Committee on Philosophy and Medicine

2012-2013 Membership

Rosamond Rhodes, chair (2013)
  Nancy Jecker (2015)
  Fabrice Jotterand (2015)
  Leonard Kahn (2013)
  Peter Schwartz (2014)
  Miriam Solomon (2014)
  Sandra Woien (2013)

Mary Rorty, newsletter editor

Mark Sheldon, newsletter editor
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During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Committee has presented sessions at each of the three APA Division meetings. We continued to publish presentations from those sessions along with other submissions in the fall and spring issues of the APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine. Mary Rorty and Mark Sheldon have done a splendid job in maintaining our Newsletter. I contributed a “From the Chair” article for each Fall and Spring edition.

The following is a list of the Committee sponsored sessions in this past year:

**Eastern Division, Atlanta, 12/27-30:**
"Justice and Defining the Requirements for Health Care in a Decent Society"
Moderator:  Leonard Kahn, US Air Force Academy (Committee member)
Speakers:
Marcus Arvan, University of Tampa
Leonard Fleck, Michigan State University
Lily Frank, Queens College
J. Paul Kelleher, University of Wisconsin
Govind Persad, Stanford University
Amanda Favia, Macaulay Honors College

**Central Division 2013: In Honor of Bernard Gert’s Contribution to Bioethics**
Organizer/Moderator:  Leonard Kahn, US Air Force Academy (Committee member)
Speakers:
Michael Nair-Collins, Florida State University College of Medicine
“Professor Gert’s Views on Death: An Analysis and Critique”
Michael Ferry, Stone Hill
“On Bernard Gert’s View of the Nature of Paternalism”
Rosamond Rhodes, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai & The Graduate Center, CUNY
“The Ethics of Medicine: UnCommon Morality”
Heather Gert, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

**Pacific Division 2013, San Francisco, 3/27-30: Health Care for Prisoners**
Organizer/Moderator:  Nancy S. Jecker, University of Washington
John Kleinig, John Jay College
Kenneth Kipnis, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Nada Gligorov, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Anita Silvers, San Francisco State University

New sessions are being planned for upcoming APA meetings. Nir Iyal, the newly appointed Chair, will take over the responsibilities of assuring that they are well designed and organized. Below are the topics under consideration:

**Central Division 2014: Intuition in Medicine**
Organizers:  Miriam Solomon & Peter Schwartz
the epistemology/philosophy of science/philosophy of action side of philosophy of medicine (rather than the ethics side) and concerns the judgment/decision making skills of physicians -- patient decision making, where patients' guesses and intuition are key to choices (certainly part of "gist" in dual process accounts of cognition)

Organizer: Leonard Kahn
Ethical Issues Raised by Assisted Reproduction & Fertility Preservation

Organizer: Peter Schwartz
Defining Reasonable Risk

Bias and Reasoning
In medicine, what counts as duty and what is supererogatory? [Michael Ferry; ]
The Death Panel: When is someone dead? [Michael Nair-Collins; ]

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