

**John Dossetor
Health Ethics
Centre**



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• INTRODUCTION

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is committed to excellence in health care ethics education, research and education. In 2006-2007 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre (JDHEC) maintained this commitment. Some of JDHEC's premier achievements over the year were (1) hosting its fourth annual, Health Ethics Symposium, (2) successfully being awarded funds to organize the visit of distinguished visitor, Dr. Nora Groce to the University of Alberta, and (3) organizing a Book Launch for *Beyond the Hippocratic Oath* by John B. Dossetor. Ongoing, established events such as Health Ethics Seminars, Grand Rounds, Alberta Bioethics Week, publication of the newsletter *Health Ethics Today*, and Clinical Ethics Committee Education Day, continued over different parts of the year.

• MISSION STATEMENT

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre is an interdisciplinary centre committed to work in the area of health ethics. Through partnership and dialogue, we promote professional and public reflection, debate and research on matters of ethical and moral concern in our healthcare facilities and in our community.

The Dossetor Centre strives to develop an interdisciplinary centre committed of excellence in health care ethics research, education and service in order to advance ethical considerations in the delivery of health care and in development of a sustainable, compassionate health care system for all Albertans. This is accomplished by a non-sectarian approach toward focused research and publication of specific ethical issues and excellence in health ethics education for students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, members of Capital Health, other health care agencies and the general public.

• JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

Director

Dick Sobsey, EdD

Professor

Faculty of Education

Faculty

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD Canada Research Chair Professor Faculty of Nursing	Paul Byrne, MB, ChB, FRCPC Clinical Professor Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	Glenn Griener, PhD Associate Professor School of Public Health Faculty of Arts
Brendan Leier, PhD Assistant Clinical Professor Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	Laura Shanner, PhD Associate Professor School of Public Health	

• **John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Operational Overview continued:**

Staff

Carol Nahorniak, BSc Centre Administrator	Edna Cunningham Liley Information Officer
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Adjunct Faculty

Ms. Tracey Bailey Faculty of Law University of Alberta	Dr. Eric Blyth University of Huddersfield Huddersfield, England	Dr. Ronald Damant Pulmonary Medicine University of Alberta
Mr. Gary Goldsand Royal Alexandra Hospital	Dr. Patricia Marck Faculty of Nursing University of Alberta	Ms. Lisa Shields Edmonton, Alberta
Dr. Derek Truscott Faculty of Education University of Alberta		

• **CORE ACTIVITIES**

Since its conception in 1985 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre has provided scholarly excellence in health care ethics research, education and service to students, faculty and staff at the University of Alberta, members of Capital Health, other health care agencies and the general public.

Graduate courses taught were INT D 570 (Health Care Ethics) and INT D 670 (Research Ethics).

Research continued in the areas of: Clinical Practice, Disability Ethics, Relational Ethics, Neonatal-Perinatal Ethics, Compassion, Mental Health Care, Research Ethics, Health Policy, Human Rights, and International Health Ethics.

Service took place as:

- Clinical consultation
- Participation on
 - Ethics Committees in the Capital Health region
 - University of Alberta Health Research Ethics Boards (Panel A and B)
 - Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association
 - National Council on Ethics in Human Research
 - Alberta Health & Wellness Electronic Health Record Stewardship Committee
 - Alberta Health & Wellness Out-of-Country Health Services Appeal Panel
 - Interagency Panel on Research Ethics, Social Sciences and Humanities Working Committee
 - International Academy of Law and Mental Health
- Health Ethics Today (newsletter)

Core Activities continued:

- Health Ethics Seminar Series
- Health Ethics Symposium
- Alberta Bioethics Week
- Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds

• **JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE OPERATING
BUDGET 2006-2007**

REVENUE

Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	\$81,983.00
Health Sciences Council	\$53,500.00
Health Science Council – Setup funds for new Director	\$5,000.00
External Revenue – Other Internal Revenue (UAH Foundation)	\$2,480.00
External Revenue – Symposium Non-Credit Fees	\$4,365.53
Distinguished Visitor Fund	\$5,521.36
UNICEF Canada	\$1,850.00
Ethics Research Videos	\$462.27

