

**John Dossetor  
Health Ethics  
Centre**



**John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre  
Annual Report  
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## • INTRODUCTION

The John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre's Annual Report for 2005-2006 highlights our education, research, service and scholarship activities over the year. Throughout 2005-2006 the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre (JDHEC) continued its commitment to academic excellence in health care ethics. Some of the JDHEC's premier achievements over the year were (1) hosting its third annual, Health Ethics Symposium, and (2) applying for funding and organizing a visiting lecturer program (supported by the AHFMR Visiting Lecturer program). Ongoing, established events such as Health Ethics Seminars, Grand Rounds, Alberta Bioethics Week, publication of the newsletter *Health Ethics Today*, Clinical Ethics Committee Education Day, Get Your Ethics Hot, Health Ethics Through the Arts, etc. 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 (Interim)

Paul Byrne, MB, ChB, FRCPC  
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

### Faculty

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD Canada Research Chair Professor Faculty of Nursing	Vangie Bergum, RN, PhD Professor Faculty of Nursing	Glenn Griener, PhD Associate Professor Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry Faculty of Arts
Barbara Russell, PhD, MBA Assistant Clinical Professor Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	Laura Shanner, PhD Associate Professor Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	

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

**Postdoctoral Fellow**

Brendan Leier, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre
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**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. Stephen Bamforth Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry University of Alberta	Dr. Eric Blyth University of Huddersfield Huddersfield, England
Mr. Tim Caulfield Faculty of Law University of Alberta	Dr. Ronald Damant Pulmonary Medicine University of Alberta	Dr. Sara Davison Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry University of Alberta
Reverend Neil Elford Capital Health - Royal Alexandra Hospital	Mr. Richard Fraser Edmonton, Alberta	Mr. Gary Goldsand Royal Alexandra Hospital
Mr. Bashir Jiwani Vancouver, BC	Ms. Sandra MacPhail University of Alberta	Dr. Patricia Marck Faculty of Nursing University of Alberta
Mr. Al-Noor Nenshi Nathoo Provincial Health Ethics Network	Ms. Lisa Shields United Nurses of Alberta	Prof. Dick Sobsey Faculty of Education University of Alberta
Dr. Colin Soskolne Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry University of Alberta	Dr. Derek Truscott Faculty of Education University of Alberta	Dr. Sharon Warren Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine University of Alberta
Dr. Gregor Wolbring Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology University of Calgary	Dr. Jeanne Vander Zalm Capital Health – Royal Alexandra Hospital	

• **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), INT D 670 (Research Ethics), PHS 543 (Public Health Law, Ethics & Policy) and PHS 749 (Organizational Ethics for Healthcare).

**Core Activities continued:**

**Research** continued in the areas of: Clinical Ethics, Relational Ethics, Neonatal-Perinatal Ethics, Compassion, Ethics and Mental Health Care, Organizational Ethics, Research Ethics, and International Health Ethics.

**Service too**

- Clinical consultation
- Participation on
  - Ethics Committees in the Capital Health region
  - Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association
  - University of Alberta Health Research Ethics Boards (Panel A and B)
  - 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)
- Health Ethics Seminar Series
- Health Ethics Symposium
- Alberta Bioethics Week
- Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds
- Health Ethics Through the Arts
- Get Your Ethics Hot

The recruitment process for a full-time JDHEC Director continued in 2005-2006.

• **JOHN DOSSETOR HEALTH ETHICS CENTRE OPERATING  
BUDGET 2005-2006**

**REVENUE**

Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	\$84,714.00
Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry – Postdoctoral Salary	\$40,000.00
Health Sciences Council	\$53,500.00
Health Sciences Council – Symposium 2006 Support (used June'06)	\$5,000.00
External Revenue – Other Internal Revenue (UAH Foundation; used July'06)	\$2,157.00
External Revenue – Symposium Non-Credit Fees	\$4,399.87
Trustholder Extraordinary Expenses Fund (TEEF) Reimbursement	\$16,440.80

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**TOTAL REVENUE** **\$206,211.67**

