Biomedical Ethics  
HU 3711, Spring 2011  
Fisher 133 @ 4:50 – 4:55 pm: M, W, F  
Professor David W. Rodick, Ph.D.  

Purpose: To introduce students to biomedical ethics – the philosophical investigation of life, death, and what happens in between.  

Required Texts:  
Case Studies in Biomedical Ethics, eds. Veatch, Haddad, English (Cambridge University Press, 2010).  
Deepak Chopra, M.D., Quantum Healing: Exploring the Frontiers of Mind / Body Medicine (Bantam, 1989).  
Anne Fadiman, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1989).  

Requirements:  
Attendance and Participation (25%)  
In class Mid-Term Exam: Combination of multiple-choice, short-answer and essay questions (25%)  
3 Discussion papers: 3-5 pages each (20%)  
In class Final Exam: Multiple-choice, short-answer and essay questions (30%)  

MTU grading standard will be utilized:  
A: 93-100; AB: 88-93; B: 83-88; BC: 78-83; C: 73-78; CD: 68-73; D: 60-68; F: 0-60.  

Class Schedule / Roadmap*  

Part I  
Jan 10: Course introduction; Review Syllabus.  
Jan 12: Lateral Limits: The Hippocratic Oath and Mary Shelly’s Frankenstein  
Jan 14: Jan 19: The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down  
Jan 21: Spirit Catches You  
Jan 24: Spirit Catches You  
Jan 26: Spirit Catches You  

Part II  
Jan 28: Case Studies: TBD  
Jan 31:  
Feb 2:  
Feb 4:  
Feb 7:
Part III

Mar 28: Pragmatic Bioethics: TBD
Mar 30:
Apr 1:
Apr 4:
Apr 6:
Apr 8:
Apr 11:

Part IV

Apr 13: Quantum Healing: TBD
Apr 15:
Apr 18:
Apr 20:
Apr 22:

*Assignments for Parts II – IV will be communicated prior to the commencement of each section

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Academic Dishonesty (University Policy)
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This policy (stated above) will be followed in this course. At a minimum, graded work that involves plagiarism, cheating, or fabrication (as defined above) will receive a grade of zero, and no opportunity will be afforded to make up the work. Computer software may be used to detect plagiarism.

Disabilities
Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with certain medical and psychological disabilities. You should notify the course instructor at the beginning of the semester if you wish to request such accommodations.

Professional Courtesy

- Make every attempt to arrive on time;
- Notify me in advance if you must leave class early;
- No texting; It indicates that you are not interested or engaged.
- No side conversations. It is annoying to me and to other students. Please direct your comments to the entire class.
- Exhibit behavior appropriate for university-level education.

Please make every attempt to make this class a vital part of your educational experience!