TOTAL REVENUE **\$155,162.16**

EXPENDITURES

Support Staff Salaries	\$106,447.21
Benefits	\$18,160.80
Visiting Speakers' Honoraria	\$4,465.87
Artists' Fees for Bioethics Week Production	\$1,200.00
Supplies, Services & Sundries	\$12,940.01
Utilities	\$0.00
Communications	\$5,606.55
Travel/Hosting	\$4,298.15
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00
Credit Card Fees/Discount Fees	\$90.15
Rentals & Leases	\$2,461.06
Capital Equipment, Collections & Construction	\$0.00
Sponsorship for Edmonton Aging Symposium	\$4,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$159,669.80**

Academic Salaries:

Wendy Austin	1.0 FTE Nursing
Paul Byrne	0.2 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
Brendan Leier	0.3 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
Glenn Griener	0.6 FTE School of Public Health, 0.2 FTE Philosophy, 0.2 FTE Nursing
Laura Shanner	1.0 FTE School of Public Health
Dick Sobsey	0.5 FTE Faculty of Education, 0.5 FTE Health Sciences Council

• FACULTY RESEARCH FUNDING

Research Funding and Awards to Faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

Name	Principal / Co- Investigator	Recent Awards / Research Grants	Amount	Research	Date
W. Austin		Canada Research Chair	\$500,000	Relational Ethics in Health Care	2003-2008
	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$24,340	Community Consultation to Design an Intervention to Reduce AIDS Stigma	2006
	Principal	The Caritas Health Group	\$4,997.33	Compassion Fatigue: The Experience of Nurses	2006-2007
	Principal	The Canada Foundation for Innovation	\$55,328	Relational Ethics in Healthcare Research Centre	2004 - 2009
	Principal	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	\$65,000	Ethical Relationships in Forensic Settings	2004 - 2007
	Principal	Capital Care Foundation	\$20,000	Supporting Relationships Between Family and the Healthcare Team in Traditional Continuing Care Settings	2004 - 2007
	Principal	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$247,613	Risks to Participants in Qualitative Interviews: Perspectives of Researchers, Participants, and Research Ethics Boards	2003 - 2008
	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$1,759,868	EQUIPP: A Training Program to Enhance Qualitative Understanding of Illness Processes and Prevention	2003 – 2009
P. Byrne	Principal	Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation	\$8,100	Treatment Choice for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: A Question of Ethics	2005-2007
	Principal	Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research; Internal Allocations	\$1,482	Guest Speaker Grant	2006
	Principal	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	\$37,840	Giving and Receiving Unexpected News Following Prenatal Ultrasound Examination	1998 - 2007
	Co-Investigator	The Caritas Health Group	\$4,997.33	Compassion Fatigue: The Experience of Nurses	2006-2007
G. Griener	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research		Natural Health Projects and Pharmacy Practice	
	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research		A Review of Approaches to Considering Social, Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Technology	
B. Leier	Co-Investigator	Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation	\$8,100	Treatment Choice for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: A Question of Ethics	2005-2007
	Co-Investigator	The Caritas Health Group	\$4,997.33	Compassion Fatigue: The Experience of Nurses	2006-2007

Faculty Research Funding continued:

Name	Principal / Co- Investigator	Recent Awards / Research Grants	Amount	Research	Date
D. Sobsey	Principal	VRP EFF Distinguished Visitor Fund	\$5,521.36	EFF Distinguished Visitor Groce/Sobsey	2006-2007
	Co-Investigator	Alberta Centre for Child, Family, and Community Research	\$99,039	A Prospective Matched Cohort Regional Study of Child Long-Term Outcome After Trauma During Pregnancy	2006-

- **TEACHING**

AUSTIN:

- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Spring 2006

BYRNE:

- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Fall 2006 (with B. Leier)

Incidental Guest Lectures:

- MED 511
- Med 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

GRIENER:

- INT D 670 Research Ethics - Winter 2007

Incidental Guest Lectures:

- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

LEIER:

- INT D 570 Healthcare Ethics - Fall 2006 (with P. Byrne)
- PHIL 389 Philosophy and Nursing II: Christian Perspectives - Winter 2007

Incidental Guest Lectures:

- MED 511
- MED 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

SOBSEY:**Incidental Guest Lectures:**

- PTher 525 Professional Issues II - Health Care, Ethics and Medical-Legal Issues - Summer 2006
- MED 526 Patient-Centred Care Part II - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- DDS 520 Patient-Centred Care - Fall 2006 and Winter 2007
- PHARM 362 Pharmacy Laws & Ethics - Fall 2006

• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

AUSTIN:

Supervision, Research Training

Ratchaneekorn Kertchok, *Relational Ethics*, Research Practicum & Visiting Scholar from Chulaong University, Thailand. September 2005 – August 2006.

