
CBDSM Lab Meeting Merges with Bioethics Seminar



- Where do you present a trial-run of a conference presentation for colleagues who will give you helpful comments?
- Where do you go if you want to brainstorm a new research idea and find collaborators?
- How do you introduce your research to the community of scholars in CBDSM and the Bioethics Program?

Answer: ***The Joint Bioethics/CBDSM Seminars!***

These seminars are informal, lively forums for research at the intersection of medicine and the social sciences, especially decision making, risk communication, ethics, health education and policy, and behavioral medicine.

- 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of each month, September to June
- 3:30-4:45 pm
- Conference Room 7C09, North Ingalls Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Next Joint Bioethics/CBDSM Seminar: Wednesday, February 3, 3:30 pm. If you'd like to present at a future Seminar, email karis@med.umich.edu or caitweb@med.umich.edu

Post-Doctoral Position Available at CBDSM, 2010-2011

CBDSM is accepting applications for a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow position for the 2010-2011 academic year. We're interested in candidates whose research in health decision making is approached using theories from social cognition, motivation and emotion, risk communication, ethics, and/or economics. The successful candidate will be encouraged to conduct independent research with an emphasis on study inception, manuscript writing, and applying for grants. CBDSM's resources and collaborative support enable Research Fellows to build their own research programs. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and education. All requirements of the PhD degree must be completed before the Post-Doctoral Research Fellow appointment can begin. Candidates are asked to submit a letter of research interests, reprints/preprints, CV, and three letters of recommendation by email. Applications for the academic year 2010-2011 must be submitted by February 1, 2010, to **Angela Fagerlin**, PhD, CBDSM's Director of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programs, fagerlin@med.umich.edu.

Sarah Hawley Promoted

Sarah T. Hawley, PhD, was promoted November 1, 2009, to Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine (Division of General Medicine) at the University of Michigan. Congratulations to our colleague and collaborator!



Lights, Camera, Action!

CBDSM has been collaborating with the University of Michigan's Center for Health Communications Research (CHCR) on an NIH-funded project to produce a video and a companion printed decision aid for men facing a diagnosis of prostate cancer. Here are some candid shots from behind the scenes during the filming, which was led by Michigan Productions, in fall 2009. Photos are all by Ian Tadashi Moore.



Left, the filming crew.

Below, CBDSM's **Katy Downs** marks a take.



Professional actors set the scene.



CBDSM's **Angela Fagerlin** consults with Scott Mann of Michigan Productions and Ed Saunders of CHCR.

New Bioethics Book



In October 2009, Oxford University Press published *Evaluation of Capacity to Consent to Treatment and Research*, by **Scott Kim**, MD, PhD. The book is part of the series Best Practices in Forensic Mental Health Assessment. Dr. Kim is a faculty member in CBDSM, the Bioethics Program, and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan.

Press Coverage for CBDSM Research

CBDSM research continues to come to the attention of the public through media reports. Some recent examples:



CBDSM's **Angela Fagerlin**, PhD, is the lead author on a study showing that women at high risk for breast cancer are unlikely to choose the drug tamoxifen, even if they are well informed about its benefits. This research has been covered extensively, including an interview in the *New York Times*. Additional authors on the article, which appeared in the online journal *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, are **Brian Zikmund-Fisher**, **Dylan Smith**, Vijayan Nair, Holly Derry, Paula Lantz, Daniel Hayes, **Rosemarie Pitsch**, **Aleksandra Jankovic**, and **Peter A. Ubel** from the University of Michigan; Jennifer McClure, Sarah Greene, and Cheryl Wiese from Group Health Center for Health Studies in Seattle; Azadeh Stark, Sharon Hensley Alford, and Sarah Claud Zweig from Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. Reference: DOI 10.1007/s10549-009-0618-4.



