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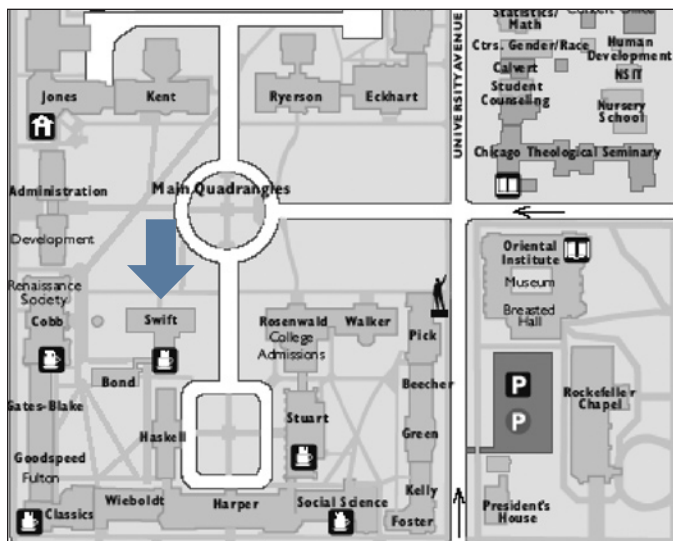
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CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Location and Parking



Parking is available on the Midway, but may be difficult to find. There is also garage parking for a small fee at the University of Chicago Hospitals parking structure (on Maryland Avenue between 58th and 59th), which is located about three blocks west of Swift Hall.

The Divinity School is within walking distance of the 57th Street and 59th Street Metra stops.

Registration

Important. There is no fee for this conference. We request, however, that attendees RSVP before March 1, 2008 by contacting Jessica Watkins, phone: 773-702-0277, email: jwatkins@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu. This will help us to plan for meals and refreshment breaks.

For More Information and Special Assistance

Please contact Jessica Watkins (information above) with any questions or if you will need special assistance.



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CONSCIENCE AND CLINICAL PRACTICE: MEDICAL ETHICS IN THE FACE OF MORAL CONTROVERSY

MARCH 18, 2008

SWIFT HALL
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DIVINITY SCHOOL
1025 EAST 58TH STREET

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Recent controversies regarding emergency contraception have highlighted the fact that at times physicians refuse to provide legally permitted medical services on grounds that they cannot do so in good conscience. This phenomenon has raised a series of questions debated in the medical profession and among the broader public:

- What is the nature of the conscience and what part does it play in the moral life, both personal and professional?
- What influence should the clinician's conscience have on clinical decisions, relative to the influence of scientific data, professional standards and norms, and/or the law?
- What should a clinician do when patients request medical interventions to which the clinician has a religious or other moral objection?
- What makes one conscientious objection more defensible than another? Can such distinctions be made reasonably via professional and public policy?
- How should the profession of medicine proceed in the face of the moral disagreements that arise in our plural democracy?

This conference brings together several eminent scholars in the fields of medicine, bioethics, law and moral and political philosophy, for a spirited discourse about these important issues.

SCHEDULE (TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008)

SWIFT HALL, 3RD FLOOR LECTURE HALL, 1025 EAST 58TH STREET

- 7:00 – 8:00** **Coffee and Pastries**
- 8:00 – 8:15** **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Farr A. Curlin, MD, University of Chicago
- 8:15 – 12:30** **Morning Session, Moderated by John D. Lantos, MD**
- 8:15** **Dan W. Brock, PhD**
Conscientious Refusal by Physicians and Pharmacists: Who is Ethically Obligated to Do What? and Why?
- 9:00** **Hugh LaFollette, PhD**
Private Conscience, Public Acts
- 9:45** **Armand H. M. Antommaria, MD, PhD**
Defending Positions or Identifying Interests: The Uses of Ethical Argumentation in the Debate over Conscience in Clinical Practice.
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45** **Jean Bethke Elshtain, PhD**
Why Science Should Never Stand Alone
- 11:30 – 12:30** **Panel of Morning Speakers**

- 12:30 – 1:15** **Lunch – Common Room, 1st floor Swift Hall**
- 1:15 – 5:30** **Afternoon Session, Moderated by Mark Siegler, MD**
- 1:15** **Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD**
What is Conscience and Why Is Respect for Conscience Important?
- 2:00** **Mark R. Wicclair, PhD**
Is Conscientious Objection Incompatible with a Physician's Professional Obligations?
- 2:45** **Rev. Susan B. Thistlethwaite, PhD**
Other People's Consciences
- 3:30 – 3:45** **Break**
- 3:45** **John J. Hardt, PhD**
Is Physician Conscience a Threat to Medical Professionalism?
- 4:30 – 5:30** **Panel of Afternoon Speakers**
- 5:30 – 7:00** **Cocktail Reception**
Swift Hall, 1st Floor Common Room

INVITED CONFERENCE FACULTY

1. **Armand H. M. Antommaria, MD, PhD**, is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Divisions of Inpatient Medicine and Medical Ethics, University of Utah School of Medicine.
2. **Jean Bethke Elshtain, PhD**, is Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School.
3. **Dan W. Brock, PhD**, is Frances Glessner Lee Professor of Medical Ethics in the Department of Social Medicine, Director of the Division of Medical Ethics, and Director of the Harvard University Program in Ethics and Health, Harvard University.
4. **John J. Hardt, PhD**, is Assistant Professor of Bioethics, Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago.
5. **Hugh LaFollette, PhD**, is Marie and Leslie E. Cole Chair in Ethics, University of South Florida.
6. **John D. Lantos, MD**, is Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago, and John B. Francis Chair in Bioethics, Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO.
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9. **Rev. Susan B. Thistlethwaite, PhD**, is President of the Chicago Theological Seminary.
10. **Mark R. Wicclair, PhD**, is Adjunct Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, and Professor of Philosophy and Adjunct Professor of Community Medicine, West Virginia University.