Sarah Wall, (*EQUIPP: A training program to enhance qualitative understanding of illness processes and prevention*, University of Alberta) Research Practicum. September 2005 – August 2006.

Danille Lazzaretto, *Ethical Relationships in Forensic Psychiatric Setting* Research Practicum. May 2005 – August 2006

Supervision, Doctoral Degrees

In progress:

Supervisor

Nicole Snow, Nursing, 2006 - (Supervisor) *Community Mental Health Ethics*

Peggy Daly, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor)

Michele McIntosh, Nursing, 2005 - (Supervisor, Independent Study) *Relational Ethics in Research Ethics*

Cheryl Webster, Nursing, 2003 - (Supervisor) *Depictions of Psychiatric Nursing in Film*

Cindy Peternelj-Taylor, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisor) *Ethics, Engagement & Forensic Nursing*

Marion Healy-Ogden, Nursing, 2001 - (Supervisor) *The Lived Experience of Well-Being*

Co-Supervisor

Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor) *The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/ Abortion of Infertile Couples*

Julija Kelecevic, Forensic Anthropology, 2001 - (Co-Supervisor) *Situating Forensic Anthropology: Ethical and Professional Issues*

Gerri Lasiuk, Nursing, 2001 - (Co-Supervisor) *The Lived Experience of Pregnancy and Birth of Women with Histories of Childhood Sexual Abuse*

Anne Marie Creamer, Nursing, 2002 - (Co-Supervisor) *Stigma*

Supervisory Committee Member

Catherine Thibeault, Nursing, (McGill University), 2005 - (Supervisory Committee) *The Relational Experience of Hospitalized Persons with Acute Mental Illness and their Nurses*

Michele McIntosh, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) *Risks to Participants in Qualitative Research*

Danielle Leigh Fullerton, Educational Psychology, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) *Well-Being of Female Academics*

Susan Ray, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) *The Lived Experience of Peace-Keepers*

Michelle Vandergrind, Educational Psychology, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) *An Interpretive Inquiry of Adolescent Sibling Sexual Offenders' Experience of Counselling*

AUSTIN continued:

Rebecca Porter, Nursing (University of Iowa), 2003 - (Supervisory Committee) *Futility*

Examining Committee Member

Bashir Jiwani, Public Health Medicine, 2004 - (Examining Committee for Proposal Defence)

Yu-Ri Kim, Educational Psychology, 2003 - (Examining Committee for Candidacy Exam) *Personal-Safety Vocabulary for Children with Disabilities*

Shelley Raffin, Nursing, 1998 - (Examining Committee for Proposal Defence)

Completed:

Judy Rashotte, Nursing, 2003 – 2007, (Supervisory Committee) *The Transformational Journey of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*

Ann Marie Dewhurst, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisory Committee) *The Essence of Being An Ethical Psychologist*

Supervision, Masters Degrees***In progress:***

Duncan (Stewart) MacLennan, Nursing, 2005 - (Supervisor) *Care Relationships with Incarcerated Youths*

Pepper, Dawn, Nursing, 2006 – (Co-supervisor) *Ethical Decision Making for Parents in the NICU*

Dawn Kocuper, Nursing, 2005 – (Supervisor) *Ethical Decision Making*

Rose Martins, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor) *Moral Distress & the Health of Nurses*

Monica Whitehead, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor) *Spirituality*

Gillian Lemermeier, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisor) *Relational Ethics in the NICU*

Gwen Thompson, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisory Committee) *Nurses' First Experience of Death in the ICU*

Kathryn Fisher, (Co-supervisor), *Aboriginal families with a child in PICU*

Completed:

Joy Mekechuk, Nursing (course-based), 2004 - 2007 (Capstone Supervisor) *Ethical Issues for Nurses in the PICU*

Nadine Moniz, Nursing (course-based), 2004 - 2006 (External Reviewer of Capping Project) *A Reference Document on HIV/AIDS Policy Analysis*

Michael Allen Waite, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (External Examiner) *Medical Error and its Disclosure*

BYRNE:***Supervision, Doctoral Degrees******In progress:******Co-Supervisor***

Jocelyn Dye-Grech, Nursing, 2003 - (Co-Supervisor) *The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/ Abortion of Infertile Couples*

BYRNE continued:***Supervision, Masters Degrees******In progress:***

Gillian Lermeyer, Nursing, 2002 - (Supervisory Committee) *Relational Ethics in the NICU*

