A New Partnership in Bioethics

The Yale-Hastings Program in Ethics and Health Policy marks a significant milestone in the field of bioethics, forging an important relationship between Yale University and The Hastings Center. Joining forces will enable The Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics and The Hastings Center to increase the range, depth, and impact of both institutions’ programs—especially in the areas of teaching and research, while also fostering greater public and professional understanding of bioethics.

About the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

The Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics sponsors a wide range of university seminars and conferences, offers courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level, and sponsors an international Summer Bioethics Institute for students. It has conducted research in such areas as medical technology, end-of-life care, post-traumatic stress syndrome, and stem cell research. While its primary focus is biomedical ethics, it has also increasingly put time and resources into issues related to ecology, environmental ethics, technology and ethics, scientific misconduct, and care for nonhuman animals. The Center draws upon Yale’s faculties of law, the sciences and the humanities, bringing together a wide and unique range of disciplines in completing its work. Learn more at: www.yale.edu/bioethics

About The Hastings Center

The Hastings Center was founded in 1969 as the world’s first bioethics research institution. Located in Garrison NY, with a satellite office in Washington, D.C., its staff includes research scholars from such diverse disciplines as economics, philosophy, theology, law, psychology, journalism, political science and the humanities. The Hastings Center’s research explores issues within a broad range of subjects that affect individuals, families, and communities from life’s beginning to its end. A sampling of research subjects includes: clinical trials; conflict of interest; emerging technologies; end-of-life care; health care policy, costs and reform; mental health in children and adolescents; nature; sports enhancement; and stem cells. The Center publishes two journals, the Hastings Center Report and IRB: Ethics & Human Research. Through its Bioethics and The Public Interest initiative, the Center also reaches out to journalists, policymakers, and opinion leaders. Learn more at www.thehastingscenter.org

Enriching Each Other’s Programs Through Joint Initiatives

A major objective of the Yale-Hastings Program is to conduct collaborative research, either through jointly organized projects or by means of separate initiatives that draw upon the talents of both institutions. Projects may be clinical in nature or focus on national and international health policy issues. Yale and The Hastings Center both have summer student intern programs. Participants in either will spend time at both locales, enriching both programs and the interns’ experience. The Hastings Center also sponsors a Visiting Scholar program, featuring stays of up to two months. That program has been expanded, enabling scholars to spend time at Yale as well. Privileges are now also shared between the Yale Library and the Hastings Center’s Robert Morison Library which houses a large bioethics collection.

Co-directors of the Yale-Hastings Program are Stephen Latham, Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics and Senior Research Scientist in Political Science at Yale (stephen.latham@yale.edu) and Michael Gusmano, Research Scholar at The Hastings Center (gusmanom@thehastingscenter.org). An advisory committee comprised of representatives of both institutions oversees the work of the program.
Yale Faculty and Staff Privileges at The Hastings Center

The Hastings Center has two apartments available to visiting scholars. One accommodates up to three scholars and the other is suitable for a couple. Both have kitchen facilities. Yale faculty members are invited to enjoy a short or extended stay at the Center, making use of the apartments, library and other facilities at no cost, while informally collaborating with Hastings Center staff.

The Center is located on a picturesque property overlooking the Hudson River, directly across from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The area is rich in history and is renowned for its natural beauty and wealth of hiking and biking possibilities.

Visit The Hastings Center

To visit The Hastings Center either as a Visiting Scholar or for a short, informal stay, please contact:

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View from the Hastings Center across the Hudson River