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Education

University of Chicago, Ph.D. (1988), Committee on Social Thought
University of Chicago, M.A. (1983), Committee on Social Thought
University of Chicago, B.A. (1979), General Studies in the Humanities

Employment

Current Positions

2003 – Present	Senior Research Scholar
2006 – Present	Visiting Professor, Sarah Lawrence College, Program in Science, Technology and Society

Past Positions

2001-06	Adjunct Assoc Prof, Vassar College, Science, Technology & Society
1997-2000	Adjunct Assist Prof, Vassar College, Science, Technology & Society
1994-2002	Associate for Philosophical Studies, The Hastings Center
1994-96	Associate Editor, <i>Hastings Center Report</i>
1992-94	Research Associate, The Hastings Center
1991-92	Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wabash College
1989-91	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Critical Inquiry, UNC-Greensboro
1988-89	Visiting Assistant Professor, Honors Program, University of Delaware
1986-87	Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University

Major Research Grants

“Interpreting Neuroimages: Interdisciplinary Engagement with the Complexities,” funded by The Dana Foundation,” 2008-2011.

“Pharmacological Treatment of Behavioral Disturbances in Children: Engaging the Controversies” (NIMH), 2006-2009.

“Surgically Shaping Children,” funded by National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), 2001-03.

“Crafting Tools for Public Conversation about Behavioral Genetics,” funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH)-Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Section, 1999-2003.

"Prenatal Testing for Genetic Disability," funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH)-Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Section, 1996-98.

"On the Prospect of Technologies Aimed at the Enhancement of Human Capacities," funded by National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), 1995-97.

Publications

Books

E. Parens, (Ed.) *Surgically Shaping Children*, (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).

E. Parens, Audrey Chapman, and Nancy Press, (Eds.) *Wrestling with Behavioral Genetics: Ethics, Science, and Public Conversation* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005).

E. Parens and A. Asch. (Eds), *Prenatal Testing and Disability Rights*, Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2000. (Issued at once in paper and cloth.)

E. Parens. *Enhancing Human Traits: Ethical and Social Implications* (Ed.), Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 1998. (Issued in paperback, 2000).

Articles, Chapters, Reviews, and Editorials

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E. Parens and J. Johnston, “Understanding the Agreements and Controversies surrounding Childhood Psychopharmacology,” *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health* vol. 2, no. 5 (February 2008) <http://www.capmh.com/>.

J. Johnston, **E. Parens**, and T. Murray, “ELSI in Biomedical Nanotechnology: A White Paper for the NIH Director’s Office,” July 16, 2007.

E. Parens, “It’s Time for the *Times* to Cut the Gene Hype,” *Bioethics Forum*, November 29, 2007 <http://www.bioethicsforum.org/personal-genome-scanning.asp>

E. Parens and J. Johnston, “Does It Make Sense to Speak of ‘Neuroethics’?” *EMBO Reports* 8, Special Issue (2007): S61-64.

E. Parens, “Do Think Twice: Kramer and Shenk on Depression,” *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* 50, no 2 (2007): 295-307.

E. Parens, “Speaking in Different Registers,” *Hastings Center Report* 37, no. 2 (2007): i.

E. Parens, “We Need More Than One Language to Talk about Choosing,” *Bioethics Forum*, March

23, 2007; <http://www.bioethicsforum.org/language-neuroscience-experience.asp>

E. Parens and Josephine Johnston, "Against Hyphenated Ethics," *Bioethics Forum* September 8, 2006; <http://bioethicsforum.org/genethics-neuroethics-nanoethics.asp>

E. Parens, "Taking People at Their Word," *Bioethics Forum* May 26, 2006; <http://www.bioethicsforum.org/20060525eparens.asp>

E. Parens, "Thinking about Surgically Shaping Children," in *Surgically Shaping Children: Technology, Ethics, and the Pursuit of Normality*, ed. E. Parens (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006): xiii-xxx.

E. Parens, "In the Grey Zone," *Nature* 439 (12 January 2006): 139 (review of L. Tancredi's *Hardwired Behavior: What Neuroscience Reveals about Morality*).

E. Parens, "Creativity, Gratitude, and the Enhancement Debate," in *Neuroethics in the 21st Century*, ed. Judith Illes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005): 75-86.