GRIENER:***Supervision, Doctoral Degrees******Completed:***

Dion Mark Blythe, Political Science, 2006 - (Examining Committee Member) *The Practice of 'Justice as Fairness': an Interpretation.*

Rodney Schmaltz, Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisory Committee Member)

Supervision, Masters Degrees***Completed:***

Karleen Norton, Nursing, 2007 - (Supervisory Committee Member) *The Status of Continuing Ethics Review and Continuing Ethics Review Practices by Canadian Research Ethics Boards*

SOBSEY:***Supervision, Doctoral Degrees******In progress:***

Tim Weinkauff, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Ambivalence Amplification Theory & People with Disabilities*

Yu-Ri Kim, Educational Psychology, 2003 - (Supervisor) *Abuse Prevention Training Vocabulary*

Shelley Watson, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Parents of Children with Disabilities & Differential Diagnosis*

Wanapa Intaprasert, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Families of Children with Developmental Disabilities*

Jocelyn Wilkie, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *PRN Orders and Dementia*

Robert Cey, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Changes in Sexual Preferences*

Supervisory Committee Member

Sandra Hodgetts, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Weighted Vests and Autism*

Ursula Gardynik, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Resilience in University Students with Learning Disabilities*

Kent Cameron, Educational Psychology, (Committee) *Relaxation Carrels for Children with Behavior Disorders*

Cheryl Webster, Nursing, 2003 - (Committee) *Depictions of Psychiatric Nurses in Film*

Completed:

Kevin Hatch, Educational Psychology, 2007 - (Supervisor) *Caregivers of Individuals with Autism*

Sonia Sobon, Educational Psychology, 2007 - (Co-Supervisor) *Attachment and Mental Health Status*

SOBSEY continued:

- Mary Butler, (University of Otago; Examiner) 2007, *Practice Ethics in Brain Injury*
 Sally Hayward, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Examiner) *Disability Perceptions in Canadian Court Cases*
 Jason Dewling, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Committee) *Educating a Community for Inclusion*
 Sandra Dyck-Soddard, Educational Psychology 2006 - (Committee) *Predictors of Successful and Unsuccessful Teaching*
 Jennifer Lindquist, Educational Psychology 2006 - (Committee) *Case Studies Parent & Adolescent Conflict*

Supervision, Masters Degrees***In progress:***

- Michaella Jellen, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Teaching Empathy*
 Katie McGillivray, Physical Education, (Committee) *Empowerment of PWD through Activity*
 Lorna Sutherland, Educational Psychology, (Supervisor) *Inclusive Friendships*
 Chris Janzen, Educational Psychology, (course-based) (Supervisor)

Completed:

- Roslyn Morgan, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Examiner), *Inclusion and Sports*
 Gail Ferguson, Educational Psychology, 2006 - (Supervisor), *Early Identification of Behaviour Problems*

• PRESENTATIONS**Health Ethics Seminars:**

The Health Ethics Seminar series is open to all faculty, staff and students at the University of Alberta, as well as Capital Health staff and the public.

20 October 2006, *De-listed, Disorganized and Disastrous for the Elderly: Why Medicare Part D is another American Health Insurance Fiasco.*

Laura Shanner, PhD

Associate Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

17 November 2006, *Ethical Health Care Issues in Family Violence*

Dick Sobsey, EdD

Director, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

19 January 2007, *Is Brain Death Really Death?*

Ari Joffe, MD, FRCPC

Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Alberta
 Pediatric Intensivist, Stollery Children's Hospital

Health Ethics Seminars continued:

9 March 2007, *Ethical Engagement With Patients: Is It Being Undermined?*

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD

Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

Presentation also part of Bioethics Week

University of Alberta Distinguished Visitor:

12 – 16 February 2007

Nora Groce, PhD

Medical Anthropologist and Director Yale/WHO Collaborating Centre

Division of Global Health, Yale School of Public Health, Yale University

Dr. Nora Groce is a prolific scholar in the areas of bioethics, health and disability studies, as well as in child welfare and rights. Her visit was timely since many of her major achievements are topical and related directly to the fundamental mandate of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and our association with the Health Sciences Faculties at the University of Alberta. Through this visit, linkages and collaborations were forged with different faculties and departments of the University of Alberta and the Capital Health region, research and interest groups of bioethics, disabilities, health issues such as HIV-AIDS and human rights, organizations (UNICEF Canada, Provincial Health Ethics Network and CRHECC), as well as the community at large.

