Greetings from the Co-Directors

Five years? Can it be? Yes, we at CBSSM will be entering our sixth year this July, an ideal time to consider what we have accomplished in our work together. Apart from all the numbers (which we will bore you with in a moment), our greatest success is that we have built a home for investigators across U-M to collaborate on research related to clinical decision making and bioethics.

Those kind of generalizations do not carry much weight with administrators, so for you admin types and you number crunchers, we can provide some hard data. Over the past 5 years:

⇒ CBSSM faculty have had 67 PI or site-PI research grants.
⇒ CBSSM has supported 10-15 research staff every year with more than 90% of their support coming from grant funding.
⇒ CBSSM faculty have published 750 + articles, with more than 60 articles in influential journals such as JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine, NEJM, Cancer, The Lancet, and Pediatrics.

We have done other important, but less quantifiable things, like mentoring medical and undergraduate students, fellows, and junior faculty. We have organized and implemented ethics discussions as part of the medical school curriculum, and sponsored the “Start Seeing Ethics” lunch discussions. CBSSM was also instrumental in establishing the Ethics Path of Excellence.

We have been successful at getting our work disseminated outside of the center. We sponsor the annual Research Colloquium and organize the Ronald C. and Nancy V. Bishop Lecture, bringing in nationally-known speakers in bioethics and decision sciences. This is in addition to our twice-monthly seminar series, current events panels, and co-sponsorship of other campus events, including the monthly Bioethics Grand Rounds.

And we can’t forget the way we at CBSSM serve the medical school and the health system. Our investigators serve on numerous boards and committees. For example, CBSSM faculty members chair the Adult and Pediatric Ethics Committees and an additional 9 CBSSM investigators serve on these committees.

Looking forward to the next five years, CBSSM is well positioned to continue to expand our contribution to education, research, policy & public outreach, and institutional service.
Research Spotlight: Tanner Caverly, MD, MPH

Tanner Caverly, MD, MPH has been a general internist and Health Services Research Fellow at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center and a Clinical Lecturer at the University of Michigan Medical School since July 2013. His research interests involve 1) explaining how interpretation of risk data (by clinicians, patients, clinical practice guideline developers, and health policy-makers) can affect clinical decisions and communication about medical interventions; and 2) designing health system interventions that translate this data in a way that promotes high value and collaborative decision making between patients and providers.

Dr. Caverly is the co-founder of “Do No Harm Project.” The Do No Harm Project is an award-winning program that uses clinical vignettes written by trainees to improve recognition of the harms that can result from medical overuse. The goal of the program is to improve clinicians’ awareness of the harms patients may experience because of overuse, and to share ideas about how the delivery of care may be improved in the future. In 2013, the program was recognized by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation and Costs of Care as a winner of their Teaching Value/Choosing Wisely Competition. It has also inspired the Teachable Moment series in JAMA Internal Medicine. More recently, this program has led to an Evergreen Award from the American College of Physicians. Dr. Caverly presented at an invited workshop on the topic at the Lown Institute Annual Conference in March 2015.

In addition, Dr. Caverly has recently been awarded the 2014 Lee B. Lusted Young Investigator Award for Decision Psychology and Shared Decision Making for the Society for Medical Decision Making Conference paper, “Transparency About Benefits And Harms Is Uncommon In Recommendations On Cancer Screening & Prevention.”

Dr. Caverly is also currently working with the Center for Health Communications Research on a physician point-of-care decision tool for lung cancer screening.

Recent medical decision making related publications & presentations by Dr. Caverly:


The CBSSM Research Colloquium was held Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the Founders Room, Alumni Center, 200 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, MI. The Colloquium featured the Bishop Lecture in Bioethics as the keynote address. Lawrence O. Gostin, J.D., LL.D (Hon.) presented the Bishop Lecture with a talk entitled: "Law, Ethics, and Public Health in the Vaccination Debates: Politics of the Measles Outbreak."

