

Beyond Bioethics: Thinking about Ethics in Public Health

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Plenary Lecture (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) - "Beyond Bioethics: Thinking about Ethics in Public Health"

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Breakout Sessions (2:15 – 4:00 p.m.) - Case Study Discussions

Cases to be discussed are from Jennings B, Kahn J, Mastroianni A, Parker LS (Eds). *Ethics and Public Health: Model Curriculum*. Washington, DC: Association of Schools of Public Health; 2003. Available at: <http://www.asph.org/UserFiles/EthicsCurriculum.pdf>

- 1. Equity and Ethics in Community-Based Practice and Research: Whose Voices Count?**
Facilitators: Clarence Spigner and Elanor Sidman
H670 Health Sciences
- 2. Clinical Trials in Resource-poor Nations: The Case of AZT to Prevent Maternal-Infant Transmission**
Facilitator: James Pfeiffer
T639 Health Sciences
- 3. Environmental Injustice: The Case of Homer, Louisiana**
Facilitators: Jason Allen and Issac Mohar
T474 Health Sciences
- 4. Assessing Disease Risks and Rates: Vested Interests, Public Fears, Scientific Careers, and the Published Literature**
Facilitator: Gary Goldbaum
F348 Health Sciences

Catalyst Web Forum for Ongoing Ethics Symposium Discussion

<http://catalyst.washington.edu/webtools/epost/register.cgi?owner=sphcm&id=11976>

Symposium participants are encouraged to continue the discussions of public health ethics that began during the symposium at this on-line forum. Suggestions and feedback on how participants would like to see ethics further integrated into public health education and practice following the Symposium would be greatly appreciated and are strongly encouraged.

Selected Public Health Resources and Bibliography:

▶ Introduction and broad exploration of public health ethics

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