Sarah E. Gollust, PhD, published research in the December 2009 *American Journal of Public Health* on the social determinants of public health. She concludes that "Americans' opinions about health policy are polarized on political partisan lines." Dr. Gollust, who is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, completed her PhD at the University of Michigan, where she worked with the other authors of this article, Paula M. Lantz (School of Public Health) and **Peter A. Ubel**, MD (CBDSM). Dr. Ubel discussed this important study on Michigan Radio and commented for the Washington Post and for Scientific Blogging. **You can participate in an interactive Decision of the Month based on this study at www.cbdsml.org/doms**

A study by **Beth Tarini**, MD, has found that more than three-quarters of parents would be willing to permit use of their newborn's blood screening sample for research if their permission were obtained in advance. However, more than half of the parents said they would be "very unwilling" to permit this use of blood samples unless they were given a chance to grant or deny permission. Other authors include Dianne Singer, Sarah J. Clark, Amy Butchart, Aaron Goldenberg, and senior author Matthew M. Davis. *Public Health Genomics*, DOI: 10.1159/000228724. For a discussion, go to <http://www2.med.umich.edu/prmc/media/newsroom/details.cfm?ID=1217>



CBDSM's **Reshma Jagsi**, MD, DPhil, is the lead author on a study published in the December 1, 2009, *Annals of Internal Medicine* showing that women are less likely than men to receive major funding for scientific research. The study also found that only a quarter of all researchers (men and women) who received major early-career awards received further federal funding within five years. Additional authors are Amy Motomura, Kent Griffith, and Soumya Rangarajan.



Ray DeVries, PhD, along with Mark Pearlman and Ann V. Bell, published an op-ed column in the *New York Times* of October 9, 2009. They discuss the delayed diagnosis of breast cancer and how it is the most common and the second most costly medical claim against American doctors, and they advocate for a new medical specialty of "mammology."

Press Coverage, continued



The vast majority of oncologists (84%) say that they consider costs to the patient when recommending cancer treatments. But fewer than half frequently discuss cost issues with their patients. These are some of the results of a national survey conducted by Peter Neuman, ScD (Tufts Medical Center) and CBDSM's **Peter A. Ubel**, MD, funded by the California HealthCare Foundation. Results were published in the January 2010 *Health Affairs*. Ubel comments: "Oncologists understand, from up close, that cancer diagnoses and treatment leave many people bankrupt. They want to do what is medically right for their patients, but they are struggling to figure out what, at the same time, is economically right for them."

Several CBDSM faculty contributed to an article by lead author Monica Morrow, MD, that appeared recently in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The authors investigated the concern that mastectomy is overused in the US. In surveying 1,984 patients, they found that 75% had breast-conserving surgery as their initial surgical therapy. Of these, 38% required additional surgery. Although breast-conserving surgery was recommended by surgeons and attempted in the majority of patients evaluated, the mastectomy rate was affected by surgeon recommendation, patient decision, and failure of breast-conserving surgery. CBDSM authors on this article were **Reshma Jagsi**, MD, DPhil; **Amy K. Alderman**, MD; **Jennifer J. Griggs**, MD, MPH; and **Sarah T. Hawley**, PhD. Other authors included Ann A. Hamilton, John J. Graff, and Steven J. Katz. Read the article at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/content/vol302/issue14/index.dtl>

Award at Italian Association of Psychology



Teresa Gavaruzzi, doctoral fellow at CBDSM in 2008 and 2009, has received the Alberto Mazzocco Award from the University of Padua, Italy. She accepted the honor at the September 2009 meeting of the Italian Association of Psychology (Experimental Section). Prof. Mazzocco, in whose memory this award is presented, was a revered scholar in the field of reasoning and decision making at the University of Padua. While at CBDSM, Gavaruzzi worked with mentor **Angela Fagerlin**, PhD, who directs the Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Program. Photo at left by CBDSM's **Aleksandra Jankovic**.

Congratulations to . . .

Rochelle De Castro, MS, who graduated with her master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in December 2009. Rochelle is a Research Associate for **Reshma Jagsi**, MD, DPhil.

Kathryn Moseley, MD, MPH, who received her master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan in December 2009. She is a faculty member in the Bioethics Program.

Julie Parow and Nate Tobi, Jr, who are engaged and planning an October 2010 wedding in Detroit. Julie is a Research Area Specialist Associate with **Angie Fagerlin**, PhD.

Nicole Exe, MPH, who has taken on the duties of secretary of the Genomics Forum of the American Public Health Association. Nicole is a Research Area Specialist Associate on several projects at CBDSM, working especially with **Brian Zikmund-Fisher**, PhD.