E. Parens, "Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate," *Hastings Center Report* 35, no. 3 (2005): 34-41. **Excerpted and reprinted in** *Genetics: Ethics, Law and Policy*, 2nd ed., L.B. Andrews, M.J. Mehlman, M.A. Rothstein (Thomson/West Casebook Series, 2006): 575-78.

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E. Parens, "A Good Label Is Hard To Find," *Hastings Center Report* 35, no. 1 (2005): 1.

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M. Farah, J. Illes, R. Cooke-Deegan, H. Gardner, E. Kandel, P. King, **E. Parens**, B. Sahakian, P. Wolpe, "Neurocognitive Enhancement: What Can We Do and What Should We Do?" *Nature Reviews Neuroscience* 5 (2004): 421-25.

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- E. Parens.** "Clear Thinking on Cloning," *Washington Post*, February 1, 2003.
- L. Knowles and **E. Parens.** "The Science and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research," *Encyclopedia Britannica Almanac 2003* ed. Charles P. Trumbull (Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.): 12-13.
- E. Parens.** "How Far Will the Term *Enhancement* Get Us As We Grapple with New Ways to Shape Ourselves?" in *Neuroethjcs: Mapping the Field (Conference Proceedings)*, ed. Steven J. Marcus (New York, NY: The Dana Press, 2003): 152-58.
- E. Parens** and T. Murray. "Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis: Questions at the Beginning of a Long Conversation," *Lahey Clinic Medical Ethics Newsletter* 9, no. 2 (2002): 2 & 8. **Reprinted in** *Biom`edical Ethics: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Moral Issues in Medicine and Biology*, ed. David Steinberg (University Press of New England, 2007): 135-39.
- L. Amsel, B. Jennings, and **E. Parens.** "Ethics and the Offer of Genetic Tests," an essay accompanying a video for physicians, *Genetic Dilemmas*, directed by Diane Dreher, funded by NIH-ELSI, (2002).
- E. Parens** and E. Juengst. "Inadvertently Crossing the Germ Line," *Science* 292 (20 April 2001): 397.
- E. Parens.** "Book Note Re: Dena Davis's *Genetic Dilemmas: Reproductive Technology, Parental Choices, and Children's Futures*," *Religious Studies Review* 27, no. 4 (2001): 387.
- E. Parens.** "How Long Has This Been Going On? Disability Issues, Disability Studies, and Bioethics," *American Journal of Bioethics* 1, no. 3 (2001): 54-55.
- E. Parens.** "What Has the President Asked of NBAC? On the Ethics and Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research," in *Ethical Issues in Human Stem Cell Research*, Vol. II. Commissioned Papers, National Bioethics Advisory Commission (Rockville, MD, 2000): (I)1-12. **Reprinted in** *The Human Embryonic Stem Cell Debate: Science, Ethics and Public Policy*, ed. Suzanne Holland, Karen Lebacqz, and Laurie Zoloth (MIT Press, 2001).
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- E. Parens.** "Germline Gene Therapy," (book review) *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 21 (2000): 399-403.
- E. Parens.** "Justice and the Germline," in *Engineering the Human Germline: An Exploration of the Science and Ethics of Altering the Genes We Pass to Our Children*, ed. Gregory Stock and John Campbell (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2000): 122-24.
- E. Parens** and A. Asch. "The Disability Rights Critique of Prenatal Genetic Testing: Reflections and