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**EXPENDITURES**

Support Staff Salaries	\$96,751.84
Postdoctoral Salary	\$38,367.84
Benefits	\$18,411.56
Supplies, Services & Sundries	\$19,086.36
Utilities	\$0.00
Communications	\$8,156.29
Travel/Hosting	\$1,200.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00
Rentals & Leases	\$1,964.24
Capital Equipment, Collections & Construction	\$0.00

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$184,438.13**

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**Academic Salaries:**

Wendy Austin	1.0 FTE Nursing
Vangie Bergum	1.0 FTE Nursing
Paul Byrne	0.2 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
Glenn Griener	0.8 FTE Medicine & Dentistry, 0.2 FTE Philosophy
Barbara Russell	0.3 FTE Medicine & Dentistry
Laura Shanner	1.0 FTE Medicine & Dentistry

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Principal / Co- Investigator</b>	<b>Recent Awards / Research Grants</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>W. Austin</b>		Canada Research Chair		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	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	2004 - 2007
	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$247,613	Risks to Participants in Qualitative Interviews	2003 - 2006
	Co-Investigator	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$1,759,868	A Training Program to Enhance Qualitative Understanding of Illness Processes and Prevention	2003 - 2009
<b>V. Bergum</b>	Co-Investigator	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	\$65,000	Ethical Relationships in Forensic Settings	2004 - 2007
<b>P. Byrne</b>	Principal	Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Internal Allocations	\$1,482	Guest Speaker Grant	2006
	Principal	Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation	\$8,100	Treatment Choice for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: A Question of Ethics	2005-2006
	Principal	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	\$37,840	Giving and Receiving Unexpected News Following Prenatal Ultrasound Examination	1998 - 2007
<b>B. Leier</b>	Co-Investigator	Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation	\$8,100	Treatment Choice for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome: A Question of Ethics	2005-2006
<b>L. Shanner</b>	Principal	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$635,000	Ethics, Law and Policy in Reproduction	2000 - 2007
	Principal	Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research	\$455,200	Ethics, Law and Policy in reproduction	2000 - 2007

## • TEACHING

### AUSTIN:

- INT D 570 Health Care Ethics - Spring 2005

### BYRNE:

- INT D 570 Health Care Ethics - Fall 2005
- Medical Ethics, Phase I and II
- Nursing 493 Neonatal Intensive Care
- Physiology 513 Introduction to Ethics

### GRIENER:

- INT D 670 Research Ethics – Winter 2006

### LEIER:

- INT D 570 Health Care Ethics - Fall 2005
- PHIL 388 Philosophy and Nursing I – Fall 2005
- PHIL 398 Philosophy and Nursing II – Winter 2006

### RUSSELL:

- PHS 749 Organizational Ethics for Healthcare – Fall 2005
- PHS 543 Public Health Law, Ethics, and Policy – Winter 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

Robyn Mott, (*EQUIPP: A training program to enhance qualitative understanding of illness processes and prevention*, University of Alberta) Research practicum. January 2004 – December 2005

Kelly Vass, (CIHR Health Professional Research Student Summer Internship) Research internship. May – August 2005

#### *Supervision, Doctoral Degrees*

##### *In progress:*

##### *Supervisor*

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

Peggy Daly, Nursing, 2004 - (Supervisor)

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



**AUSTIN continued:**

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 with Paul Byrne) *The Lived Experience of IVF & Selective Reduction/ Abortion of Infertile Couples*

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

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

Anne Marie Creamer, Nursing, 2002 - (Co-Supervisor with Judy Mill)

**Supervisory Committee Member**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judy Rashotte, Nursing, 2003 - (Supervisory Committee) *Advanced Practice*

**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:**

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

Jessica Altrows, Educational Psychology, 2005 (External Examiner) *Shame and the Process of Rebuilding*

Patricia Hawley, Nursing, 2005 (Supervisory Committee) *On Making a Difference as a Nurse*

**AUSTIN continued:**

Kathy Weaver, Nursing, 2005 (Supervisory Committee) *Analysis of the Concept of Ethical Sensitivity*

Lori Rossi, Educational Psychology 2005 (Examining Committee) *Counseling in prison: Women in forensic settings*

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

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

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*

Joy Mekechuk, Nursing (course-based), 2002 - (Capping Project Supervisor) *Ethical Issues in the PICU*