Seminars presented by Dr. Groce:

12 February 2007, *The UN Study of Violence Against Children*

Global Health Rounds Seminar

13 February 2007, *AIDS and People with Disabilities: Bioethical Considerations*

JDHEC Health Ethics Seminar

15 February 2007, *The Rights of Children with Disabilities: Canada and Around the World* (co-presented with Dr. Dick Sobsey)

Town and Gown Event

Bioethics Week 2007:

5 March 2007, *Voices at Dying, Dying to be Heard*

A One Act Play

Written by Heidi L. Janz, PhD

Visiting Scholar, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

9 March 2007, *Ethical Engagement With Patients: Is It Being Undermined?*

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD

Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

Health Ethics Symposium, *Practices, Process, and Dialogue*, 23 June 2006:

Special Guest, Arthur Frank, PhD
 Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Calgary

This one-day symposium examined “bioethics as practices, performed within institutions; bioethical decision-making as a process, unfolding over time; and the crucial nature of dialogue as the medium of that process”.

The symposium began with a plenary lecture by Dr. Frank. Small group discussions with group leaders from the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre faculty and a reporting of the groups to all attendees encompassed the day.

The annual Health Ethics Symposium reaches out to health care practitioners, students in health sciences, law and humanities, clinical ethics committee members, health care administrators and professional associations of many health care disciplines in Alberta (e.g., Alberta Medical Association, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta), British Columbia and Saskatchewan, as well as the Provincial Health Ethics Network, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and many other professional organizations.

Book Launch, *Beyond the Hippocratic Oath*:

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre organized a Book Launch for Dr. John Dossetor’s book, *Beyond the Hippocratic Oath*.

20 September 2006

Bernard Snell Hall, Walter Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre

Grand Rounds:

21 November 2006, *On the Banality of Ethics or Why Good People Do Very Bad Things*

Brendan Leier, PhD

Clinical Ethicist, University and Stollery Children’s Hospitals

Assistant Clinical Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

Faculty Presentations:**AUSTIN:**

Being real: Relationships between persons living with HIV and health practitioners.

(Austin, W., Mills, J., Jackson, R., Leonard, L., Maclean, L., Edwards, N., Reintjes, F., Dumont-Smith, C.). *Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*.

April 10, 2006.

Pandemic: Ethical choices for nurses. *College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta*. Edmonton, AB; April 20, 2006.

AUSTIN continued:

The stigma within the stigma: Accessing health services when you are living with HIV. (Mill, J., **Austin, W.**, Chaw-Kant, J., Dumont-Smith, C., Edwards, N., Jackson, J., Leonard, L., MacLean, L., Reintjes, F.) *CIHR – Institute of Gender and Health 5 Year Anniversary Presentation*. May 11, 2006. (Invited)

Moral distress: The experience of nurses. *World Congress of Psychiatric Nurses*. Calgary; AB, May 11, 2006.

Moral distress and mental health practitioners. *Subtle, Perceived, Insidious: the Guises of Power*. *JEMH Conference on Ethics in Mental Health*. Toronto, ON; May 26, 2006.

Practices, Process, and Dialogue, *John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Symposium*. Co-Facilitator, Edmonton, AB; June 23, 2006.

Being ethical in a global community: What is a nurse to do? *The Globalisation of Nursing: Ethical, Legal, & Political Issues*. The International Centre for Nursing Ethics, European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey, Guildford, UK; July 9-11, 2006. (Keynote)

Engaged embodiment in contemporary practice: A relational ethics perspective. *The III Seminar of Philosophy and Health*. Florianopolis, Brazil; October 9-13, 2006. (Invited).

Moral distress and the mental health practitioner. *Pastoral Care Ethics Series*. Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Edmonton, AB; November 22, 2006. (Invited)

Exploring the challenges of ethical engagement in healthcare environments: Issues Revealed in the Movie, *Wit* *Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Biomedical Ethics Conference*. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB; February 17, 2007 (Invited Workshop)

At risk: Ethical engagement within health care environments. *Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Biomedical Ethics Conference*. University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB; February 17, 2007 (Keynote)

Relational Ethics: Addressing the challenges of mental health care. *Ethics & Risk: 6th Annual Professional Day*. Regional Mental Health, Edmonton, AB; March 2, 2007. (Invited)

Ethics in a time of contagion. *Augustana Annual Theme Events*. Augustana Campus, University of Alberta. Camrose, AB; March 7, 2007. (Invited)

AUSTIN continued:

Ethical engagement within health care environments: Is it being undermined? *Equity and Health*. Bioethics Week, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB; March 9, 2007.
(Invited)

BYRNE:

Clinical Ethics. *Orthopaedic Academic Half Days*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; May 17, 2006.

