS IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER



18

PRIMARY FACULTY MEMBERS

33

SECONDARY FACULTY

24

SCHOLARS

40

FELLOWS AND STAFF

KEY AREAS

Education: recognized leader in developing and providing top-rated medical ethics and health policy education



Medical Ethics Pathway and Health Policy Pathway for Baylor students



EnMed Program, teaching ethics to medical students enrolled in a collaboration between Texas A&M's College of Engineering and College of Medicine and Houston Methodist Hospital



EP3 (Ethics, Professionalism and Policy Program) for Baylor residents



Grand Rounds in partnership with Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center and Houston Methodist for physicians, nurses, physician assistants and related professionals to stay abreast of ever-changing topics



Narrative Medicine Program, exploring the importance of story in the lives of patients, learners and healthcare professionals



Bioethics Intensive Course, with Houston Methodist, for individuals who encounter complex ethical challenges in clinical practice and/or conduct clinical ethics consultations



Clinical Ethics Fellowship, a two year opportunity to develop the skills, training and experience to be competitive for positions in clinical ethics and academic bioethics



Summer internship program (research and clinical ethics) for college and/or graduate students



Philosophical Ethics Program that involves collaborative activities with local, national, and international partners

KEY AREAS (CONTINUED)

Research: conducting comprehensive and original bioethics research



60+ ▶ PIECES PUBLISHED IN LEADING JOURNALS SUCH AS THE *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BIOETHICS*, *AMA JOURNAL OF ETHICS*, *GENETICS IN MEDICINE*, *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

Clinical Ethics Consultation: one of the largest clinical ethics programs in the country

- Leading Clinical Ethics Services at Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center and Houston Methodist, providing 24/7 consultation, ethics education, policy development, and serving as chair and co-chair of ethics committees
- Leading the Texas Ethics Consortium and TMC Ethics Workstream



Strategic Initiatives & Community Outreach: creating a meaningful connection between the work we do and the people whose lives are impacted

Events:

TEDxBaylorCollegeofMedicine	Health Policy Research Day	Baruch A. Brody Award & Lectureship
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Bringing together leading thinkers and doers to share ideas. **Register to attend.**



Highlighting and discussing contemporary issues in health and science policy.



Recognizing junior and mid-level scholars making important theoretical contributions to bioethics. **Register to attend.**

Communications

- Position Statements on behalf of Baylor College of Medicine and special projects
- Social Determinants of Health journal club
- Ongoing media relations, engagement and conferences
- 40 quotes in key outlets such as *The Atlantic*, *STAT*, *Houston Chronicle*

PolicyWise Blog



Social Media Presence



2021 HIGHLIGHTS: Our Efforts to Reboot, Reframe and Reimagine Medical Ethics and Health Policy

REBOOT: Evolving and expanding how learners and our community engage with ethics and policy

Like everything else this past year, the pandemic caused us to rethink how we approach our work. Instead of “business as usual,” we used this year to create new opportunities to reach more people in more places.

Shaping the Future by Growing our Learning Community



Graduated our first cohort of **Health Policy Pathway** (HPP) students and largest ever cohort of **Medical Ethics Pathway** (MEP) students



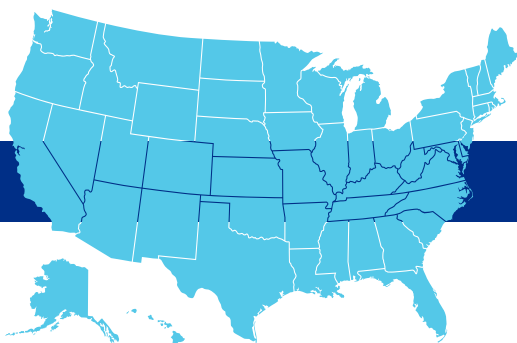
Integrated 40+ Physician Assistant students into our small group sessions as part of our Medical Ethics Pathway

OUR RESIDENT EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE (EP3) ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS REMAINED ROBUST



42 **~577**
SESSIONS PARTICIPANTS

Completed our first year directing and teaching the ethics and professionalism curriculum for students at Texas A&M’s Engineering in Medicine program at Houston Methodist Hospital (ENMED)



Successfully executed a virtual version of our **Bioethics Intensive Course** with 60 attendees from 27 different states covering topics such as informed consent and capacity, drafting and implementing ethics policies, quality improvement strategies, professionalization of clinical ethics consultation, facilitating family meetings, responding to religious reasoning, and more!

RECRUITED 3 FELLOWS



Holland Kaplan, M.D.

