IMH Strongly Represented in Various Professional Media Outlets

Special Issue of HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum Journal:

A number of IMH faculty and other UTMB collaborators collaborated to author or co-author several articles for a special issue of HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum: An Interprofessional Journal on Healthcare Institutions' Ethical and Legal Issues (Volume 1 / 1989 - Volume 24 / 2012), on the topic of Medical Professionalism. HEC Forum is an international, peer-reviewed publication featuring original contributions of interest to practicing physicians, nurses, social workers, risk managers, attorneys, ethicists, and other HEC committee members. Former IMH faculty member, Dr. Jan Heller served as editor for this special issue.

"The Eroding Principle of Justice in Teaching Medical Professionalism"
• Jason E. Glenn

"Medical Professionalism, Revenue Enhancement, and Self-Interest: An Ethically Ambiguous Association"
• Jan C. Heller

"The Promise and Paradox of Cultural Competence"
• Rebecca J. Hester

"Professional Identity Formation in Medical Education: The Convergence of Multiple Domains"
• Mark Holden; Era Buck; Mark Clark; Karen Szauter; Julie Trumble

"The Osler Student Societies of the University of Texas Medical Branch: A Medical Professionalism Translational Tool"
• Michael H. Malloy

"How Virtue Ethics Informs Medical Professionalism"
• Susan D. McCammon and Howard Brody

New Book Publication:
Jonathan S. Marion and Jerome W. Crowder’s new book is now available for pre-order on http://Amazon.com. Barnes & Noble, Google Books and other retailers. Visual Research: A Concise Introduction to Thinking Visually is the first text to present a concise overview of the significant ethical, theoretical, and practical considerations for conducting research with images. The capacity to take photos and video on handheld devices and the ability to store, post, and share such imagery online all offer tremendous opportunities for social research. The rapid development and popularity of such technology means that little technological proficiency is required, and even less theoretical and ethical consideration. This book provides an accessible introduction to doing visual research in the social sciences. Beginning with ethical considerations, this book highlights the importance of thinking visually before engaging in visual research. Further themes involve creating, organizing, and using images and are presented so as to help readers think about and work with their own visual data. Boxed case studies and further reading suggestions enhance the utility of this primer. Concise and highly focused, Visual Research will be an invaluable resource for visual, media, and communications students and researchers and others interested in visual research in the social sciences.
**Additional Peer-reviewed Publications:**


- **Howard Brody**

*This publication was highlighted in the following Science Codex feature:*

“Medical Care Presents Update on Pharmaceutical Health Services Research” - *Science Codex* - November 5, 2012

Pharmaceutical health services research goes beyond studying the effects of individual drugs, to looking at the complex and interrelated effects of medications on the health of patients and the population. The special November issue of Medical Care highlights important new papers in key areas of pharmaceutical health services research. The journal is published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, a part of Wolters Kluwer Health. The lead article is an invited commentary by Howard Brody, MD, PhD, Director of the Institute for the Medical Humanities at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. Traditionally, ethical issues at the intersection of medicine and the pharmaceutical industry have focused on “medical professionalism”—particularly disclosing potential conflicts of interest between physician/researchers and drug companies. But Dr. Brody believes that other ethical perspectives need to be considered as well. He makes the case for a renewed emphasis on public health ethics, and specifically a more expansive approach based on social justice. He writes, “[P]ublic health practitioners have a positive duty to promote social justice related to health, especially by attending to the needs of the most vulnerable populations in society.”

[http://www.sciencecodex.com/medical_care_presents_update_on_pharmaceutical_health_services_research-101472](http://www.sciencecodex.com/medical_care_presents_update_on_pharmaceutical_health_services_research-101472)


- **Mark Clark**

This review centers on *The Brewsters*, which is a project of the McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Medical School. The interactive novel was originally written for incoming UTHealth students at all of its schools: biomedical informatics, biomedical sciences, dentistry, medicine, nursing and public health. Now the book is available to readers everywhere in paperback and as an eBook. The Brewsters is a fictional story of a family receiving health care written as a choose-your-own-adventure novel. Readers inhabit the roles of patients and family, their healthcare providers, and scientific researchers, all running a gauntlet of ethical dilemmas. Textbook chapters connect the story to principles of professionalism, clinical and research ethics. For further information, please see the following link:


**Newspaper/Internet Media Articles:**

**City Recognizes Center For Addiction Research** - *The Galveston County Daily News* - October 30, 2012

UTMB’s Center for Addiction Research, directed by IMH associate Faculty member, Dr. Kathryn Cunningham, was honored by Galveston’s City Council for its support of Substance Abuse Prevention Month. The center provided an impaired-driving simulator for a Substance Abuse Prevention Awareness event on Oct. 17 on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. In cooperation with the Galveston County Community Coalition of the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol, the center hosted a number of hands-on activities for the more than 500 who participated. The center’s impaired-driving simulator imitates the effects of distraction and impairment from alcohol and other drugs.

Newspaper/Internet Media Articles-cont.:

“Taking a Personal Look at Health Care Costs” - Houston Chronicle - November 5, 2012

In this guest column, UTMB’s Dr. Howard Brody writes that “if health care costs had increased only at the rate of the consumer price index during the last 15 years, the average U.S. household would now enjoy an extra $8,410 in annual income, or almost 14 percent more. We have a pretty good idea of where all that extra money in health care costs is going. Recent estimates from many sources all agree that about 30 percent of our present health care budget goes toward tests and treatments that (based on the best scientific evidence) don’t benefit patients. So imagine that we had a plan to identify these no-benefit procedures.


“Patient satisfaction: When a Doctor’s Judgment Risks a Poor Rating” - American Medical News - November 26, 2012

Patients sometimes demand inappropriate care. Saying no could lead to unhappy patients, bad survey scores and even financial penalties. Some doctors see an ethical conundrum. “For all that doctors carry on about science and professionalism, the fact of the matter is that we want to please our patients,” says Dr. Howard A. Brody, a retired family physician who is director of the Institute for Medical Humanities at UTMB. “And patients are likelier to appear to be pleased when we do something, rather than nothing.”


IMH Student Accolades:

Graduate student Nicole Piemonte presented two papers and won a Thesis Award at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, is featured in a news article on PhD program success and co-authored a paper in the Journal of Business Communication

Please join us in congratulating Nicole (Nicki) Piemonte for her numerous achievements!!!

Nicki is being featured and interviewed for an article entitled, “Communication Grads Thrive in Ph.D. Programs”, that appears online in the Arizona State University (ASU) website. For the entire article please refer to http://newcollege.asu.edu/whatsnew12/communication-degree-program

Nicki co-authored an article with lead author Jeffrey Kassing, PhD entitled, “Dissent Expression as an Indicator of Work Engagement and Intention to Leave” in the Journal of Business Communication (Vol 49, 237-253). Kassing and his student co-authors first gave a report about the study at the convention of the National Communication Association, held in San Francisco in 2010.

Nicki attended the National Communication Association 98th Annual Convention held in Orlando, Florida from November 15-18, 2012. At the conference, she presented the following papers:

• Paper Session - “How Parents Communicate Right and Wrong: A Study of Moral Messages Recalled by Emerging Adults” • Vincent Waldron, Carmen Goman, Nicole Piemonte, Dayna Kloeber, Joshua Danaher

• Individual Paper - “How Parents Communicate Right and Wrong: A Study of Moral Messages Recalled by Emerging Adults” • Nicole Piemonte

During this convention, Nicki’s Master’s Thesis, The Contradictions of Caregiving, Loss, and Grief during Emerging Adulthood: An Autoethnography and Thematic Analysis, was selected for the thesis award in the Communications and Aging Division.
Several IMH students and one Faculty member received special awards on Friday, November 2, 2012, at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon, which was held at The San Luis Hotel’s Grand Ballroom in Galveston. The student recipients were selected by the Specific Field of Study Awards Committee, the General Scholarship Awards Committee, or the IMH Eiland Scholarship Awards Sub-Committee after a careful review of all nominations. The recipient of the faculty teaching award was selected by the graduate students. For further information, please see the IMH Graduate Program Website: http://imh.utmb.edu/education/graduate-program/scholarships-awards

Arthur V. Simmang Scholarship Fund
- Alina Bennett (Advisor: Dr. Jason Glenn)

Chester R. Burns Institute for the Medical Humanities Alumni Award
- Rimma Osipov (Advisor: Dr. Jason Glenn)

