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Director's Report



Amy Haddad, PhD

Proposed Humane Care Amendment Nearly Makes Ballot

by Amy Haddad, PhD

Had the amendment become Nebraskan law, it would have greatly affected the abilities of patients and families to make informed healthcare decisions about their loved ones. Please check the Fall Calendar for information about the Town Hall meeting October 23 that will address the implications of the proposed amendment.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Discusses HIV Medication Adherence

by Richard O'Brien, MD

Dr. Aurélie Gauchet, Universities of Metz and Grenoble, France, shared the findings of a study of HIV patients and the social and psychological variables that affect compliance with pharmacotherapy. Dr. Gauchet presented at Creighton as part of Fulbright's Occasional Lecturer Program.

Women & Health Lecture 2006

by Winifred J. Ellenchild Pinch, EdD

Bestselling author Jodi Picoult (*Plain Truth*, *My Sister's Keeper* and *Vanishing Acts*) presented "The Facts Behind the Fiction" at the 17th Annual Women & Health Lecture on September 12 at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Gardens. See below for next year's event.

SAVE THE DATE! 2007 Women & Health Lecture

Bestselling author Anne Lamott (*Bird by Bird*, *Operating Instructions*, and *Traveling Mercies*) will discuss the topic: "Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith." The evening lecture will be held Wednesday, **September 19, 2007 (note this date has changed)**, venue TBA.

CHPE Members Return from Sabbaticals

Jos V. M. Welie, PhD, Linda S. Scheirton, PhD and Todd A. Salzman, PhD describe the research they conducted while on sabbatical.

Center welcomes Christy A. Rentmeester, PhD as Assistant Professor

Christy A. Rentmeester, PhD, is teaching nursing and medical students this fall. Her research interests are health care professionalism, medical humanities and mental health issues.

Center welcomes John R. Stone, MD, PhD as Adjunct Professor

John R. Stone, MD, PhD is teaching medical students and CUMC residents this fall. His research interests include bioethical issues in social justice, race, diversity and healthcare disparities.

Core Competencies in Ethics and Professionalism for Medical Residents

by Amy Haddad, PhD

The Center is working with Dr. Cecile Marie Zielinski, MD, FACS, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at CUMC, to incorporate innovative teaching and learning opportunities in graduate medical education to assure adherence to ethical principles, a core competency in residency education according to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Fall Calendar

CHPE Sponsored Lectures and Roundtables

Visit website for complete information:

End of Life Care in Pediatrics

September 29 (8 a.m. - Noon)
Co-Sponsored with Children's Hospital
See our website for Conference PDF

An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Empathic Communication: Implications for Students in the Health Professions

October 4 (3:30 - 4:40 p.m.)
Marty Wilken, PhD, SON and
Teresa M. Cochran, DPT, SPAHP

Community Healing: The Bioethics Quilt Project

October 6 (3:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
Muhjah Shakir, MA, OTR/L
Assistant Professor,
Tuskegee University

Distinguished Lecture Series: Nutrition and Hydration in End-of-Life Care

October 11 (Noon - 1:00 p.m.)
Kevin D. O'Rourke, OP, JCD, STM,
Professor of Bioethics

The Humane Care Amendment: Town Hall Brown Bag Event

October 23 (Noon - 1:00 p.m.)
Skutt Student Center, Room 104

Distinguished Lecture Series Inaugural Menolascino Lecture Global Health Challenges

October 26 (Noon - 1:00 p.m.)
Christopher J.L. Murray, MD, DPhil
Harvard Initiative for Global Health

Authorship in a Changing Academic World

November 8 (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
David A. Crouse, PhD, UNMC
Professor, Associate Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

Health Care and Nursing Education in Hungary: Strengths and Challenges

December 6 (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
Elizabeth Furlong, RN, PhD, JD,
School of Nursing, CHPE Associate



Author Jodi Picoult, 2006 Women & Health Lecture