Limitation of Fluid and Nutrition. *Academic Half Days: Pediatric Residents*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; May 24, 2006.

To Trach or Not to Trach: Decision Making in the NICU. *Evening Seminar NICU Staff*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; June 8, 2006.

Practices, Process, and Dialogue, *John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Symposium*. Co-Facilitator, Edmonton, AB; June 23, 2006.

Withdrawal of Care – DNR. *Rounds-NICU Nursing Staff*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; July 19, 2006.

End of Life Decision Making in the NICU. *Fellows Teaching NICU*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; August 17, 2006.

What is a Good Doctor. *Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Second Annual Student Clinician Ceremony & GHHS Resident Teaching Awards*. Bernard Snell Hall Theatre, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; September 7, 2006.
(Keynote)

Ethical Cases. *Internal Medicine Grand Rounds*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; October 21, 2006.

Foregoing Life Sustaining Therapies. *Pediatric ICU Bereavement Conference*. Panel Discussion, Bernard Snell Hall, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB; November 3, 2006.

The Ethics of Limitation of Care and Withdrawal of Treatment in NICU. *Biannual Workshop, Alberta Neonatal Nurses Association*. Bill Black Auditorium, Glenrose Hospital, Edmonton, AB; November 10, 2006.

PICU Ethical Cases. PICU Stollery Children's Hospital, Edmonton, AB; January 10, 2007.

Medical Clinical Teaching Skills. NICU Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, AB; January 24, 2007.

GRIENER:

Privacy, Paranoia, Pandemics and Public Health. *School of Public Health, Public Health Science Rounds*. Edmonton, AB; May 2006. (Invited)

Emphasis of Social and Behavioural Research. *Forum for Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)/ Research Ethics Boards (REBs) in Canada and the United States [FOCUS] 5th Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC; June 2006.

Research in International Settings: Canadian Perspectives *6th Global Summit of National Bioethics Councils*. Beijing; August 2006.

Can We Walk the Talk? [Panel] *13th Canadian Conference on International Health*. Ottawa; October 2006.

LEIER:

Is it Possible to Nurture Compassion in a Healthcare Organization? *Provincial Health Ethics Network Annual Meeting*. Edmonton, AB; May 2006. (Invited)

Practices, Process, and Dialogue, *John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Symposium*. Co-Facilitator, Edmonton, AB; June 23, 2006.

On the Banality of Ethics or Why Good People Do Very Bad Things, *UAH/SCH Clinical Ethics Committee Grand Rounds*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB; November, 21 2006,

Who is my Brother? Care for Those Living at Risk. *Calgary Health Region Long Term Care Retreat*. Calgary, AB; December 2006. (Invited)

Ethics, Risk, and Human Flourishing. *Annual Regional Mental Health Day*. Edmonton, AB; February 2007. (Invited)

SOBSEY:

An Ethics of Aspiration: Promoting an Authentic Ethical Climate within Health Organizations. [Moderator & Discussant]. PHEN (Provincial Health Ethics Network), Edmonton, AB; May, 2006.

Three-day Family Leadership Training Series. Facilitator (with B. Uditsky and others), six weekends; June to October, 2006.

Practices, Process, and Dialogue, *John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Symposium*. Co-Facilitator, Edmonton, AB; June 23, 2006.

Choosing a Path: Families of Children with Disabilities: Coping or Transformation. (with Z. Sayeed), *Alberta Early Years Conference*. Edmonton, AB; October 2006.

Three-day Family Leadership Training. Facilitator (with J. O'Brien and others), Canmore, AB; October 2006.

SOBSEY continued:

Communicating with families of children with disabilities. (with L. Wilgosh & R. Enns). *Alberta Teachers Association, Special Education Conference*. Edmonton, AB; October, 2006.

Ethical Health Care Issues in Family Violence. *John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre Health Ethics Seminar*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB; 17 November, 2006.

Special Preconference on Violence & Disability. *Association of University Centers on Disability Conference*. Washington, DC; November, 2006. (Keynote on Violence & Disability)

The pros and cons of psychological testing and assessment (with P. Calder), *Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education*. Edmonton, AB; December 2006.