Lawrence Gostin is University Professor, Georgetown University’s highest academic rank conferred by the University President. Prof. Gostin directs the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and is the Founding O’Neill Chair in Global Health Law. He is Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University, Professor of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University, and Director of the Center for Law & the Public’s Health at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities. Prof. Gostin is also the Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law & Human Rights.

Colloquium presenters and their topics were as follows:

- **Aaron Scherer, PhD**, CBSSM Postdoctoral Fellow: "Elephants, Donkeys, and Medicine: Political Differences in Health Risk Perceptions and Adherence to Medical Recommendations"
- **Natalie Bartnik, MPH**, Research Associate, HBHE Genetics Research Group, UM School of Public Health: "Why, how and when oncologists disclose genome sequencing results in clinical practice"
- **Michele Gornick, PhD**, MICHR PTSP Postdoctoral Fellow, VA HSRD Fellow & CBSSM Research Investigator: "Information and deliberation make a difference: The public’s preferences for the return of secondary genomic findings"
- **Stephanie Kukora, MD and Nathan Gollehon, MD**, Fellows, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, UM Mott Children’s Hospital: "Epidemiology of outpatient prenatal consultation: implications for decision-making and perinatal outcomes"
- **Minnie Bluhm, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, Eastern Michigan University: "Oncologists' decisions about administering late chemotherapy: What makes it so difficult?"
- **Danielle Czarnecki, PhD Candidate**, UM Department of Sociology: "Moral Women, Immoral Technologies: How Devout Women Negotiate Maternal Desires, Religion, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies"
- **Uchenna Ezeibe, MD**, Resident Physician, UMHS Department of Pediatrics & Communicable Diseases: "Pediatric Ethics Consultation Service at a Tertiary Hospital: A Retrospective Review"
Twice-monthly seminars are sponsored by CBSSM on a variety of topics. Seminars are generally scheduled on Wednesdays or Thursdays, at 3:00-4:00 pm located in 266C, NCRC Building 16, unless otherwise noted.

Remaining Spring 2015 seminar dates:

April 16  Kevin Volpp, MD, PhD
          UPenn
May 13    Lauren Wancata, MD
May 21    Erica Sutton, PhD
May 27    Janet Childerhose, PhD

See http://cbssm.med.umich.edu/news-events/events/cbssm-seminars for updates. You can be added to the CBSSM seminar list from the CBSSM website home page.

Bioethics Grand Rounds

CBSSM co-sponsored several recent Bioethics Grand Rounds. Bioethics Grand Rounds is a monthly presentation and discussion of medical ethics. The Bioethics Grand Rounds is sponsored by the UMHS Adult and Pediatric Medical Ethics Committee and the Program of Society and Medicine. This educational session is open to all faculty and staff and members of the public.

PIHCD Working Group

The PIHCD Working Group provides a forum for project-focused interdisciplinary collaborations in topics related to bioethics, health communication, decision making and other topics that fit within the 5 domains of CBSSM.

PIHCD meetings provide an opportunity for investigators to receive feedback on research proposals, paper drafts, grant applications, or projects at any stage of development.

PIHCD usually meets on Wednesday or Thursdays at 2 or 3 pm in B004E.

To be added to the PIHCD email list, contact Nicole Exe at nexe@umich.edu OR join the email list through the CBSSM website: http://cbssm.med.umich.edu
**Selected CBSSM Faculty Highlights**

CBSSM welcomes faculty involvement across the University. Faculty affiliated with CBSSM come not only from the Medical School but also from the School of Public Health, the School of Public Policy, the Law School, the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, and the Institute for Social Research.

**Andrew Barnosky** received the Kaiser Permanente Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching. The Kaiser Award is the most prestigious teaching award given by the Medical School.

Beth Tarini’s study of parent attitudes about using newborn screening samples for research was featured on a CBS News report.

**Lewis Morgenstern** received the Clinical and Health Services Research Award, which recognizes a faculty member or group of faculty members who are identified as having made outstanding contributions to the Medical School in clinical or health services research.