BIOETHICS & HEALTH POLICY FELLOW
Medical Degree, Internal Medicine Residency & Chief Residency, Baylor College of Medicine Faculty, Harris Health System’s Ben Taub Hospital



Maggie Taylor, Ph.D.

CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOW
Doctorate in Philosophy
University of Colorado, Boulder



Eleanor Gilmore-Szott, Ph.D.

CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOW
Doctorate in Philosophy
University of Utah



Developed innovative supplemental activities to replace clinical shadowing to help give our students the experience without being in person. This included curated podcasts, books, and interviews with different members of the care team, including clinicians and chaplains.



Offered 8 Virtual Grand Rounds in partnership with Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center and Houston Methodist with higher attendance than ever before on topics such as research ethics during a pandemic, brain death, human trafficking, and more!

Held our annual Health Policy Day with 200+ participants across the TMC focused on collaborations during the pandemic and beyond with speakers from Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, University of Houston - College of Medicine, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, Episcopal Health Foundation, Harris Health System, Aetna Better Health of Texas, and Arcadia. Former Assistant Secretary of Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Brett Giroir gave the keynote.



Launched a Philosophical Bioethics Program including partners at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Georgetown's Kennedy Institute of Ethics, and NYU's Center for Bioethics, and local collaborations with Rice University's Philosophy Department and philosophers in UTMB's Institute for Bioethics & Health Humanities.



LAUNCHED OUR
FIRST EVER SUMMER
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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CLINICAL
ETHICS
INTERNS

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BIOETHICS
RESEARCH
INTERNS

As part of our Narrative Medicine Program, collaborated with:

- Rice Medical Humanities and the Office of Professionalism at Baylor College of Medicine to host novelist and essayist Esmé Weijun Wang
- Inprint to develop a series of reflective writing workshops involving healthcare providers' reflections on taking care of patients during the pandemic
- Internal Medicine Residency Program to develop a series of medical humanities lectures as part of their weekly didactics

Driving Meaningful Impact by Increasing our Clinical Ethics Consult Footprint



Ryan Nelson, Ph.D.

CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOW
became a full-time faculty member
at our Center

Led the development of an ECMO (extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation) pathway program for acute lung and/or heart failure in partnership with critical and palliative care colleagues that was instituted at both Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center and St. Luke's The Woodlands.

▶ PARTNERED WITH HOUSTON METHODIST TO DEVELOP INTENTIONAL RESPONSE TO MORAL DISTRESS AND OTHER HOSPITAL INITIATIVES.



Bryanna Moore, Ph.D.

CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOW
accepted a full-time faculty
position at UTMB



Continued to build the TMC Ethics Workstream and **Texas Ethics Consortium** to coordinate across institutions and our response to the pandemic and other pressing clinical ethics challenges



REFRAME: Challenging stereotypes and perceptions around equity, health, ethics and policy

We as a Center have a profound desire to spark action, inspire new commitments, change minds and change outcomes, especially around traditionally taboo topics in ethics and policy, and to bring new and different voices, perspectives, and analysis to the forefront.

Adding New Talent to Expand our Depth and Reach

Welcomed 4 new faculty members



Jon Wesley Boyd, M.D., Ph.D., M.A. Professor in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Professor in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. His areas of interest include social justice, access to care, human rights, asylum and immigration, humanistic aspects of medicine, physician health and well-being, the pharmaceutical industry, mass incarceration, and substance use.*



Faith E. Fletcher, Ph.D., M.A. Assistant Professor in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. Her integrated public health and bioethics research agenda investigates the healthcare and research experiences of traditionally marginalized populations to inform ethically grounded and community-centered strategies.



Kristin Kostick, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. She is a medical anthropologist whose research focuses on ethical, social, and cultural factors related to emerging bio- and neurotechnologies. She has been at our Center as a staff scientist and research associate since 2014.*

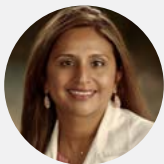


Ryan Nelson, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. His research addresses the role of values in medical science and practice, with a particular focus on disability, psychiatry, neurodiversity, and end-of-life care.

* Wes and Kristin started in 2020 but weren't highlighted in our last annual report

Added 3 new scholars

Health Policy

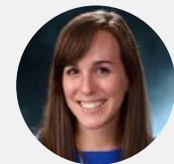


Bindi Jayendra Naik-Mathuria, M.D., M.P.H. Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine. Research Interests: Clinical outcomes, quality improvement, injury prevention, public health, gun violence prevention, comparative effectiveness research.