Public Lecture & Discussion: The rights of children with disabilities in Canada. *University of Alberta Philosophers' Café*. Edmonton, AB; January 2007.

Public Lecture with Nora Groce: The rights of children with disabilities in Canada and around the world. *University of Alberta Town & Gown Event*. Edmonton, AB; February, 2007.

- **PUBLICATIONS**

John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre:

The newsletter, *Health Ethics Today*, has a circulation of approximately 7,500, which includes Alberta physicians and health care professionals, academics, members of the Canadian Bioethics Society, the Provincial Health Ethics Network and friends of the Dossetor Centre. In addition, issues of *Health Ethics Today* are posted on the Dossetor Centre's website: (<http://www.ualberta.ca/BIOETHICS/>).

Health Ethics Today, 2006, Volume 16, Number 1

Faculty Publications:**AUSTIN:****Books**

Austin, W. & Boyd, M.A. (Eds.) (2008). *Psychiatric Nursing for Canadian Practice*. PA: Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins, Inc. (Note: This book was published in 2006, but its publication date is 2008).

Chapters

Austin, W. (2006). Commentary: Standardization of psychiatric and mental health nursing practice. In J. Cutcliffe & H. McKenna (Eds.), *Key Debates in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing*. (pp. 306-310). London, U.K.: Churchill Livingstone.

AUSTIN continued:

Austin, W. (2006). Ethical psychiatric and mental health nursing practice. In W. Austin & M.A. Boyd (Eds.), *Psychiatric Nursing for Canadian Practice*. (pp. 49-65). PA: Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins, Inc.

Yonge, O., **Austin, W.**, & Boyd, M. (2006). Contemporary psychiatric and mental health nursing practice. In W. Austin & M.A. Boyd (Eds.), *Psychiatric Nursing for Canadian Practice*. (pp.69-80). PA: Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins, Inc.

Austin, W. (2006). Toward an understanding of trust. In J. Cutcliff & H. McKenna (Eds.), *The Essential Concepts of Nursing: A Critical Review*. (pp. 317-330). London, U.K.: Churchill Livingstone.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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• **FACULTY, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP**

AUSTIN:

Committee Memberships

- Member, Editorial Review Board, Journal of Ethics in Mental Health (2005-)
- Member, Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association (2001-2006)
- Editorial Review Board Member, Advances in Nursing Science (1999-)
- Board Member, International Academy of Law and Mental Health (2001-)

AUSTIN continued:

University Affiliated Memberships

- Member, Ethics Advisory Group, Aboriginal Capacity and Developmental Research Environment Network (ACADRE) (2002-)
- Board Member, Health Law Institute, University of Alberta

University Program Memberships

- Peer Consultant, University Teaching Service (1990-)

Faculty Committee Memberships

- Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee (2006-2007)
- Member, Faculty Selections Committee (2005-2006)

Reviewer

- Canadian Public Policy (2005-)
- Social Science and Medicine (2005-)
- Nursing Ethics (2004-)
- International Nursing Review (2001-)
- Qualitative Health Research (2000-)
- Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (1996-)
- Clinical Nursing Research (1995-)
- Western Journal of Nursing Research (1995-)

BYRNE:

Professional, Community and University Service

- Committee Member, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics (1995-)
- Bioethics Consultant, Research Ethics Board, University of Alberta/Capital Health/ Caritas (1998-)
- Ethical Consultant, Pediatric Advisory Team, Province Wide Service, Provincial Advisory Group (1998-)
- Member, Canadian Bioethics Society (1993-)
- Member, Catholic Bioethics Interest-Group, St. Joseph's College (1994-)
- Member, Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation (2002-)

Society Membership

- American Academy of Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Medicine

BYRNE continued:

- The Western Society for Pediatric Research
- Canadian Pediatric Society

Reviewer

- Medical Research Council of Canada
- American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology
- The Physicians' Services Incorporated Foundation
- Health Sciences Center Foundation

GRIENER:**University and Capital Health Affiliated Committee Membership**

- Associate Director, Human Research Protections Office (2004-2006)
- Chair, Health Research Ethics Board – Social & Behavioural Panel (2004-)
- Member, Health Research Ethics Board – Social & Behavioural Panel (1999-)
- Biosafety Committee (1999-)
- Vice-Chair, University Committee on Human Research Ethics (2004-2006)
- EMR Data Stewardship and Standard Committee, Capital Health (2006-)