- Recommendations,” *Hastings Center Report* 29, no. 4 (1999): S1-S22. **Reprinted** in *Abortion*, ed. Belinda Bennett (Hampshire, UK: International Library of Medicine, Ethics and Law, 2004): 477-517.
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- E. Parens**. “Science, Industry, and Public Conversation,” *Citizen Voices in Health Ethics*, Fall 1998: 4-6.
- E. Parens**. “Degrees of Engineering,” *Washington Post*, 18 October 1998.
- E. Parens**, *Difference and the Delivery of Healthcare* (Guest Editor), *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 7, no. 1 (Winter, 1998).
- E. Parens**. “What Differences Make a Difference (in the Delivery of Healthcare)?” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 7, no. 1 (Winter, 1998): 1-6.
- E. Parens**. “Is Better Always Good? The Enhancement Project,” *Hastings Center Report* 28, no. 1 (1998): S1-S20.
- E. Parens**, “An Immodest Proposal,” *Hastings Center Report* 28, no. 3 (1998): 44.
- E. Parens**. “The Problem with Mixing Drugs and Ads,” *Washington Post*, 26 October 1997.
- E. Parens**. “The Ethic of Genetic Counseling and the Ethos of Managed Care,” *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 833 (1997): 47-57.
- E. Parens**. “Tools from and for Democratic Deliberations: On the NBAC Cloning Report,” *Hastings Center Report* 27, no. 5 (1997): 20-22.
- E. Parens**, Leigh Turner, and Eve DeVaro. “Genetics, Ethics, and Human Responsibilities,” in *New Choices, New Responsibilities: Ethical Issues in the Life Sciences*, Hoffman-La Roche-The Hastings Center, Second Edition, 1997.
- E. Parens**. “Gene-Splice Oversight,” *Washington Post*, 28 June 1996.
- E. Parens**. “'Perfection,' 'Deformity' and the Body,” *Medical Humanities Review* 10, no. 2 (1996): 73-79.
- E. Parens**. “Glad and Terrified: The Ethics of BRCA1 and BRCA2 Testing,” *Cancer Investigation* 14, no. 4 (1996): 396-402. **Translated and reprinted** as: “Etika Testiranja BRCA1: Između Zadovoljstva I Straha,” *Drustvena Istrazivanja* 3-4 (1996): 709-22.
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- E. Parens**. “Keeping Body and Soul Together,” *Human Gene Therapy* 6, no. 1 (1995): 3-4.
- E. Parens**. “Should We Hold the (Germ) Line?” *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 23, no. 2 (1995): 173-76.

E. Parens. "The Goodness of Fragility: On the Prospect of Technologies Aimed at the Enhancement of Human Beings," *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 5, no. 2 (1995): 141-53.

E. Parens. "The Pluralist Constellation," *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 4, no. 2 (1995): 197-206.

D. Callahan and **E. Parens.** "The Ends of Medicine," in *Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine: A Journal of Urban Health* 72, no. 1 (1995): 1-23.

E. Parens. "Body and Soul in the Age of Genetics," *HealthWise*, June 1995, p.40.

E. Parens, "What Research? Which Embryos?" *Hastings Center Report* 25, no. 1 (1995): 36.

B. Jennings, J. L. Nelson, and **E. Parens,** "Values on Campus: Ethics and Values Programs in the Undergraduate Curriculum," *The Civic Arts Review* 7, no. 3 (1994): 4-13; **reprinted** in *Liberal Education* 82, no.1 (1996): 26-31.

E. Parens, "Autonomous Consumers," *Hastings Center Report* 24, no. 4 (1994): 3-4.

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E. Parens, "Fraternalizing with the Enemy," *Hastings Center Report* 23, 1 (1993); **reprinted** in *ScienceWriters* 41, no. 1 (1993): 11.

E. Parens, "Imaginary Trees," *Hastings Center Report* 23, no. 1 (1993): 2-3.

E. Parens, "On the Responsibility of Doctors to Teach about the Risks of Tobacco Use," (with Hans-Martin Sass) in the World Health Organization's *Tobacco or Health*, May 1993.

E. Parens. "Kundera, Nietzsche, and Politics: On the Questions of Eternal Return and Responsibility," *Philosophy Today* 37, no. 3 (Fall 1993): 285-297.

E. Parens. "From Philosophy to Politics: On Nietzsche's Ironic Metaphysics of Will to Power," *Man and World* 24 (1991): 169-180. **Reprinted** in *Nietzsche (The International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy)*, ed. Richard White (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002, pp. 315-326).

E. Parens. "Derrida, 'Woman,' and Politics: A Reading of *Spurs*," *Philosophy Today* 33 (1989): 291-301.

Interviews: (*The Hastings Center Audio Tape Series on Bioethics*)

"Living with Mortality"; interview of Daniel Callahan (1993)

"The Burdens of Success"; interview of Willard Gaylin (1993)

"The Nature of Suffering"; interview of Eric Cassell (1993)

Selected Lectures, Panels, and Workshops

"On Medicalization and Pharmacological Calvinism: Toward Giving Both Sides Their Due—But Not

More,” lecture to Hastings Center’s “Kids and Drugs” working group at Rockefeller University, New York, NY, October 15, 2007.