Nicholas J. Diamond, J.D., L.L.M., M.Be. Global Health Practice Leader at Crowell & Moring International, Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center and Associate Scholar in the Center for Global Health at the University of Pennsylvania. Research Interests: Public health law, health policy, business and human rights, bioethics, public international law.

Medical Ethics



Linessa Zuniga, M.D., M.Ed. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Residency Associate Program Director, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital. Research Interests: graduate medical education, burnout, and professionalism. Starting in July 2021, she became the co-associate director of our EP3 program.

Added 2 former Health Policy scholars as Secondary Faculty



Alison Haddock, M.D. Assistant Professor, Department Emergency Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine. Research Interests: Social determinants of health for emergency department patients and representation of women in depictions of physicians. She is a member of Harris Health Ethics Committee.



Michelle Lopez, M.D., MPH Assistant Professor, Pediatrics - Hospital Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital. Research Interests: Inpatient resource utilization, patient communication, cultural competency, health disparities, and social determinants of health. Starting in July 2021, she became the director of our EP3 program.

Covering New Ground through Innovative Grants

- **BRAINshare: Sharing Data in BRAIN Initiative Studies** from National Institute of Mental Health and the BRAIN initiative to identify challenges and concerns and generate empirically-informed policy and practice options that facilitate responsible data sharing within the BRAIN Initiative. Center PI: Amy L. McGuire, J.D., Ph.D.
- **Implementation of Whole Genome Sequencing (GS) as Screening in a Diverse Cohort of Healthy Infants:** "The BabySeq Project" from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences to study how GS in infants can be implemented in diverse, resource-limited, "real-world" outpatient primary care settings. Center PI: Amy L. McGuire, J.D., Ph.D.
- **Polygenic Embryo Screening: Towards Informed Decision-Making** from the National Human Genome Research Institute to quantify the utility of polygenic embryo screening (PES), assess stakeholders' perspectives and examine its ethical implications. Center PI: Stacey Pereira, Ph.D.
- **Polygenic Risk Scores in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Ethical, Clinical, and Legal Implications** from the National Institute of Mental Health and National Human Genome Research Institute to study challenges in the clinical use of psychiatric polygenic risk scores (PRS), key stakeholders' perspectives, and gaps in legal protections against privacy violations and discrimination based on psychiatric PRS. Center PI: Stacey Pereira, Ph.D.
- **Philosophical Bioethics "Bootcamp" (Seminar Series)** from the Greenwall Foundation to increase the quality and quantity of normative and conceptual work in the field of bioethics. Center PI: Jenny Blumenthal-Barby, Ph.D.
- **Measuring Perceptions of Utility of Clinical Genome Sequencing (GS): Instrument Testing and Validation** a supplement from National Human Genome Research Institute to develop a comprehensive instrument that measures patient perceived utility of GS, assess the instrument's psychometric properties, and validate the instrument across the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER) sites. Center PI: Amy L. McGuire, J.D., Ph.D.
- **Self-governance in the Human Genome Editing (HGE) Era: Can Science Rise to the Challenge?** a supplement from National Human Genome Research Institute; this project will be the first case-study to evaluate self-governance in the realm of human genome editing technologies. The findings of the case study will be further tested and validated through a survey of working HGE scientists. Center PI: Christopher Scott, Ph.D.
- **Measuring the Effect of Medical Humanities Activities on Empathy, Burnout, and Communication in Students and Other Learners** from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) to sponsor and facilitate a range of interactive and educational activities to improve the education, practice and well-being of physicians through deeper integrative experiences with the arts and humanities. Center PI: Andrew Childress, Ph.D.
- **CORA: Cardiac Outcomes Risk Assessment*** from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to develop an integrated clinical decision support platform for left-ventricular assist device (LVAD) therapy for heart failure, combining a patient decision aid with a computer-based personalized risk prediction tool that uses AI/machine learning. Center PI: Jenny Blumenthal-Barby, Ph.D.

*Funded at the end of 2020

- **Career Development Awards from the National Human Genome Research Institute**

- » **An ELSI-Integrated Evaluation of the Family-Level Utility of Pediatric Genomic Sequencing** will develop an empirically informed framework of normative values important to families of pediatric patients, including ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI), which will then be used to elicit preferences for features of sequencing from a nationally representative sample of parents in the U.S. Center PI: Hadley Stevens Smith, Ph.D.

- » **Developing Evidence-Based Guidance for Engaging Rural Residents in the Deep South in Genomics Research** using stakeholder-engagement methods to inform evidence-based guidelines to promote equitable participation and partnership in genomic discovery and translation. This study has the potential to serve as a model to guide genomics research for other medically underrepresented populations to ultimately identify best practices for community translation of genomic discoveries. Center PI: Faith Fletcher, Ph.D.