Community Service

- Out-of-Country Health Services Appeals Panel, Alberta Health & Wellness (1995-)
- Alberta Advisory Committee on AIDS, Alberta Health and Wellness (2002-)
- Electronic Health Record Data Stewardship Committee, Alberta Health and Wellness (2003-)
- Public Member & Member of Research Task Group
- Acting Chair - Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) Committee on Research Ethics Boards Reviewing Clinical Trials (2007-)

Membership and Service in Professional Organizations

- President, National Council on Ethics in Human Research (2006-2007)
- Council Member, National Council on Ethics in Human Research (2005-)
- Special Working Committee, Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics (2003-)
- Chair, Canadian Institutes for Health Research Ethics, Law and Humanities (2006-2007)
- Peer Review Committee, Canadian Institutes for Health Research Ethics, Law and Humanities (2003-)
- Canadian Patient Safety Institute (2005-)

LEIER:**Professional, University and Community Service**

- Research Ethics Review Committee, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (2006-)
- Member, Capital Region Health Ethics Coordinating Council (2006-)
- Committee Member, Caritas Health Group Clinical Ethics Services (2003-2006)

LILEY:**Professional, University and Community Service**

- Committee Member, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics

NAHORNIAK:**Professional, University and Community Service**

- Secretariat, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics Committee (2004-)

- Secretariat, Capital Region Health Ethics Coordinating Council (2004-2007)

- Advisory Search Committee, Vice-President Research, University of Alberta (2006)

- **HEALTH ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE**

Administrative support for the consultation service of the University of Alberta Ethics Committee is provided by the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Requests for ethics consultation by patients, family and healthcare providers are received and coordinated by the Centre. Coordination involves obtaining the information and then forwarding it to the Clinical Ethicist and may involve assembling a team from the UAH ethics committee to respond to the request. On average the committee receives 7-8 detailed ethics consultations per month in addition to many telephone and 'corridor' consultations.

- **LIBRARY RESOURCES**

The Library in the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre contains a wide range of books and journals in the area of health ethics including, clinical ethics, end-of-life issues, women's issues (feminist bioethics), philosophy, psychology, technology and ethics, law and medicine, transplantation, ethics education, reproductive issues, relational ethics, nursing ethics, and ethical theory. In addition, the Library has a variety of health ethics video tapes. University faculty members, students, Capital Health staff, as well as the public are welcome to utilize the facility by appointment.

Some of the more current journals available:

- ACTA Bioethica (2000-2001)
- Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (1997-2000)
- Bioetica Informa (1999-2002)
- Bioethics Examiner (1997-2006)
- Bioethics Research Notes (1993-2003)
- Bulletin of Medical Ethics (1988-2006)
- Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics (1992-2007)
- Ethics and Intellectual Disability (1995-2006)
- Hastings Center Report (1973-2007)
- Health Law Journal (1993-2006)

Library Resources continued:

- Health Law Review (1992-2007)
- HEC Forum (1998-2005)
- IRB: A Review of Human Subjects Research (1989-2007)
- Journal of Clinical Ethics (1990-2007)
- Journal of Medical Ethics (1989-2007)
- Journal of Medical Humanities (1992-2006)
- Journal of Medicine and Philosophy (1976-2004)
- Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal (1992-2004)
- Medical Principles and Practice (1994-2002)
- National Council on Ethics in Human Research Communiqué (1990-2000)
- Nursing Ethics (1997-2003)

• MEDIA REQUESTS

The faculty of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre responded to requests, as well as had feature articles in local and national media on a variety of health ethics issues. Some examples:

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Byles, I. Visiting speaker says disabled community at high-risk for AIDS infection.

ExpressNews, University of Alberta, 14 February 2007,

<http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/print.cfm?id=8230>

Faculty Interviews:**LEIER:**

Interviews on the following topics with the Edmonton Journal:

- Uterus Transplants
- Disclosure to Patients Exposed to Risk
- Prerequisite Genetic Testing for Paternity in Refugee Claimants
- Ethics of Multiple Births
- Ethics of Organ Transplantation

SOBSEY:

Interview on Avian Influenza Vaccine Distribution. *CBC-Radio, Victoria, May 2006.*

SOBSEY continued:

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Wells, M. Canada should do more for disabled children. *Folio*, 19 January 2007.

Sinnema, J. U.S. agency investigates sale of unapproved drug to fight cancer. *Edmonton Journal*, 20 March 2007.