**Brian Zikmund-Fisher** served on a National Press Club panel on Vaccinations and Disease Prevention.

**Jeff Kullgren** was quoted for the Money article, “3 Ways to Get Cheaper Health Care in 2015.”

**Michele Gornick** has been promoted to General Medicine Research Investigator. She is also a MICH PTSP Postdoctoral Fellow and VA HSRD Fellow.

**Susan Dorr Goold** was awarded a two-year, $391,000 grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to engage Michigan communities in deliberations about Medicaid priorities. Led by Goold and community partner Zachary Rowe, the project engages communities in a priority setting exercise using the Choosing Health plans All Together (CHAT) exercise.

**Raymond De Vries** was the keynote speaker at The Sixth Annual Terri Murtland Lecture and Scholarship in Midwifery. His talk was entitled, “What is a good birth? How do we know?”

**Reshma Jagsi** was featured in a HuffPost Live video segment, ”Why 1 Out Of 3 Women Are Unemployed After Treating Breast Cancer.”

**Brian Zikmund-Fisher** was featured in the NOVA program “Vaccines - Calling the Shots.”

**Andrew Barnosky** stepped down from his role as Adult Ethics Committee chair, a role for which he has served for the last 16 years. Dr. Barnosky will continue as a member of the committee. **Andrew Shuman** is the new Adult Ethics Committee chair.

**Christian Vercler** discussed the Pediatric Ethics Committee and the work they do on UofMHealth-Blogs.org. Dr. Vercler is the new chair of the Pediatric Ethics Committee.

**Jeff Kullgren’s** study about incentives for a colorectal cancer screening test was featured in the New York Times Well blog.

**Raymond De Vries** was interviewed on Michigan Radio's Stateside program about his recent JAMA Research Letter, “Moral Concerns and the Willingness to Donate to a Research Biobank.”

**Beth Tarini** was senior author on a study, featured on Science Newsline, which found that physicians are reluctant to provide genetics services during routine care.

**Angela Fagerlin** was elected to serve on the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA). The committee is executive arm of the University Senate and of the Senate Assembly.

**Ed Goldman** was awarded the 2015 Carol Hollenshead Award for Excellence in Promoting Equity and Social Change by UM’s Center for the Education of Women.

**Jeff Kullgren** was interviewed for a piece in Money Magazine regarding healthcare benefits decision making. This piece was also featured on the Time Magazine website.

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Selected Faculty Highlights (continued)

Kathryn Moseley served as one of the judges at "The Big Ethical Question Slam 5" hosted by a2ethics.org. In addition, Naomi Laventhal, Michele Gornick, Christian Vercler, Lauren Smith, and Lauren Wancata served as judges at the Michigan Highschool Ethics Bowl 2.

Joel Howell recently co-authored The Detroit News Article, "Stop calling our troops 'boots on the ground."

Lewis Morgenstern received the William Feinberg Award for Excellence in Clinical Stroke for ongoing contributions to clinical science investigation and management of stroke.

Brian Zikmund-Fisher, Nicole Exe, and Holly Witteman’s study “Numeracy and Literacy Independently Predict Patients’ Ability to Identify Out-of-Range Test Results” in the Journal of Medical Internet Research was featured in the Wall Street Journal and other media outlets.

Reshma Jagsi was interviewed by mCancerTalk for the article, “Is your course of radiation treatment longer than it needs to be?” which focuses on two of her radiation treatment studies.

Sarah Hawley was quoted in the article “Breast Cancer Vaccine Shows Promise in Early Trial” on Health.com.

Joel Howell is co-author of “The heartfelt music of Ludwig van Beethoven,” which analyzed Beethoven compositions for clues of a heart condition some have speculated he had. This article was featured in Huffington Post, Michigan Radio and other media outlets.

As part of the UM health-related Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), participants will have an opportunity to design a health insurance program using CHAT (Choosing Health plans All Together) program co-developed by Susan Goold.

Selected Recent CBSSM Faculty Presentations

CBSSM investigators were well represented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) in San Diego, CA, October 16-19, 2014. A few highlights:


CBSSM investigators were also represented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Society of Medical Decision Making (SMDM) in Miami, FL, October 18-22, 2014. A few highlights:


Fagerlin A, Politi M, Frosch D. Introduction to Shared Decision Making and Patient Decision Aids. Short Course.

