

Call for Papers – Mind, Medicine & Morals: the ethics of psychiatry and mental health care

We invite submissions of abstracts for short papers by graduate students and early career academics/professionals, for an international conference on “Mind, Medicine & Morals: the ethics of psychiatry and mental health care”. The conference is hosted by the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and will be held at St Anne’s College, Oxford, from 5th to 7th July 2018. The graduate/early career session will be held on Thursday 5th July from 4.30pm-6pm.

Papers may be on any topic relating to the ethics of psychiatry and the ethics of mental health care, (which can be construed very broadly), and should be suitable for a 20 minute presentation. Successful submissions will attract a £50 contribution towards travel and accommodation in addition to free conference registration at the day delegate rate, including lunch on Thursday and Friday and the conference banquet dinner on Friday (standard cost £220).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 28th February 2018

CONFERENCE DATES:

Graduate Session – Thursday 5th July 2018, 4.30-6pm

Main conference – Thursday 5th July to Saturday 7th July 2018

LOCATION:

St Anne’s College, 56 Woodstock Rd, Oxford OX2 6HS

Please send the following to admin@bioethics.org.uk in .doc, .rtf, or pdf format:

1) A cover letter containing:

- (a) the author's name
- (b) institutional affiliation
- (c) contact information
- (d) the title of the paper

2) The abstract itself (no more than 300 words), together with the title but with no information identifying the author or the author's institutional affiliation.

CONFERENCE TOPIC:

It is a truism that mental health care does not receive the attention or resources devoted to care of physical health. This applies not only to clinical services and research but also to research and reflection on medical ethics and law. Healthcare ethics tends to focus on matters of life and death, especially at the beginning and end of life, and sometimes on the treatment of those whose cognitive capacity is diminished by illness or disability, but much less on mental health per se. The present conference seeks to redress this balance with discussion of a wide range of topics including:

- Resource allocation and mental health
- Ethical issues in forensic psychiatry
- Ethics of research in psychiatry
- Compulsory treatment of mental illness
- Mental illness and moral responsibility
- Assisted suicide for psychiatric reasons
- Mental health effects of sexual abuse

Speakers include: Professor David Baldwin, Professor Joost Baneke, Professor Patricia Casey, Dr Michael Dunn, Paul Farmer CBE (Chief Executive of Mind), Professor Jonathan Herring, Professor Sheila the Baroness Hollins, Professor David Albert Jones, Dr Mark Komrad, Professor Willem

Lemmens, Professor Jim McManus, Bishop Richard Moth, Dr Rachael Pickering, Dr Julia Sinclair, Professor Ilina Singh, Dr Trevor Stammers, Dr Adrian Treloar and Professor Peter Tyler.

To book your place, please visit the Anscombe Centre website: www.bioethics.org.uk

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We very much hope that you can join us for this rare opportunity to explore some of the ethical issues surrounding the medical care and social support of people with mental health problems.

CONFERENCE HOST:

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (founded in 1977 in London and originally known as the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics) is the oldest centre for medical ethics in the United Kingdom. Currently based in Oxford, it is a Roman Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. It brings to bear on those questions principles of natural law, virtue ethics, and the teaching of the Catholic Church. The Centre seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice, engaging in scholarly dialogue with academics and practitioners of other traditions.

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Information about the conference can be found at the Anscombe Centre's website:

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