Nadine Moniz, Nursing (course-based), 2004 - (Capping Project Committee) *Policy & HIV*

***Completed:***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Postdoctoral Supervisor******In progress:***

Brendan Leier, PhD, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

**GRIENER:**

***Supervision, Doctoral Degrees***

***Completed:***

Eleanor Stewart, Rehabilitation Medicine - (Co-Supervisor)

***In progress:***

Rodney Schmaltz, Psychology - (Supervisory Committee)

***Supervision, Masters Degrees***

***In progress:***

Katherine Duthie, Philosophy - (Supervisor)

**RUSSELL:**

***Supervision, Doctoral Degrees***

***Completed:***

Kathy Weaver, Nursing, 2005 (Examining Committee) *Analysis of the Concept of Ethical Sensitivity*

***Supervision, Masters Degrees***

***In progress:***

Alice Chan, 2004 - (Co-Supervisor) *Access Care Prior to the Emergency Department Visit*

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

• **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.

16 September 2005, *Mandatory Reporting of Gunshot Wounds: Should Health Care Professionals be Required to Pull the Trigger?*

Tracey Bailey, BA, LLB

Executive Director, Health Law Institute and Assistant Adjunct Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

21 October 2005, *Culture, Narrative and Health: Observations and Challenges from Northern Canada*

Christopher Pletcher, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta

18 November 2005, *Ethics in Difficult Times: Preparing for a Pandemic*

Al-Noor Nenshi Nathoo, BSc, MA

Executive Director & Southern Alberta Coordinator, Provincial Health Ethics Network, Alberta

**Health Ethics Seminars continued:**

20 January 2006, *Virtue in the Health Professions*

Gary Goldsand

Coordinator, Clinical Ethics Services, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Assistant Adjunct Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

17 February 2006, *The Problem of Compassion in Clinical Practice*

Brendan Leier, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, University of Alberta

**Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Visiting Lecturer Presentation:**

3 March 2006, *Moral Dilemmas and Moral Rules*

Shaun Nichols, PhD

Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah

**Bioethics Week:**

8 March 2005, *Organizational Ethics for Healthcare: the “new kid on the block”*

Barbara Russell, PhD

Clinical Ethicist University, Stollery Children's, and Glenrose Rehabilitation hospitals; and Assistant Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre  
and

Patricia Marck, RN, PhD

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Nursing; Professional Practice Leader, Royal Alexandra Hospital; and Adjunct Assistant Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

**Grand Rounds:**

All presentations by Barbara Russell, PhD

Clinical Ethicist, University of Alberta, Stollery Children's, and Glenrose Rehabilitation hospitals; and Assistant Clinical Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

- 26 April 2005, *Is Clinical Practice Becoming Mere Mechanics?*
- 20 September 2005, *Doctor/Nurse, If This Were Your Child, What Would You Do?*
- 01 November 2005, Surgical Separation of Conjoined Twins

**Health Ethics Symposium, “A Way”, 17 June 2005:**

The annual Health Ethics Symposium reaches out to the 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.

**Health Ethics Symposium, “A Way”, 17 June 2005 continued:**

Symposium Facilitator: Wendy Austin

*“Who in the world is my patient?” The ethical practitioner in a global community*

Wendy Austin, RN, PhD

Canada Research Chair in Relational Ethics in Health Care and Professor, Faculty of Nursing, and John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

*“Whose pictures are these anyway? Prenatal ultrasounds for fun”*

Paul Byrne, MB, ChB, FRCPC

Associate Clinical Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  
Interim Director, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

*Personal privacy, paranoia, public health and public enemies*

Glenn Griener, PhD

Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, Faculty of Arts and John  
Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

*Quality of life and the ethics of health*

Doris Kieser, MA

Lecturer, St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta  
and

Brendan Leier, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

*Trying to get clear on “human dignity”*

Barbara Russell, PhD

Clinical Ethicist, University of Alberta, Stollery Children's, and Glenrose  
Rehabilitation hospitals

Assistant Clinical Professor, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre

**Faculty Presentations:**

**AUSTIN:**

Beyond economic triage: A relational perspective on G8 policies and the right to health. (Austin, W., Labonte, R., & Schrecker, T.) *Lessons Learned from Rights Based Approaches to Health*, Institute of Human Rights, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, April 16, 2005.

