

## **Faculty Reading Groups: 2004-2005**

### Faculty Seminar on Ethics and Aging

The United States faces a severe religious, moral, political and economic crisis with care of the aging in the next decades. Current students will play an important role in addressing the issues.

Faculty members applied for admission for the seminar which was organized by David H. Smith, inaugural Robert and Carolyn Frederick Distinguished Visiting Professor of Ethics. Each participant selected at least one reading for the seminar; David Smith selected several.

### Participants:

Cynthia Cornell, English  
Dana Dudle, Biology  
Melanie Finney, Communications and Theatre  
Kevin Kinney, Biology  
Marcia McKelligan, Philosophy  
Nafhat Nasr, Political Science  
Robert Newton, Philosophy  
Martha Rainbolt, English  
Bruce Serlin, Biology  
Eric Silverman, Sociology and Anthropology

### Speakers:

Daniel Callahan, Director of International Programs (and founder) The Hastings Center  
Doubling the Human Lifespan: At What Cost?, Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Joanne Lynn, M.D. The Rand Corporation  
Aging Out: How We Die and What We Can Do About It, Thursday, October 6, 2005

Thomas Cole, Director of the Center for Spirituality and Ethics, University of Texas  
Medical Center, Houston  
Is Older Better? Perspectives on Vices and Virtues of the Elderly, Tuesday, October 25,  
2005

William F. May, Cary Maguire Professor Emeritus, Southern Methodist University  
Aging: From Fate to Calling, Thursday November 10, 2005

Readings:

Baltes, Paul B., and Jacqui Smith. "New Frontiers in the Future of Aging: From Successful Aging of the Young Old to the Dilemmas of the Fourth Age." *Gerontology* 49 (2003): 123-135.

Battin, Margaret P. "Physician Assisted Suicide: Safe, Legal, Rare?" 63-72.

Brown, Kathryn. "A Radical Proposal." *Scientific American* (2004): 31-97.

Callahan, Daniel. "Medicine and the Conquest of Aging." *Setting Limits: Medical Goals in an Aging Society*. 1987. 153-158.

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Dangel, Leo. "Closing in on the Harvest."

Daniels, Norman. "A Lifespan Approach to Health Care." *Ethical Issues in Death and Dying*. Ed. Tom L. Beauchamp and Robert M. Veatch. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1996. 444-446.

English, Jane. "What Do Grown Children Owe Their Parents?" *Having Children: Philosophical and Legal Reflections in Parenthood*. Ed. Onora O'Neill and William Ruddick. New York: Oxford UP, 1979. 460-467.

Hawkes, Kristen. "Grandmothers and the Evolution of Human Longevity." *American Journal of Human Biology* 15 (2003): 380-400.

Hawkes, Kristen. "The Grandmother Effect." *Nature* 428 (2004): 128-129.

Heilbrun, Carolyn. *The Last Gift of Time: Life Beyond Sixty*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1997.

Isenberg, Sheldon. "Aging in Judaism: 'Crown of Glory' and 'Days of Sorrow'" *Handbook of the Humanities and Aging*. New York: Springer, 1992. 147-174.

Kaufman, Sharon R. "Intensive Care, Old Age, and the Problem of Death in America." *The Gerontologist* 38 (1998): 715-725.

Moody, Harry R. "A Critical View of Ethical Dilemmas in Dementia." *Treatment Decisions, Advance Directives, and Euthanasia*. 86-100.

Murphy, Patricia. "The Mission of Aging: Congressional Missioning Ceremony." *Generations -- Aging and the Human Spirit* (1990): 67-68.

Perls, Thomas T., and Ruth C. Fretts. "The Evolution of Menopause and Human Life Span." *Annals of Human Biology* 28 (2001): 237-245.

Peterson, Peter G. "Gray Dawn: the Global Aging Crisis." *Foreign Affairs* 78 (1999): 42-55.

Sapolsky, Robert M. *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers: the Acclaimed Guide to Stress, Stress-Related Diseases, and Coping*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC, 2004. 239-251, 384-418.

Schultz, James H. "Social Security: Old Age and Survivor's Benefits." *The Economics of Aging*: 7th Edition. 2001. 131-170.

Three Stories: *Leaving the Yellow House*. 555-591.

Veatch, Robert M. "How Age Should Matter: Justice as the Basis for Limiting Care to the Elderly." *Ethical Issues in Death and Dying*. Ed. Tom L. Beauchamp and Robert M. Veatch. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1996. 447-454.

Yutang, Lin. "On Growing Old Gracefully." *The Importance of Living*. Comp. Lin Yutang. William Heinemann Ltd., 1931. 707-713.