Disseminated our Insights through Publications, Media and Position Statements

Wrote 1 position statement on behalf of the college

Expanding Our Role In Promoting Trust In Science For COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Beyond

Published innovative findings and commentary in leading, high-impact journals

Accountability in Research: Beyond Babies: Implications of Human Genome Editing for Women, Children, and Families

AJOB Neuroscience: National Institutes of Mental Health Data Archive: Privacy, Consent, and Diversity Considerations and Options

American Journal of Bioethics: Paying the Right Amount to Challenge Trial Participants – We Need to Use Behavioral Science Insights to Sell What’s Right

American Journal of Bioethics: The Place of Philosophy in Bioethics Today

American Medical Association Journal of Ethics: How Can the Experiences of Black Women Living With HIV Inform Equitable and Respectful Reproductive Health Care Delivery?

Frontiers in Psych: Psychological Distress Among the U.S. General Population During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Genetics in Medicine: Genetic Testing In Ambulatory Cardiology Clinics Reveals High Rate of Findings With Clinical Management Implications

Journal of the American Medical Association: Determination of Brain Death

Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatric: Psychosocial Effect of Newborn Genomic Sequencing on Families in the BabySeq Project: A Randomized Clinical Trial

Nature Biotech: Voices of Biotech Leaders

Nature Genetics: Toward Better Governance of Human Genomic Data



Spotlighting the Next Generation of Rising Stars in Bioethics

This year, the Brody Award recognized Dr. Camisha Russell, assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Oregon. Dr. Russell is pioneering the concept of race as a technology. Her distinguished lecture covered “Meeting the Moment: Bioethics in the Time of Black Lives Matter”. Listen [here](#); read the [accompanying piece in AJOB](#)

Provided thought-provoking perspective in top-tier media outlets

STAT: Can Parents Handle Finding Out Their Newborn Is At Higher Risk Of Certain Diseases? A Small Study Suggests They Can

The Biden Harris FDA Should Make Friends With Independent Researchers

The Atlantic: Booster Shots: Is it Ethical to Get an Illicit One Now

Huffington Post: 3 Myths About COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates That Need To Go Away

WSJ: Texas Bans Vaccine Passports

NPR: OPINION: Doctors Should Be More Candid With Their Patients

Los Angeles Times: Column: Why Spend Billions For Ancestry's DNA Data If You Don't Plan To Use It?

Science: Controversy Flares Over Informing Research Subjects About 'Incidental' Genetic Findings

WIRED: The Pandemic Can't End While Wealthy Nations Hoard Shots

Ethics of Vaccinating Teachers — and Keeping Schools Closed

Houston Chronicle: They Are Like Gold: The Hunt For Houston's Extra Covid Vaccines Involves Strategy, Ethics And Luck

Want A Vaccine At NRG Park's Super Site? Show Up With Wheels

Took on new roles with leading journals and organizations and received recognition

Trevor Bibler, Ph.D. RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FROM ASBH

Jenny Blumenthal-Barby, Ph.D. SELECTED TO THE AJOB EDITORIAL BOARD; ASBH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Malek, Ph.D. SELECTED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE ASBH CORE COMPETENCIES 3RD EDITION TASK FORCE

Faith Fletcher, Ph.D. ELECTED AS A HASTINGS FELLOW; RECEIVED THE FIRST ANNUAL DR. CLARETTA DUPREE AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF VISION AND COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE IN BIOETHICS

Andrew Childress, Ph.D. RECEIVED THE NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF TEACHING AND EVALUATION

Amanda Gutierrez (Sr RA) RECEIVED BAYLOR'S NEWLY CREATED EQUITY TRAILBLAZER AWARD, WHICH RECOGNIZES SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MOVING BAYLOR TOWARD BEING A MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

REIMAGINE: Looking at 2022 with an eye towards finding new ways to advance and improve policy and medical ethics

As the world has changed, we've changed too. We're approaching 2022 with a renewed, optimistic outlook and are focused on bringing you new opportunities to learn and engage with us.

Featuring Events to Challenge Your Thinking and Empower You to Become an Agent of Change

FEBRUARY
1, 2022, 12-
1:30PM CT

**Baruch
A. Brody
Award and
Lectureship**

Title: "Fair Allocation in an Unfair World: The Ethics of Allocating Scarce Medical Resources" We are pleased to announce our 2022 recipient is Govind Persad, J.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and a Greenwall Foundation Faculty Scholar in Bioethics. [Register to attend virtually.](#)

FEBRUARY
8, 2022,
6-9:30PM CT
IN PERSON;
7-9:30PM CT
LIVESTREAM

**TEDx
Baylor
College
of Medicine**

Theme: Reboot, Reframe, Reimagine Featuring 6 influential Baylor faculty and 4 community leaders. Our goal is to build a meaningful connection between the work we do and the people we serve in the community and to share inspirational stories of how we are improving health through science, scholarship, and innovation. Don't miss the opportunity to support and attend this unforgettable evening by becoming a sponsor!