Virtue and relationships. (Austin, W.) *For Goodness Sake: Being a Virtuous Health Care Provider in Challenging Times*, Provincial Health Ethics Network, Red Deer, Alberta, May 9, 2005.

Relational ethics in health care. (Austin, W.). *Distance Education Course 2005: An Introduction to Bioethics*. Provincial Health Ethics Network, Red Deer, Alberta, May 10, 2005. (Guest Speaker)

**AUSTIN continued:**

Relational ethics in health care. (Austin, W.). Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta, May 25, 2005.

Codes are not enough: A relational ethics perspective for the practice of psychology (Austin, W.). *Canadian Psychological Association*. Montreal, Quebec, June 11, 2005.

Who in the world is my patient? The ethical practitioner in the global community. (Austin, W.). *A Way: The John Dossetor Health Ethics Symposium*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 17, 2005.

Forensic psychiatric settings: A crucible for relational ethics. (Austin, W.). 29<sup>th</sup> *International Academy of Law and Mental Health*. Paris, France, July 9, 2005.

The ethical qualitative researcher. (Austin, W.) *Thinking Qualitatively*. Edmonton, AB., August 15, 2005 (Keynote).

Ethical forensic nursing practice: A matter of relationship. (Austin, W.). *International Association of Forensic Nurses*. Washington, DC, September 24, 2005 (Keynote).

Relational ethics and moral distress: Making tough decisions. (Austin, W.). *When the Worst Happens: Supporting Families Through Loss: A Workshop for Pediatric Health Care Professional*, Edmonton, AB, November 3, 2005.

Mental health practitioners' experience of moral distress (poster presentation). (Austin, W.). *Mental Health Research Showcase, Alberta Mental Health Board*. Banff, AB, November 28-30, 2005.

Ethics and forensic mental health. (Russell, B. & Austin, W.). *Forensic Telemental Health Education Series*. Edmonton, AB, January 18, 2006.

**BYRNE:**

Ethics Teaching, *Nursing 231*. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, April 4, 2005.

Ethics for the Principles of Surgery, *Surgery Residents*. University of Alberta Hospital, April 8, 2005.

Ethics Panel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Medical Students. University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, April 19, 2005.

Ethics & Grief, *Royal Alexandra Hospital NICU*. Edmonton, Alberta, April 20, 2005.

Ethics Teaching Session, Case Presentations, *Internal Medicine Residents*. Glenora – Edmonton, Alberta, April 22, 2005.

**BYRNE continued:**

Ethical Issues in Neonatal Care Case Presentation, NNP Students, *Nursing 524*. University of Alberta Hospital, April 27, 2005.

Decisions for End of Life, *NICU Fellows Presentation*. University of Alberta Hospital, June 16, 2005.

Whose Pictures are these anyway? Prenatal ultrasounds for fun. (Byrne, P.). "A Way": *The John Dossetor Health Ethics Symposium*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 17, 2005.

*M & M Rounds, Internal Medicine Residents*. University of Alberta Hospital, July 22, 2005.

Ethics Process for Consults, *4<sup>th</sup> Year Nursing Student Presentation*. August 9, 2005.

What's Wrong with Dying. (Byrne, P. & Leier, B.). *Kaleidoscope: Dialogue and Diversity in Hospice Palliative Care 2005*, Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. Shaw Conference Center, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, September 26, 2005.

Ethics in Neonatal Care, *Faculty of Law*. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, October 12, 2005. Respiratory Care and Ethics in the NICU, *Respiratory Pediatrics Education Day*. October 13, 2005.

Eudaimonia and End of Life Care. (Byrne, P. & Leier, B.). *Capital Care Conference*. Edmonton, Alberta, February 2006.

**GRIENER:**

Personal Privacy, Paranoia, Public Health and Public Enemies, (Griener, G.). "A Way": *The John Dossetor Health Ethics Symposium*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 17, 2005.

**LEIER:**

Quality of Life and the Ethics of Health, (Kieser, D. & Leier, B.). "A Way": *The John Dossetor Health Ethics Symposium*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 17, 2005.

The Role of Compassion in the Practice of Medicine and Nursing, *Lakehead University, Faculty of Medicine/ Centre for Healthcare Ethics*. Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 2005.

What's Wrong with Dying. (Byrne, P. & Leier, B.). *Kaleidoscope: Dialogue and Diversity in Hospice Palliative Care 2005*, Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. Shaw Conference Center, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, September 26, 2005.

How Do We Die?, *Dewey's Project Student Union Lecture Series*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, November 2005.

**LEIER continued:**

The Problem of Compassion in Clinical Practice, *John Dossetor Health Ethics Seminar*.  
University of Alberta, 17 February 2006.

Eudaimonia and End of Life Care. (Byrne, P. & Leier, B.). *Capital Care Conference*.  
Edmonton, Alberta, February 2006.

Compassion and Clinical Practice, *Office of Bioethics, University of Calgary*. Calgary  
Alberta, March 2006.

**RUSSELL:**

Two half-day workshops on organizational ethics for management of *Capital Health's*  
*continuing care, mental health, and rehabilitation division*, April 2005.

Is Clinical Practice Becoming Mere Mechanics? *Grand Rounds*. University of Alberta  
and Stollery Children's hospitals, 26 April 2005.

Integrity, Compassion and Forgiveness, *Glen Edwards Day*. Department of Orthopaedic  
Surgery, University of Calgary, May 2005. (Invited Speaker)

Diagnosis: Ethical Heartburn and Amnesia, *Regional Pediatric Rehabilitation Nurses*  
*Conference*. Edmonton, Alberta, May 2005. (Plenary Speaker)

An Ethical Mindbender: teenagers and decision-making, *Pediatric Health Professionals'*  
*Workshop*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 2005. (Invited Speaker)

Trying to get Clear on 'Human Dignity', (Russell, B.). "A Way": *The John Dossetor*  
*Health Ethics Symposium*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 17, 2005.

Stories' Power for Clinical Practice, *Annual Conference of the Society for the Arts in*  
*Healthcare*. Edmonton, Alberta, June 2005. (Co-presenter)

Organizational Ethics, *Annual Meeting, Alberta Office of the Public Guardian's staff*.  
Grand Prairie, Alberta, September 2005. (Invited Speaker)

Palliative Care and Lingering Worries of Lawyers and Ethicists, *Canadian Palliative*  
*Care Conference*. Edmonton, Alberta, September 2005. (Co-presenter)

Doctor/Nurse, If This Were Your Child, What Would You Do? *Grand Rounds*.  
University of Alberta and Stollery Children's hospitals, 20 September 2005.

The Ethical Richness of Everyday Practice, *Regional Rural Mental Health Therapists*.  
October 2005. (Invited Talk)



**RUSSELL continued:**

Allocating Cochlear Implant in Light of Scarcity: a case example, *Annual Conference of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*. Washington D.C., October 2005.

Ethics of Surgically Separating Conjoined Twins: lessons for everyday practice, *Grand Rounds*. University of Alberta and Stollery Children's hospitals, 1 November 2005.

Ethics in Forensic Mental Health Care, *Alberta Mental Health Board*. January 2006. (Co-presenter, Invited Speaker)

Ethics for Pharmacists, ethics session in day-long workshop, *Health Law Institute*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, January 2006.

Why should I care about organizational ethics? *Alberta College of Social Workers Annual Conference*. Edmonton, Alberta, March 2006. (Invited Workshop)

Organizational ethics for healthcare: "the new kid on the block," (Russell, B. & Marck, P.). *Bioethics Week*. John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre, and University of Alberta and Stollery Children's hospitals 8 March 2006.

- **PUBLICATIONS**

**John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre:**

The newsletter, *Health Ethics Today*, has a circulation of approximately 7000, 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, 2005, Volume 15, Number 1

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

Austin, W. & Boyd, M.A. (Eds.) (2006). *Psychiatric Nursing for Canadian Practice*. PA: Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins, Inc.

**Chapters**

Austin, W. (in progress). Relational ethics and international health care. In M. Somerville & T. Schrecker (Eds.), *Bioethics for a Small Planet: Responding to Health Needs as a Test Case*. Montreal: McGill University Press.

**AUSTIN continued:**

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

Austin, W. (2006). Ethical psychiatric and mental health nursing practice. In W. Austin & M.A. Boyd (Eds.), *Psychiatric Nursing for Canadian Practice*. 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*. 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**

Austin, W., & Kagan, L. (in review). The balancing act: Psychiatrists' experience of moral distress. *Journal of Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*.

Austin, W., Park, C., & Goble, E. (in review). From interdisciplinary to transdisciplinary research: A case study. *Qualitative Health Research*.

Healy-Ogden, M. & Austin, W. (in review) Explorations of Well-Being. *Journal of Holistic Nursing*.

Austin, W. (accepted). The Terminal: A tale of virtue. *Nursing Ethics*.

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**BERGUM:****Books**

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**LEIER:****Chapters**

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**RUSSELL:****Chapters**

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

**AUSTIN:**

**National Committee Memberships**

- Member, Editorial Review Board, Journal of Ethics in Mental Health
- Member, Ethics Committee, Canadian Nurses Association
- Board Member, International Academy of Law and Mental Health
- Editorial Review Board Member, Advances in Nursing Science

**University Affiliated Memberships**

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

**University Program Memberships**

- Peer Consultant, University Teaching Service

**Faculty Committee Memberships**

- Faculty Selections Committee

**Reviewer for**

- Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Sciences Research Adjudication Committee, University of Alberta (ended December 2005)
- 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:**

- Interim Director, John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre (1997-2006)
- Committee Member, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics, (1995-)

**GRIENER:**

**University Affiliated Committees:**

- Associate Director, Human Research Protections Office, (2004- )
- 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- )
- Information Management (IM)/Information Technology (IT) Privacy and Security Subcommittee, Capital Health, (2004- )

**GRIENER continued:****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

**Membership and Service in Professional Organizations:**

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

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

- Committee Member, Caritas Health Group Clinical Ethics Services, (2003- )

**LILEY:**

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

**NAHORNIAK:**

- Secretariat, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics Committee (2004- )
- Secretariat, Capital Region Health Ethics Coordinating Council (2004- )

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

- Member, Organizing committee for 2005 Canadian Palliative Care Conference; responsible for ethics seminars and workshops, (2004- 2005)
- Member, Capital Health's Pandemic Preparedness Committee; led development of ethics group, (2004-)
- Member, Planning Committee for June 2006 conference of the Society for the Arts in Healthcare, Edmonton, Alberta, (2004- )
- Member, Capital Health's Re-use Steering Committee, (2004-)
- Member, Professionalism Committee Organized by first- and second-year medical students, University of Alberta (2004- )
- Co-Chair, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics Committee, (2005- )
- Chair, University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals' Clinical Ethics Committee, (2002-2005 )

**RUSSELL continued:**

- Member, University of Alberta's Biomedical Human Research Ethics Panel, (2002- )

**Membership in Professional Organizations:**

- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Canadian Philosophical Association
- Canadian Bioethics Society
- Provincial Health Ethics Network

- **HEALTH ETHICS CONSULTATION SERVICE**

Administrative support for the consultation service of the University of Alberta Ethics Committee is provided by the Dossetor Centre. Requests for ethics consultation by patients, family and healthcare providers are received and coordinated by the Centre. Coordination involves assembling a team from the UAH ethics committee to respond to request for consultations. On average the committee receives 3-4 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.

**Journals currently available:**

- Bulletin of Medical Ethics
- Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics
- Hastings Center Report
- Health Law Journal
- Health Law Review
- HEC Forum (1998 – 2005)
- IRB: A Review of Human Subjects Research
- Journal of Clinical Ethics
- Journal of Medical Ethics
- Journal of Medical Humanities
- Journal of Medicine and Philosophy
- Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal

- **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:

- ExpressNews, University of Alberta, Whose Pictures are these anyway? Prenatal ultrasounds for fun, 20 June 2005,  
<http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/article.cfm?id=6728>.
- ExpressNews, University of Alberta, The Problem of Compassion in Clinical Practice, 18 February 2006,  
<http://www.expressnews.ualberta.ca/article.cfm?id=7349>.