“Public Conversation about Behavioral Genetics: Challenge and Opportunity,” Roche Science and Ethics Advisory Group, Nutley, NJ, June 11, 2007.

“Respecting Persons with Disabilities—and Their Parents,” Growth Attenuation in Children, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 16, 2007.

“Understanding the Debate about Shaping Selves with Biotechnologies,” Public Lecture, University of Texas-Dallas, May 8, 2007.

“On Surgically Shaping Children,” Grand Rounds, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX, May 8, 2007.

“Understanding the Debate about Shaping Selves with Biotechnologies,” 6th Annual International Bioethics Forum, Biopharmaceutical Technology Center, Madison, WI, April 19, 2007.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 14, 2007.

“Disability and Bioethics,” (invited participant), Yeshiva University, New York, NY, January 18-19, 2007.

“Center for Excellence in ELSI Research [CEER] Advisory Board Meeting,” Stanford University, January 11, 2007.

“The Promise and Peril of Public Conversation about Behavioral Genetics,” Understanding the Origins of Violent Behavior, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CA November 18, 2006.

“On the Balkanization of Bioethics,” EMBL/EMBO annual conference, Heidelberg, Germany, November 4, 2006.

“Human Enhancement” (invited participant), American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC, June 1- 2, 2006.

“On Surgically Shaping Children,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 4, 2006

“Genetics of Addiction”, (invited participant), Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, October 5-6, 2006.

“On Surgically Shaping Children,” Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, May 16, 2006.

“Workshop on the Policy Implications of Cognitive Enhancement Technologies,” (invited participant) Arizona State University, Tempe AZ, May 3-5.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MI, March 10, 2006.

“Should the US Create a Body to Regulate Reprogenetics?” Connecticut College, New London, CT, November 9, 2005.

“Normalization and Ambivalence: On Surgically Shaping Children,” Linköping University, Linköping Sweden, Sept. 29, 2005.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” Linköping University, Linköping Sweden, Sept. 27, 2005.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study), Delmenhorst, Germany, Sept. 23, 2005.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” Nationaler Ethikrat (National Ethics Council), Berlin, Germany, Sept. 21, 2005.

“On the Uses and Abuses of Behavioral Genetics,” Amherst College, Amherst, MA, July 20, 2005.

“Genetic Differences and Human Identities: Harms, Benefits, and Behavioral Genetics,” New York University, New York, NY, March 16, 2005.

“Genetic Differences and Human Identities: Harms, Benefits, and Behavioral Genetics,” Society for Jewish and Christian Ethics, Miami, FL, January 6, 2005.

“Babies by Design” (invited participant), Genetics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC, December 16, 2004.

“Genetic Differences and Human Identities: Harms, Benefits, and Behavioral Genetics,” Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, December 2, 2004.

“Authenticity and Ambivalence: Toward Understanding the Enhancement Debate,” Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs,” New York, NY, November 19, 2004.

“Genetic Differences and Human Identities: Harms, Benefits, and Behavioral Genetics,” Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 3, 2004.

“A Deep and Fertile Tension: On Two Concepts of Authenticity,” Hiram College, Hiram, OH, August 1, 2004.

“Thinking about the Social Harms—and Benefits—Linked to Investigations into the Genetic Influence on Complex Human Traits,” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, April 28, 2004.

“Behavioral Genetics: Potential Social Harms and Social Benefits,” Whitehead Institute, MIT (EDGE course), Boston, MA, April 23, 2004.

“First Thoughts Re: Nicotine, Genetics, and Public Policy,” Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, March 19, 2004.

“An Introduction to Some of the Ethical Implications of Behavioral Genetics,” New York University, New York, NY, March 3, 2004.

“Minimizing Harms to Individuals and Families in Genetics Research,” Education in Genetic Ethics (EDGE) course, San Francisco, CA, February 20, 2004.

“Reprogenetics, Public Policy, and Well-Being Concerns,” Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, November 11, 2003.