Dr. David C. Eiland, Jr. Scholarship Award in Health Care and Humanities
- Peggy Determeyer (Advisor: Dr. William J. Winslade)

GSBS Associates Travel Award. Presented in memory of Christina Fleischmann
- Sheena Eagan Chamberlin (Advisor: Dr. Jason Glenn)

Medical Humanities Endowed Scholarship
- Julie Kutac (Advisor: Dr. Mark Clark)

Arthur V. Simmang Scholarship Fund
- Julie Kutac (Advisor: Dr. Mark Clark)

William Bennett Bean Scholarship in the Medical Humanities
- Nicole Piemonte (Advisor: Dr. Mark Clark)

Zelda Zinn Casper Endowed Scholarship
- Nicole Piemonte (Advisor: Dr. Mark Clark)

Teaching Excellence Award
- Dr. Mark Clark

Back row: Peggy Determeyer, Dr. Bernadette McKinney, Dr. Jason Glenn, Dr. Mark Clark
Front Row: Julie Kutac, Mrs. Ann Burns, Rimma Osipov, Nicki Piemonte, Alina Bennett, Dr. Howard Brody
Andrew Childress Defends Doctoral Dissertation

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Institute for the Medical Humanities are proud to announce that Andrew Childress completed his final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on November 16, 2012. The title of Andrew’s dissertation is, *Visualizing the Other: A Phenomenological Analysis of the Objectification of the Body in Biomedical Research Using Human Subjects*.

The members of his supervisory committee are:

Chair: Michele Carter, Ph.D., Professor, Medical Humanities Graduate Program, UTMB
Judith Aronson, M.D., Professor, Experimental Pathology Graduate Program, UTMB
Carl Elliott, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Center for Bioethics; Departments of Pediatrics and Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Anne Hudson Jones, Ph.D., Professor, Medical Humanities Graduate Program, UTMB
Jason Glenn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Medical Humanities Graduate Program, UTMB

Alina Bennett Admitted to Doctoral Candidacy

Please join us in congratulating Alina Bennett for being admitted to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The title of her dissertation is, *Preventing and Healing Moral Injury: Public Mental Health and the Medical Humanities at the Intersection of Criminal Justice and Medicine*.

Alina earned a Bachelor degree in Gender and Feminist Studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, California and comes to the IMH from The Ohio State University (OSU) where she completed her Masters in Women’s Studies with a graduate minor in Disability Studies. After graduating, Alina worked as a Lecturer at OSU, teaching both introductory and advanced women’s health courses. Teaching women’s health helped solidify Alina’s commitment to the field of feminist health studies; her research focuses on healthcare ethics, health policy and the history of medicine with a focus on disability. At the IMH, Alina is interested in the role of public mental health and its connection to the prison industrial complex. Alina is simultaneously completing a second masters degree in public health through the Dept. of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at UTMB. She works to bring the fields of medical humanities and public health together in her dissertation study focusing on mental health. Alina will seek a position in an academic medical or university setting with interludes into public and private sector work, health policy development and disability activism.

The members of her supervisory committee are:

- Jason Glenn, PhD (Chair)
- Jacques Baillargeon, PhD
- Jonathan Shay, MD, PhD
- Anne Hudson Jones, PhD
- Michele Carter, PhD
- Laura Hermer, JD, LLM
Sharon Petronella Croisant, Ph.D. - Thursday, November 8, 2012

IMH hosted the colloquium entitled, *Community Engagement in Research: It's all in the Translation.*

This colloquium was presented by Sharon Petronella Croisant, who is currently on the UTMB faculty in the School of Medicine’s Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health. Dr. Croisant is the course director for Environmental Health and Toxicology, which is an interactive course within the MPH program that examines factors in the environment that contribute to disease risk within the larger context of public health. She is also a UTMB National Institute for Environmental Health and Safety (NIEHS) Center investigator on the Asthma Collaborative Research Team and in the Institute for Translational Sciences, which houses the university’s CTSA, where she serves as co-director of the Community Engagement and Research Key Resource. Dr. Croisant assumed the role of Director of the UTMB NIEHS Center’s Community Outreach and Education Core in spring 2009, after serving as co-director and ultimately the director of the Asthma and Lead Outreach Divisions since 2001. She is also the Director of the Community-Based Research Facility within the NIEHS Center’s Integrative Health Sciences Facility Core. A major focus of her career has been translational or integrative research, i.e., building interfaces between and among environmental research, education, and community health. Dr. Croisant has participated in multiple projects designed to elucidate the causes and mechanisms of asthma exacerbations related to air pollution and has established long-standing, ongoing collaborative relationships with community stakeholders with a vested interest in using these research findings to direct community-based intervention and outreach activities.

