



# DISABILITY AND ETHICS THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE:

CASES, CONTROVERSIES,  
& FINDING  
COMMON GROUND

MAY 21-22, 2010

**PRESENTED BY:**

Albany Law School, Rapaport Ethics Across the Curriculum Initiative of Union College, & the Union Graduate College-Mount Sinai School of Medicine Bioethics Program

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# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



Current debates on ethics and disability tend to focus on divisive issues at the edges of life such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide. As people progress through the life cycle, from infancy and childhood, through the reproductive years, and into middle and old age, they confront other equally important disability-related challenges that tend to be neglected in the current bioethical debate. This conference will offer bioethicists, disability-rights advocates, disability scholars, biomedical researchers, policy makers, and other stakeholders the opportunity to discuss disability-related issues as they arise through all stages of life. By promoting interdisciplinary conversations from the life-cycle perspective, this conference aims at fostering a new dialogue between bioethicists and the disability community.

## SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The conference facility and the conference hotel are accessible. Should you have additional needs due to a disability, please contact Amy Bloom at bloomaa@union.edu or 518-388-8386 at least one week prior to the program.

**Please visit our website for more information and directions to College Park Hall, 450 Nott Street, Schenectady, NY 12308**

> [www.union.edu/academic\\_depts/ethics/Conferences](http://www.union.edu/academic_depts/ethics/Conferences)

**All events take place in College Park Hall, 450 Nott Street, Schenectady, NY 12308**

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# CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday,  
May 21, 2010

**12:00-1:00 pm**

Registration and Lunch

**1:00 pm**

Welcome and Keynote

**2:15-4:30 pm**

Panel sessions

**5:00 pm**

Public session

**7:00 pm**

Dinner and Discussion

Saturday,  
May 22, 2010

**7:30-8:30 am**

Registration and  
Continental Breakfast

**8:30-9:30 am**

Plenary session

**9:45 am-12:00 pm**

Panel sessions

**12:30-1:30 pm**

Lunch and Plenary speaker

**1:45-2:45 pm**

Breakout groups

**3:00-4:30 pm**

Plenary session, closing

# FEATURED SPEAKERS

## **Adrienne Asch, PhD, MS**

EDWARD AND ROBIN MILSTEIN PROFESSOR OF BIOETHICS AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND POPULATION HEALTH AND FAMILY AND SOCIAL MEDICINE AT ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

*Works include:* Prenatal Testing and Disability Rights and The Double-Edged Helix: Social Implications of Genetics in a Diverse Society.

## **Robert Baker, PhD**

DIRECTOR, THE UNION GRADUATE COLLEGE—MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BIOETHICS PROGRAM AND WILLIAM D. WILLIAMS PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY, UNION COLLEGE.

*Works include:* Cambridge World History of Medical Ethics.

## **Diane Coleman, JD, MBA**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR ADVOCACY, CENTER FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS, INC., ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, NOT DEAD YET.

*Works include:* Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment from People With Severe Disabilities Who Request It: Equal Protection Considerations; Growing Support of the Right To Die: A Worrisome Trend.

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## **Eva Kittay, PhD**

PROFESSOR, STATE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW YORK AT STONYBROOK.

*Works include:* Cognitive Disability:  
A Challenge to Moral Philosophy;  
Blackwell Guide to Feminist Philosophy;  
The Subject of Care: Feminist Perspectives  
on Dependency; Love's Labor: Essays  
on Women, Equality and Dependency.

## **Mark G. Kuczewski, PhD**

DIRECTOR, NEISWANGER INSTITUTE FOR  
BIOETHICS AND HEALTH POLICY, THE FATHER  
MICHAEL I. ENGLISH, S.J., PROFESSOR OF  
MEDICAL ETHICS, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY  
CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER. PRESIDENT,  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOETHICS.

*Works include:* Fragmentation and  
Consensus: Communitarian and Casuist  
Bioethics; An Ethics Casebook for  
Hospitals: Practical Approaches to  
Everyday Cases; Bioethics: Ancient  
Themes in Contemporary Issues.

## **Alicia Ouellette JD**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW,  
ALBANY LAW SCHOOL.

*Works include:* Growth Attenuation,  
Parental Choice, and the Rights of  
Disabled Children: Lessons from the  
Ashley X Case; Disability and the  
End of Life; and Disability and Bioethics:  
Toward a Disability Conscious Bioethics  
(forthcoming).

## **Elizabeth Pendo, JD**

PROFESSOR OF LAW, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW.

*Author:* Disability, Equipment Barriers,  
and Equal Access to Health Care:  
The Promoting Wellness for Individuals  
with Disabilities Act of 2009; A Service  
Learning Project: Disability, Access and  
Health Care; Working Sick: Lessons  
of Chronic Illness for Health Care  
Reform; Substantially Limited Justice?:  
The Possibilities and Limits of a New  
Rawlsian Analysis of Disability-Based  
Discrimination; Disability, Doctors and  
Dollars: Distinguishing the Three Faces  
of Reasonable Accommodation.

# REGISTRATION FORM

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E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)

*Registration acknowledgement will be sent to you via email.*

### Tuition:

**\$150.00** (If received by May 2)

Includes lunch, snacks and dinner day 1, breakfast, snacks, and lunch day two.  
Hotel not included.

**\$180.00** (After May 2 and at the door)

### Payment Information:

#### > **Check** (Mail in)

Make check payable to: Union Graduate College

Mail to: UGC—Bioethics Program, 80 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12308

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### Conference Hotel:

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Schenectady at the rate of \$69 per night for 5/21 & 5/22: call 518-393-4141 and mention the Disability Conference.



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