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## INSTITUTE FOR ETHICS

ADVANCING ETHICS, SCHOLARSHIP,  
EDUCATION, AND SERVICE

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### AN INVITATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

We believe that ethical analyses carry greater meaning and wisdom when they derive from rigorous scholarship and are informed by diverse perspectives. We greatly value collaboration, and welcome your interest in our Institute for Ethics.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Institute for Ethics please contact us!

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### OUR GOALS

- To foster professionalism, ethical sensitivity, and skill among faculty, staff, trainees, and students.
- To provide and ethics consultative service, to improve health, health care, and health related research at our institution, within New Mexico, the nation and our global community.
- To create a community of scholars, and learners who are committed to advancing: scholarship, research and service in the field of ethics.
- To contribute to the recognition and understanding of distinct ethical issues for special populations, and to value diversity in people and thinking.
- To build upon existing strengths and efforts to bring greater coherence to collaborative and interdisciplinary ethics scholarship, education and service endeavors at our institution.
- To expand the policy development, advocacy and community outreach capacities of our faculty, staff, trainees, and students to encourage public dialogue on a broad range of ethical issues, including health care disparities.
- To insure that our institution engages in the work of an academic center in a manner that aspires to the highest levels of professionalism and ethical conduct.



ANNE SIMPSON  
MD, CMD

is the Rust Professor and Director of the Institute for Ethics. She is also Associate Professor with the Department of Internal Medicine/Division of Geriatrics at the UNM School of Medicine.

In addition, she is Co-Chair of the Biomedical-Ethics Committee at the University Hospital.



BARBARA L. MATHIS  
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served as legal counsel at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center from 1988 until retirement in 2005. She is the Co-chair of the University Hospitals Biomedical Ethics Committee



DAVID BENNAHUM  
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is the Institute's first Scholar in Residence. He is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Internal Medicine/Division of Geriatrics, and the past Chair of the Biomedical

Ethics Committee. He is also the recipient of the first Biomedical Ethics Founders Award.

## OUR PROGRAMS

### The Biomedical Ethics Committee -

The committee works with patients, their families, and health care providers to deal with complex issues. The committee can be convened by a patient, a family member or a health care provider. The committee takes the approach of ethics facilitation in an effort to educate the involved party members and to promote communication. The education component involves clarification of legal issues and addressing some of the basic principles of ethics. The facilitation process is also a means by which individual values can be elicited and discussed when appropriate. Clarification of the values of participants can be a stepping stone toward building understanding, especially when the involved parties hear the views of each other.

### Medicine, Law & Ethics Forum (ELM) is a

joint venture of the UNMHSC Ethics Committee, and the UNM Student Health Law Association. The forum was developed as a means to educate patients, families, staff, and faculty of the Health Sciences Center. The ELM forums tackle issues

that involve the interrelated complexities of ethics, law, and medicine. The presenters are experts in their fields; the forums are open to community participation, and we encourage participant's suggestions for new ELM topics.

### The Joan Gibson Health Care Ethics

**Certificate Program (HECP)** is a series of didactic sessions that address multiple topics, which fall under the rubric of Health Care Ethics. The program is divided into two Modules; Module I places emphasis on the foundation of Health Care Ethics, and Module II covers more advanced issues. The program is designed for those who are interested in the interdisciplinary study of health care ethics with an emphasis on applied ethics, cultural competency, and legal issues.

### Brown Bag Ethics Journal Club is and

ongoing ethics topic discussion group that any interested student, resident, faculty member or staff person is welcome to join.

- Every first Tuesday of the month from 12pm-1pm at the Institute for Ethics.

*\*Additional information and other programs available on the web*