“Beyond Abortion: Critical Bioethical Issues in Reproductive Health for the 21st Century,” (invited participant), Planned Parenthood 2003 International Bioethics Colloquium, Snowbird, UT, July 23-25,

2003.

“Different Moral Frameworks; Different ‘Neuroethical Modes’; and Different Policy Recommendation,” *Neuroethical Challenges in Cognitive Enhancement and Learning*, New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY, June 16, 2003.

“Behavioral Genetics and the Responsibilities of Researchers, Journalists, and Bioethicists,” National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC, May 19, 2003.

“Desire, Interpretation, and the Science of Human Differences,” American Association for the Advancement of Science, May 2, 2003.

“Reflections on the Disability Rights Critique of Prenatal Genetic Testing and Selective Abortion,” Presidential Plenary Session at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Genetics, San Diego, California, March 13, 2003.

“Yes to More of the Same? On Biomedical Enhancements,” Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 21, 2003.

“Reproductive Genetics Policy: Framing the Issues,” (invited participant), Genetics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC, January 6-7, 2003.

“Boring Truths Are Hard to Sell: Comments on the Nuffield Report on Behavioral Genetics,” Center of Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, December 11, 2002.

“The Genetics of Behavior and the Responsibilities of Researchers,” EDGE Course, Columbia University, New York, NY, December 5, 2002.

“Genetics and Identity,” (invited participant), Genetics and Identity Working Group, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 4-5, 2002.

“The Politics and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Queens Public Library, Flushing, NY, July 27, 2002.

“What One Lay Person Thinks He’s Learned about Genetics, ‘Race,’ and ‘Intelligence,’” Crafting Tools for Public Conversation about Behavioral Genetics Meeting #5, Garrison, NY, June 10, 2002.

“A Skeptical Look at Four Arguments in Favor of Germ-line Modification,” American Society of Gene Therapy Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, June 6, 2002.

“Reprogenetically Shaping Children,” New Jersey Center for Biomaterials, Rutgers University Busch Campus, June 4, 2002.

“How far Will the Treatment/Enhancement Distinction Get Us as We Grapple with New Ways to Shape Ourselves?,” at Neuroethics: Mapping the Field, San Francisco, CA, May 13, 2002.

“The Politics and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Fairfield County Obstetrical and Gynecological Society,” Westport, CT, May 1, 2002.

“Setting a Research Agenda for Health and the Humanities” (invited participant), Potomac, MD, March 14-15, 2002.

“The Politics and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” University of South Florida, Clearwater,

FL, March 8, 2002.

“Genetic Dilemmas” (panel discussion), Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, Feb. 27, 2002.

“What Did NBAC’s Report on Human Participants Research Say?” Cornell University Medical School, New York, NY, Feb. 25, 2002.

“Fate and Freedom: Genetics, Behavior and the Law” (roundtable discussion), Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism (Fred Friendly Seminars), New York, NY, Jan. 28, 2002.

“The Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Art, Science, and Society Lecture Series, Croton, NY, Jan. 17, 2002.

“Unpacking the Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY, Dec. 13, 2001.

“Ethical Issues in Prenatal Genetic Testing,” St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Institute for Health Education and Research, Yonkers, NY, Dec. 6, 2001.

“The Ethics and Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY, November 30, 2001.

“Society and the New Genetics” (panelist), Bioethics Forum VI, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY, November 9, 2001.

“The Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” SUNY-Purchase College, October 31, 2001.

“Ethics and Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Grand Rounds, New York Hospital/Cornell University Medical School, New York, NY, October 18, 2001.

“Ethical Issues in Predisposition Genetic Testing,” St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Institute for Health Education and Research, Yonkers, NY, Oct. 9, 2001.

“Reprogenetically Shaping Children and the Future of Public Oversight,” Children’s Research Center for Genetic Medicine, Washington, DC, Sept. 13, 2001.

“Public Conversation and Inheritable Genetic Modification,” New York University Medical School, New York, NY, April 25, 2001.

“Symbolic Concerns, Public Conversation, and the Prospect of Inheritable Genetic Enhancement,” California State University-Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, April 21, 2001.

“Philosophical and Ethical Issues in ELSI Research” (moderator), A Decade of ELSI Research, NHGRI, Bethesda, MD, January 17, 2001.