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Selected 2014-2015 Faculty Publications

Callaghan BC, Burke JF, Feldman EL. How neurologists can choose (even more) wisely: Prioritizing waste reduction targets and identifying gaps in knowledge. JAMA. 2014;311:1607-8.


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Selected 2014-2015 Faculty Publications (cont.)


Selected New Grants in 2014-2015

Barnes G and James Froehlich (Co-PIs). Development of a Shared Decision Making Tool for Atrial Fibrillation Anticoagulation. Sponsor: Bristol Meyers Squibb/Pfizer

Goold S (PI), Kim HM (Co-I). Engaging Michigan Communities in Deliberations about Medicaid Priorities. Sponsor: AHRQ


Gornick M (PI). Developing novel methods for communicating genomic test results into precision medicine practice. Sponsor: MICHR


Roberts S (PI). Alzheimer’s Prevention Initiative APOE4 Trial. Sponsor: Banner Health (Direct); NIH (Prime)


Tarini B (PI): Improving the Efficiency of Newborn Screening from Collection to Test Results. Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**CBSSM People**

**New Faces at CBSSM**

**Erin Sears** joined CBSSM in November 2014. Her work at the Center includes assisting Dr. Susan Goold on several grant funded research projects related to Medicaid expansion and community-based research around health and health research priorities.

She received her Master’s in Public Health from the Colorado School of Public Health and has a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Psychology, with a minor in Health and Nutrition from Northern Michigan University.

**Cengiz Salman** joined the CBSSM in November 2014. He received his MA in Social Science from the University of Chicago and his BA in anthropology from Michigan State University. Prior to completing his MA, Cengiz researched political movements in Turkey with the assistance of a Fulbright IIE award. Cengiz will be providing research support to Dr. Susan Goold on a grant-funded study of Medicaid expansion. Cengiz enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading about philosophy and contemporary politics, and traveling.

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**Staff & Postdoc News**

**Valerie Kahn** and **Knoll Larkin** were each awarded the “First Annual Department of Internal Medicine Staff Award for Excellence.” Congratulations!

**Knoll Larkin** has accepted a new research position with Wayne State University Department of Oncology and Karmanos Cancer Institute Population Studies and Disparities Research Program. We wish Knoll best of luck in his new endeavors!

**Megan Knaus** has been promoted to Research Area Specialist Intermediate. Congratulations!

**Jackie Miller** is undertaking a part-time internship in hospital chaplaincy through the Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

**Janet Childerhose** has accepted a Hecht-Levi Fellowship at the Berman Institute of Bioethics, in the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. Congratulations!

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**Baby News**

Congratulations to **Naomi Laventhal** and her husband, Jason Whipple, on the birth of their son, Charles, on March 16, 2015.

**Raymond De Vries** has a new baby grandson, Oliver John Ridgway, born November 5, 2014 at home in Vermont. Congratulations!
Selected Recent CBSSM Faculty Presentations (Cont.)


Other Presentation Highlights:

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Student Staff at CBSSM

Amal Alsamawi is a second-year graduate student at the SPH. She is currently working with Janet Childerhose on her pediatric bariatric surgery research project.

Lauren La Barge is a second-year graduate student studying Health Informatics. She will be moving to Boston in June to work in clinical quality improvement, and can’t wait to check out Boston’s excellent sports, restaurants and historical places.

Tanvi Mehta is a second-year MHSA student at the SPH. She is currently working with Janet Childerhose on her pediatric bariatric surgery research project.

Pranavi Midathada (Navi) is a senior at U of M, majoring in International Studies with a Biological Anthropology minor. In her free time, she enjoys drawing and playing the ukulele.

Tolulope Olorode is a MSW/MUP (Master of Urban Planning) dual degree student at U of M. She is from Chicago and enjoys photography. She is working on the PCORI and DECIDERS studies.

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