Please contact Emily Thiel at [713.798.6104](tel:713.798.6104) or Emily.Thiel@bcm.edu for sponsorship information and [register](#) to participate in our livestream event.

APRIL 18-22,
2022

**Bioethics
Intensive
Course**

Providing advanced knowledge, experience and leadership in clinical ethics and ensuring the agenda reflects how our current times are changing. [Learn more.](#)

MAY 2022

**Health
Policy Day**

Bringing together leaders to discuss and explore ideas for the future. Stay tuned for more details [here.](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

Bioethics Grand Rounds: Covering topics such as vaccination mandates, research ethics, interfaith panel on emerging bioethics issues, surrogate decision making, professional nursing and tolerance vs. inclusion. [Learn more.](#)

Narrative Medicine Events:

- **Off Script:** The Texas Medical Center's storytelling hour features stories by doctors, nurses, medical students, undergrads and others. Off Script is a collaboration between Baylor College of Medicine's Narrative Medicine Program and the UT Health's McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics. We hold several events per year. [Learn more.](#)
- **Inprint Partnership:** We're inviting all medical students and residents to attend one or several Inprint readings for free — on a first come, first served basis. Each event will feature one or two renowned authors reading from and talking about their new books [View schedule and sign up.](#)

**CONTINUING TO EXPAND OUR LEADERSHIP IN KEY AREAS:
Our Goals for the Year Ahead**

2022



Continue to be a premier hub for tackling the most pressing ethical and policy-related issues by attracting, retaining and supporting renowned researchers and teachers with diverse backgrounds and perspectives in the field today—and thereby promising students, fellows and research associates who will be leading the field tomorrow



Increase enrollment in all of our **educational** offerings to help more people develop greater knowledge and expertise in medical ethics and learn how to apply policy concepts to current problems and questions in the healthcare environment



Grow our **research portfolio** so we can think more expansively about emerging controversial topics, especially those that are more high-risk and enable us to be bigger, broader and faster in our response, which is needed to inform policy locally, nationally, and internationally



Continue to expand our **clinical ethics** consult service to improve patient care and integrate education into existing training programs at Baylor College of Medicine and at our affiliated hospitals



Deepen our connection and **engagement** with the community on issues we see during clinical ethics consults and address in our research, with an eye towards improving understanding of medical ethics, promoting quality medical care and improving diverse representation in the bioethics field

How Your Contributions Can Help Support our Center:

- Resources to help recruit and retain world-class faculty and expand our work into new areas of research and education
- Pilot projects that enable us to respond quickly and think more expansively about controversial ethical and policy issues
- Fellowships to attract the best students and grow our field
- Stipends for bioethics and clinical ethics internships
- Support for our Center's initiatives in the community

Make a donation. To learn more about specific philanthropic opportunities, contact us.

COMMITTING TO BRINGING COMFORT AND GOOD DECISION-MAKING TO PATIENTS THROUGH CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTS

“As clinical ethicists, we do our best to help patients, families, and



healthcare professionals work together to make good decisions – even when it seems all the best options are off the table. Usually the results of our work are outside of our control, so we have to concentrate on what we can control: the conversations we have, the analysis we provide, the promises we make. Sometimes, when everything falls into place, we make a concrete difference in a patient's care. We know that if we weren't involved, a patient would have continued to be confused, a family would have made a hasty decision based on their own emotions rather than the values of the patient, or a healthcare professional would have remained uncertain about what they owe their patient. These are the cases that keep me motivated. Seeing that our analyses, actions, and guidance make confusing or conflict-ridden situations better is a great motivator and reminder.”

– Trevor Bibler, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor,
Center for Medical Ethics
and Health Policy

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Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. We'd welcome the opportunity to hear from you and get to know you better.

JOIN US!

DONATE

Help support our mission of conducting innovative multidisciplinary research on ethical issues arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. This research informs the education of trainees at all levels and contributes to the development of health policy at the local, national, and international levels. If you're interested in learning more, [click here](#) or please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations at ☎713.798.4714.

WORK WITH US

We are a fast growing Center with new opportunities. Check out our latest openings [here](#).

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