Religion, Health, and Healing

A symposium addressing diverse religious understandings and practices of health and healing in specific social, cultural and historical contexts

Wednesday, October 27 (Harper Center Ballroom)

Keynote Address, 7:00 p.m.
John M. Janzen, “Contested Measures of Humanity in African Suffering and Healing”

Thursday, October 28 (Skutt Student Center, Room 105)

8:30–9:15  Daniel Wilson, “Charisma (and, possibly, Mental Illness?) as the Foundation of Religions”
9:15–10:00  Joan Mueller, “A Dowry Given, Returned, and Given Again: Agnes of Prague and the Papal Politics of Founding a Medieval Hospital”
10:30–11:15  Mike Lawler and Todd Salzman, “A Catholic Theology of Death and the Persistent Vegetative State Patient”
11:15–12:00  Judith Lee Kissell, “The Thousand Natural Shocks that Flesh is Heir To: Healing’s Many Meanings”
1:00–1:45  Jos Welie, “The Concept of Health: A Remarkable Absentee in Catholic Doctrine”
1:45–2:30  Julia Fleming, “The Ethics of Therapeutic Abortion and an American Catholic Medical School: Charles Coppens, S.J. and the Creighton Medical College”
3:00–3:45  Thomas Hansen, “Creighton Medical Humanities: Integrating Jesuit Spirituality into the Medical Curriculum”
3:45–4:30  Helen Chapple, “Chaplains Caring for the Dying: How Are They Perceived in the Hospital?”
4:30–5:15  Barbara Dilly, “Religious Cultures of Health and Healing: Local Responses to Local Needs”

Friday, October 29 (Skutt Student Center, Room 105)

8:30–9:15  Jay Irwin, “Religiosity among Lesbians Living in the American South: Integration as a Stressor or Source of Social Support?”
9:15–10:00  Sue Schuessler, “Serving in the Healing Process in Southwestern Zimbabwe”
11:15–12:00  Ray Bucko, “No Sweat: The Use and Abuse of Native American Ritual Today”
1:00–1:45  Susan Tinley, “Spirituality Among Women with Genetic Mutations for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer”
1:45–2:30  Laura Heinemann, “Part of the Plan? Faith In and Through Solid Organ and Blood-Forming Stem Cell Transplantation”
3:00–3:45  Naser Z. Alsharif, “Factors Influencing Health and Healing Practices for the Muslim Patient”
3:45–4:30  Alexander Rödlach, “Religious Institutions and Volunteering to Provide Patient Care: The Example of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe”