



New Bioethics Graduate Certificate Program

Students study moral and ethical decision-making in a rapidly changing world

More than a dozen new students have enrolled in courses leading to the new Graduate Certificate in Bioethics, just approved within the past year and established at the University of Nevada, Reno. This fall, several of these students will begin field placements, working with ethics committees at local hospitals and other bioethics-related institutions.

The Bioethics Graduate Certificate is geared toward both professionals already at work in their fields, and graduate students in related courses of study. Among initial enrollees are a pre-med student, several registered nurses, other health care providers, and graduate students. In addition to eight credits of "core"

bioethics courses, an additional six elective credits are earned in such topics as research ethics, humanities, environment, morality, aging, public health and other areas of interest. Students attend traditional, intensive weekend and web-based classes designed to accommodate busy professionals.

The program provides a strong theoretical background, but is equally focused on the application of ethical skills in clinical settings—where bioethics has emerged as a vital and expanding new professional field. Details about the new certificate program in Bioethics can visit www.HealthEthics.org and click on the "Graduate Certificate" link.

Terry Schiavo

Comment *in memoriam* from local health care professional:

I had procrastinated on completing my advance directives until about a month ago. Terry Schiavo's gift was to remind us to let our wishes be known. I forwarded the (HealthEthics.org) website for free downloadable materials to many of my friends and have started to use that form in my work, because I like it better than the one we had. Thank you.



Nurses, physicians, social workers, students and others look over teleconference exhibits.

Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life

National Teleconference broadcasts to sell-out local crowd

An estimated 150 people attended the annual "Living with Grief" teleconference, a national broadcast sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America, co-sponsored by the Nevada Center for Ethics & Health Policy (NCEHP) and other Reno groups. Local workshops featured northern Nevada medical experts and academicians, from whom professional participants earned con-

tinuing education credits. NCEHP Director Noel Tiano, UNR Asst. Prof. Craig Klugman, and Attorney and Registered Nurse ElizaBeth Beyer had feature articles in the event's companion book. Truckee Meadows Community College served as host campus for the teleconference and workshops, with Washoe Medical Center and St. Mary's Regional Hospital providing additional support.



Betty Ferrell



Barbara Koenig

NCEHP Hosts Prominent National Speakers

National bioethics experts have been engaging campus and community audiences throughout the past few months on topics ranging from Nazi-era medical experimentation to nursing ethics. In April, nationally renowned pain management expert Betty Ferrell of City of Hope Research Center, and Stanford University's Assoc. Prof. of Medicine Barbara Koenig each presented a separate series of lectures to student and community audiences. Earlier in the semester, Patricia Heberer of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies joined Alan Watts, American Medical Association Ethics Institute in a series of lectures at a local hospital and at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.



UNR Health Ethics Asst. Prof. Craig Klugman, right, reviews presentation materials with Historian Patricia Heberer, left, of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Alan Wells of the American Medical Association's Institute for Ethics.

**HEALTH POLICY EVENTS:
ethnically and demographically diverse**

Over 400 Las Vegans attended the April 27 Southern Nevada Health Care Planning Day where NCEHP educational efforts included a special presentation in Spanish as part of the Center's continuing **multicultural education outreach**.

Advance Directives Seminar—Washoe County Senior Center A total 250 older adults interested in learning more about end-of-life planning attended a Reno seminar March 30 featuring medical, legal, and spiritual advisors. Local media also filmed portions for evening news broadcasts.

NCEHP faculty in March and April capitalized on **increased national attention to advance care planning**, providing 15 interviews to newspapers, radio and television stations in both Reno and Las Vegas. Interviews and seminars are estimated to have reached 750 consumers and 300 professionals.

UPCOMING:

- May 17 Ethics Lecture, Washoe Med Center
UNR Asst Prof Craig Klugman
- May 19-20 Clinical Ethics Training lecture series
Noel Tiano, NCEHP Director and Pam Dalinis, NCEHP Asst Director, at Methodist Hospitals, Indiana
- May 20 KUNR-FM Radio High Desert Forum
Interview with UNR Prof Barbara Thornton and Asst Prof Craig Klugman
- June-July Share Your Life Story writing workshop
Classic Resident, Reno
- October 4-6 Tom Murray, President, Hastings Center
Campus & community lecture series

Faculty & staff say good-bye . . .



From left, Dr. Greg Hayes, M.D. M.P.H., Assoc. Prof., UNR School of Public Health; Trish White, NCEHP Research Coordinator; Prof. Barbara Thornton, Ph.D., UNR School of Public Health; and Pam Dalinis, NCEHP Assistant Director, join at a recent celebratory dinner. Dr. Hayes and Prof. Thornton are retiring following distinguished faculty careers. Ms. Dalinis is relocating to the Midwest, and Ms. White has accepted a position in private industry.

and hello . . .



*SAGE Consortium staff members clockwise from left, Toyin Akinwale, Trish White, Lisa Almada, Erin Raetz, Peggy McGraw, Noel Tiano, and Kayla Nebeker welcome **Elisabet Romero** as the NCEHP's new Multicultural Education Coordinator. Ms. Romero will staff the southern Nevada office of the Center for Ethics in Las Vegas, joining Program Manager Alan Froman (not pictured).*



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