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The Ethics of Science Policy in the Post-Genomic World: Broadening the Discussion

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About this Lecture

Much of the academic bioethics work on science policy in the late 20th and early 21st century has been preoccupied with the challenges arising from two big topic areas: research involving human subjects, and the implications of the human genome project. Bioethics was very successful in both areas contributing to national and international guidelines for research, improved informed consent documents, privacy protection standards, and other guidance. Important as these topics are, and will continue to be, other areas of science policy have an equally profound effect on society and global human welfare but have been given considerably less attention. Indeed, many are not directly related to biomedical science at all, and include such diverse areas as environmental standards, labor and commerce, national security, trade, and foreign policy. Since each of these areas benefit from scientific research—it stands to reason that ethical issues will emerge when policy is developed.

This talk will discuss ways in which broadening the bioethics discussion to include areas outside of the biomedical paradigm may have an important long term impact on society.

About Eric M. Meslin



Dr. Eric M. Meslin is Director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics, Associate Dean for Bioethics and Professor of Medicine, and of Medical and Molecular Genetics in the Indiana University School of Medicine. He is also Professor of Philosophy in the School of Liberal Arts, and Co-Director of the IUPUI Signature Center Consortium on Health Policy, Law, and Bioethics.

He came to Indiana University in July 2001 from the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC), where he had been Executive Director since 1998. NBAC was appointed by President Bill Clinton to advise the White House and the federal government on a range of bioethics issues including cloning, stem cell research, international clinical trials, and genetics studies.

A Canadian by birth, Dr. Meslin received his B.A. in Philosophy from York University, and both his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Bioethics Program in Philosophy at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. He has held academic positions at the University of Toronto and at the University of Oxford and is currently Visiting Professor-at-Large at the University of Western Australia.



He has more than 80 publications on topics ranging from international health research to science policy, including *Belmont Revisited: Ethical Principles for Research with Human Subjects* co-edited with James F. Childress and Harold T. Shapiro.

He has been a consultant to the World Health Organization, the US Observer Mission to UNESCO, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and sits on several boards and committees including the Stem Cell Oversight Committee of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, and the Board of Directors of Genome Canada. In 2008 he was appointed a Chevalier de L'Order Nationale du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit) by the Republic of France.

Lecture Details

Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2009

Time: 6-7pm

Venue: Alexander Lecture Theatre, UWA

The nearest carpark is P3 off Hackett Drive Entrance 1

This lecture is free and open to the public, no RSVP required

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