“Prenatal Testing and the Disability Critique” (panelist), A Decade of ELSI Research, NHGRI, Bethesda, MD, January 17, 2001.

“Designing Our Descendants,” Jewish Public Forum (National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership), New York, January 15, 2001.

“Public Oversight, Private Money, and One Gene-Transfer Research Protocol at the University of Pennsylvania,” New York Academy of Medicine, New York, December 11, 2000.

Families and Health Care Project Advisory Committee Meeting (invited participant), United Hospital Fund, November 1, 2000, New York, NY.

“Bioethicists, Biotech Corporations, and Conflicts of Interest,” (moderator), American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Oct. 29, 2000, Salt Lake City, Utah.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences planning and convening conference for new program, “Dialogues on Bioscience and Society” (invited participant), October 20, 2000., La Jolla, CA.

Surgeon General’s Conference on Children’s Mental Health (invited participant), Sept. 18 & 19, 2000, Washington, DC.

“Genetic Enhancement,” Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, June 26, 2000.

“Somatic Cell `Enhancement’: The Basic Definitional and Ethical Issues,” Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, May 12, 2000.

“Designing Our Descendants,” Center for Religious Inquiry, St. Bartholomew’s Church’s, New York, NY, February 5, 2000.

“Ethical Issues Raised by the Human Genome Project,” The Coriell Institute for Medical Research, Burlington, NJ, February 4, 2000.

“Germ-line Genetic Enhancement and the Gap between the Haves and Have Nots,” American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dec. 11, 1999, Washington, DC.

“Prenatal Testing for Genetic Disability” (moderator), American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Oct. 30, 1999, Philadelphia, PA.

“On the Prospect of Germ-line Genetic Enhancement,” Long Island University, Oct. 16, 1999, Brookville, NY.

“Are We Ready to Genetically Alter Our Children and Grandchildren?” The Hastings Center’s Conversations in Bioethics Series, Sept. 24, 1999, Garrison, NY.

“A Problem with Our Ad Hoc Policy Approaches to Biotechnological Innovation: The Case of ES Cells,” Association for Politics and the Life Sciences,” Sept. 3, 1999, Atlanta, GA.

“A Public Conversation about Behavioral Genetics: The Hastings Center-AAAS Initiative,” Association for Politics and the Life Sciences,” Sept. 3, 1999, Atlanta, GA.

“Drugs and Normality” (panelist), *Talk of the Nation* (National Public Radio), July 1, 1999, studio in New York, NY.

“How Should We Define `Germ-line Intervention’?” American Association for the Advancement of Science, Germ-line Working Group, April 26, 1999, Washington, DC.

“The Politics and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research,” Vassar College, March 30, 1999, Poughkeepsie, NY.

“Ethical Implications of the Human Genome Project,” University of Maryland Medical School, March 18, 1999, Baltimore, MD.

“Ethical Issues in Predisposition Genetic Testing,” New York Academy of Medicine, February 9, 1999, New York, NY.

“Hybrid Embryos, Embryonic Stem Cells, and the Bigger Picture,” National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC),” January 19, 1999, Washington, DC.

“Enhancing Human Capacities,” American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting, January 25, 1999, Anaheim, CA.

“Ethics and Genetics: From Testing Ourselves to Designing Our Children,” Mount Saint Mary’s College, November 19, 1998, Newburgh, NY.

“Genetic Testing in the Context of Managed Care,” Genetic Counseling Seminar, National Human Genome Research Institute, Nov. 6, 1998, Bethesda, MD.

“Genetic Counseling & Managed Care,” Law and Health Care Policy in a Genetic Revolution, New York University Law School, Oct. 19, 1998, New York, NY.

“Cloning, ‘Enhancement,’ and Social Context,” Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Sept. 5, 1998, Boston, MA.

“Prenatal Genetic Testing: Parenthood and the Value of Different Lives” (moderator) Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Sept. 4, 1998, Boston, MA.

“Genetic Technology: Current Practices and Future Possibilities,” Grand Rounds, NYC Healthcare Chaplaincy, New York, NY, July 16, 1998.

“Human Cloning for Enhancement Purposes,” Second Annual Congress on Mammalian Cloning: Implications for Science and Society,” Washington, DC. June 26, 1998.