Roy Curtiss, III, PhD - Wednesday, November 28, 2012

*IMH-Sponsored Marcel and Josephine Patterson Memorial Lecture in the Medical Humanities*

This lecture, presented as a component of the MEHU 6101 Ethics of Scientific Research Course, was delivered by Roy Curtis, III, PhD, the Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology, the Center for Microbial Genetic Engineering and the Bodesign Institute. Dr. Curtiss is a Professor of Life Sciences, School of Life Sciences at the Arizona State University. The title of his lecture was, *Genetic Manipulation of Microbes: Benefits and Consequences.* He is a leader in exploring the genetic basis by which bacteria colonize and induce disease. A member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, Curtiss seeks to create vaccines that are safe and effective. In addition to his extensive knowledge of bacterial genetics, Curtiss has considerable expertise in avian plant and phage genetics. Curtiss’ body of published work includes more than 250 reviewed articles. He has been issued numerous patents for his discoveries, including one for the use of recombinant avirulent Salmonella, Escherichia and Salmonella-Escherichia hybrids as antigen delivery vectors to induce mucosal, systemic and cellular immunity. Dubbed recently in the press as a ‘60-year-old biology superstar’ Curtiss was among the hand full of researchers and graduate students attending the Cold Spring Harbor symposium of 1958. The disciplines of molecular biology and genetics were just beginning and six of the scientists attending that meeting would later receive Nobel Prizes for groundbreaking research. Before his time at ASU, Curtiss was the George William and Irene Keochig Freiberg professor of biology at Washington University where he chaired the Department of Biology from 1983-1993. In addition to his academic pursuits, Curtiss founded MEGAN Health Inc. where he served as a member of the board of directors until 2000.
Anne Hudson Jones, PhD, gave a plenary presentation entitled, “The Emergence of Medical Humanities in the Late Twentieth Century” at the Making of the Humanities III: Third International Conference on the History of the Humanities, organized by the University of Amsterdam and hosted by the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome, November 1-3, 2012.

This was the third of a biennially organized conference that brings together scholars and historians of humanities disciplines to draw the outlines for a comparative history of the humanities. Books based on the first two conferences, “The Making of the Humanities: Volume I: Early Modern Europe” and “The Making of the Humanities: Volume II: From Early Modern to Modern Disciplines”, have been published by Amsterdam University Press and are also available electronically through Open Access Publishing in European Networks (www.oapen.org).

UPCOMING Events:

The University of Texas Medical Branch
Department of Family Medicine

proudly present

Howard Brody, MD, PhD
Director, Institute for the Medical Humanities
Professor, Family Medicine
John P. McGovern Centennial Chair

as their 2012 Allan C. Shields Lectureship Grand Rounds Speaker

“Professionalism 101”

Thursday, December 6, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Primary Care Pavilion, Room 2.268
a light dinner will be served

There is no widely agreed upon, comprehensive definition of ‘professionalism.’ Does this mean that no curriculum on professionalism is possible for medical students and residents? The presentation will propose a stripped-down definition of ‘professionalism’ that is adequate to construct a curriculum and that also avoids common misunderstandings that now plague professionalism teaching.
UPCOMING Events-Cont.:

Special IMH Dissertation Colloquium
Thursday, December 6, 2012
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
2.222 Primary Care Pavilion (PCP)

Visualizing the Other:
A Phenomenological Analysis of the
Objectification of the Body in Biomedical
Research Using Human Subjects

Presented by:
Andrew Childress, B.A., M.A.
Ph.D. Candidate, IMH

IMH Colloquium
Thursday, December 13, 2012
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2.268 Primary Care Pavilion (PCP)

Demons, Saints, Hysteric:
Reading the Iconographie Photographique de la
Salpêtrière

Presented by:
Richard H. Armstrong, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Classical Studies,
University of Houston
Visiting Scholar, IMH