

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

1:30 - 4:00 P.M. **Grant Writing for Interdisciplinary Bioethics Research in a Changing Funding Environment**
Preconference Workshop
[Douglas B. White, MD](#)

Thursday, October 15, 2026

11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. **Floor or Ceiling: Should IRBs Be Restricted to Ensuring Regulatory Compliance?**
Debate
[Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD](#)
[Steven Joffe, MD](#)

When Exceptions Become the Rule: Ethical Arguments for and Against the Permissibility of Allocation Out of Sequence for Deceased Donor Organs
Panel Presentation
[Carrie Thiessen, MD, PhD](#)

1:00 - 2:00 P.M. **Autonomy, Authority, and the Dismantling of U.S. Federal Vaccine Policy: An Ethical Analysis**
Panel Presentation
[Douglas John Opel MD](#)

2:30 - 3:30 P.M. **Medical Device or Consumer Technology? Dual-use Research in Implanted Brain-computer Interface Research**
Paper Presentation
[Anna Wexler, PhD](#)

Pregnancy, Brain Death, and Fetal Personhood: Ethical and Legal Implications for Advance Care Plans
Panel Presentation
[Faith Fletcher, PhD](#)

3:45 - 4:45 P.M. **Developing a Decision-making Toolkit for Individuals Living with Cognitive Impairment and their Care Partners**
Paper Presentation
[Emily A. Largent, JD, PhD, RN](#)

Friday, October 16, 2026

- 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.**
- No Such Thing as a Free Comment? Conflict of Interest and Patient Voices at the FDA**
Panel Presentation
[Matthew McCoy, PhD](#)
- Reproduction in the Year 2026: Top 10 Developments in Reproductive Health Ethics**
Panel Presentation
[Kayte Spector-Bagdady, JD](#)
[Jennifer James, PhD](#)
[Faith Fletcher, PhD](#)
- 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.**
- Bridging Bioethics Research and Policymaking: Translating Bioethics for the Public Policy Process**
Panel Presentation
[Michelle Groman, JD](#)
- 1:15 - 2:15 P.M.**
- Preventing Suicide: Dying for Good Reasons and Bad**
Paper Presentation
[Brent M. Kious, PhD](#)
- The Ethics of Viral Discovery: Returning Results and Reporting Obligations in the Human Virome Program**
Panel Presentation
[Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD](#)
[Steven Joffe, MD](#)
[Amy McGuire, JD, PhD](#)
- 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.**
- Disability Bioethics on the Ground: Approaches to Teaching in the Health Professions**
Panel Presentation
[Joel Michael Reynolds, PhD](#)
- The Persistence of Eugenic Reasoning in 21st Century Health**
Panel Presentation
[Jennifer James, PhD](#)

Saturday, October 17, 2026

- 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.**
- "I Don't Care if You Don't Consent": Hospitals Commercializing Patient Data**
Panel Presentation
[Kayte Spector-Bagdady, JD](#)
- Immigration Enforcement – Legal Updates, Ethical Responsibilities, and Opportunities for Advocacy and Action**
Panel Presentation
[Katherine R. Peeler, MD](#)

10:45 - 11:45 A.M.

Beyond the Dead Donor Rule: Issues of Equity, Access, Trust, and Autonomy When Institutions Disagree About NRP

Panel Presentation

[Carrie Thiessen, MD, PhD](#)

Investing in Bioethics: A Roundtable Discussion About the Past, Present, and Future of Bioethics Funding

Panel Presentation

[Michelle Groman, JD](#)