“Ethical Issues in Cloning” (panelist), Second Annual Congress on Mammalian Cloning: Implications for Science and Society,” June 26, 1998, Washington, DC.

“Viagra and the Treatment/Enhancement Distinction,” Oxford Health Plans, New York, NY, May 18, 1998.

“The National Dialogue on Genetics: Establishing a Dialogue between Ethnically Diverse Communities and Genetic Policy Makers” (invited participant), sponsored by Howard University and Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, March 20-22, 1998, College Park, MD.

“Selecting at Once against Fanconi’s Anemia and for HLA Compatibility,” (Case Presentation), New York Hospital Ethics Committee, New York, NY, November 19, 1997.

“The Genome on Main Street: Implications of the Genetic Revolution” (panelist), Pfizer Medical Futures Forum, Nov. 7, 1997, New York, NY.

“Human Germ-line Interventions Forum” (panelist), American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sept. 24-25, 1997, Washington, DC.

“Human Gene Transfer: Beyond Life-Threatening Disease” (panelist), NIH Gene Therapy Policy Conference, Sept. 11, 1997, Bethesda, MD.

“Mammalian Cloning: Implications for Science and Society” (panelist), meeting convened by W. French Anderson et al., June 26 & 27, 1997, Washington, DC.

“Genetic Testing: Implications for Insurance” (invited participant), convened by the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Bioethics & MetLife, June 23 & 24, 1997, New York, NY.

American Association for the Advancement of Science Dialogue on Genetic Patenting (invited meeting participant), March 13 & 14, 1997, Washington, DC.

New York Academy of Sciences, “Cloning and Its Ethical Implications” (panelist), March 6, 1997, New York, NY.

“Ethical Issues in Predisposition Genetic Testing,” Strang International Cancer Prevention Conference, Cornell University Medical School, New York, NY, Nov. 15, 1996.

“Being Human: The Technological Extension of the Boundaries of the Body” (panelist), Apres-Coup International Colloquium, Union Theological Seminary; New York, NY; Nov. 9 & 10, 1996.

"Enhancement as a Goal of Medicine," Grady Memorial Ethics Conference, Detroit, MI; May 11, 1996.

“Enhancement and the Argument from Precedent,” *American Association for the Advancement of Science*, Baltimore, MD; Feb. 10, 1996.

"Prozac and Pins: Special Ethical Problems in Orthopaedics," New York Medical College, Biomedical Ethics Series 1995, Valhalla, NY; Nov. 13, 1995.

"Behavioral Genetics: Keeping Body and Soul Together and Fact and Policy Apart," *Society for Health and Human Values* annual meeting, San Diego, CA; Oct. 14, 1995.

"Money, Morals, and Prenatal Genetic Screening," New Jersey Institute of Technology & Rutgers University-Newark Lecture Series, Newark, NJ; Sept. 19, 1994.

"The Pluralist Constellation and Bioethics," *Pluralism*, The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY; April 27, 1994.

Advanced Workshop, "Genetic Information: Ethical Implications" (funded by the National Center for Human Genome Research); University of Washington, School of Medicine; Seattle, Washington; Feb. 6-9, 1994).

"On the Reigning Bioethical Conception of the Self," *Cultural Pluralism and Ethical Decision-Making*, University of California-San Francisco; San Francisco, CA; January 7, 1994.

"On the Prospect of Genetic Enhancement," *Priorities in Genetic Services*, The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY; June 22, 1993.

"The Goodness of Fragility," Northeastern Gerontological Society; New York, NY; April 30, 1993.

"Frantic Pursuits: On the Meaning of Finitude," West Point Military Academy; Highland Falls, NY; October 27, 1992.

"Is 'A Right to Health Care' Oxymoronic?" University at Buffalo, SUNY; Buffalo, NY; August 4,

1992.

"The Nietzsche I Love," *Passions, Persons, Powers*, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA; May 1, 1992.

"Nietzsche on the Wills to Truth and Power," *Indiana Philosophical Association*, Franklin, IN; April 11, 1992.

"Kundera, Nietzsche, and Politics: On the Questions of Eternal Return and Responsibility," *International Association of Philosophy and Literature*, Montreal, Canada; May 17, 1991.

Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participant (Topic: Phenomenology, Ethics, and Politics: Levinas, Arendt, Foucault, and Feminism; Perugia, Italy; Summer 1990).

"Nietzsche as 'Best Enemy': On Nietzsche's Ironic Metaphysics of Will to Power," *Midwest American Political Science Association Meeting*, Chicago, IL; April 6, 1990.

"Socrates' *Paideia*: On the *Protagoras*" University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Greensboro, NC; October 6, 1989.

Selected Professional Activities & Service

Co-Investigator, "Synthetic Biology: Are There Any New Ethical Questions?" (Contract funded by Woodrow Wilson Center), 2008.

Member, Yale University Working Group on PTSD, 2007-

Member, University of Washington Working Group on Surgically Shaping Children., 2007-

Member, Advisory Board, project funded by NIH Office of Science Education, Education Development Center (EDC), 2006-

Member, Advisory Board, "Botox for the Brain," project funded by Dutch Government, 2006-

Member, Advisory Board, NIH-Center for Excellence in ELSI Research (CEER), Stanford University, 2005-

Member, Advisory Panel, Consumer Perspectives on the Promise of CF Gene Therapy, Education Development Center, 2004-

Member, Advisory Board, Genetics of Nicotine Addiction: Examining Ethics and Policy, The Mayo Clinic (& Stanford), 2003-.

Member, University Research Ethics Advisory Committee, Cornell University Medical College, 2001-02.

Co-Investigator, "Nanotechnology: Are There Any New Ethical Questions?" (Contract funded by NIH Director's Office, 2006-07)

Co-Investigator, "Reprogenetics: A Blueprint for Meaningful Moral Debate and Responsible Public Policy" (funded by the Greenwall Foundation, 2001-2002).

Consultant (wrote background paper on ethics of embryonic stem cell research), National Bioethics

Advisory Commission (NBAC), 1999-2000.

Working Group Member, “Scientific Freedom & Responsibility Issues in Human Germ-Line Interventions,” directed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (funded by the Greenwall Foundation), 1997-2000.

Co-investigator, “Genetic Dilemmas and Primary Care,” video project directed by Diane Dreher (funded by NIH-ELSI) 1997-99

Member, Planning Committee to promote collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2001-02.

Institutional Review Board (IRB), Phelps Memorial Hospital (Tarrytown, NY), 1997-2006.

Editorial Board, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 1995 -

Editorial Board, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 2002 -

Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law (University of Louisville); 2002-

Abstract, Grant, and Report reviewer for groups including the *American Association for the Advancement of Science*, *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*, *Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton)*, *National Institutes of Health (ELSI)*, *National Science Foundation*. *The Nuffield Council on Bioethics*, *The Wellcome Trust*.

Manuscript reviewer for journals including *American Journal of Bioethics*, *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Bioethics*, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, *Ethics*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *The Milbank Quarterly*, *Nature Medicine*, *Nature Reviews Genetics*, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, *SCIENCE*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*.

Manuscript and proposal reviewer for presses including *Cambridge University Press*, *Cornell University Press*, *Georgetown University Press*, *Johns Hopkins University Press*, *Jones and Bartlett Publishers*, and *Oxford University Press*.

Quoted in publications including *American Medical News*, *BioMedNet*, *Boston Globe*, *BusinessWeek*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *The Economist*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *The Lancet*, *London Times*, *The Nation*, *New Scientist*, *Newsday*, *New York Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Reuters News Service*, *The Scientist*, *Time*, *USAToday*, *US News and World Report*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*.

Appearances in venues including *BBC*, *Canadian Public Television*, *Fox Broadcasting Network*, *German Public Television*, *National Public Radio*, *PBS*.

Honors and Awards

Pettus Crowe Grant; Topic: The New Biology and the Self. 2002.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Fellow; Topic: Human Rights in Theory and Practice; Buffalo, NY; Summer 1992.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Fellow; Topic: Nietzsche's Philosophical

Thought and Its Interpretation; Urbana-Champaign, IL; Summer 1989.

Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship; Administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation; 1987-88.

Awarded with Distinction for Ph.D. exams; 1983.

University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship; 1980-83.

Membership in Professional Societies

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities

New York Academy of Sciences

American Philosophical Association