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Events-Événements

Montreal Neuroethics Conference for Young Researchers/ La Conférence de Montréal en neuroéthique pour jeunes chercheurs

April 17th, 2015/17 Avril, 2015

Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM)

110 avenue des Pins Ouest, Montréal, Quebec

Don't forget to register for the Montreal Neuroethics Conference for Young Researchers 2015!

We are pleased to announce that **REGISTRATION IS FREE** and that lunch will be provided for all attendees.

The Montreal Neuroethics Conference for Young Researchers, is a one day international conference aimed at displaying the work of young researchers and encouraging networking and collaboration between individuals who are interested in this exciting field. In addition to participants from around the world, our conference includes panel discussions from leading researchers in the field who have been recognized internationally for their contributions to neuroethics.

N'oubliez pas de vous inscrire à la Conférence pour jeunes chercheurs en neuroéthique de Montréal 2015!

Nous sommes fiers de vous annoncer que **L'INSCRIPTION EST SANS FRAIS**, et le repas du midi est inclus pour tous les participants.

La Conférence de Montréal en neuroéthique pour jeunes chercheurs est une conférence internationale d'une journée visant à afficher le travail de jeunes chercheurs dans le domaine, tout en encourageant le réseautage et la collaboration entre étudiants, chercheurs de renom et toutes personnes intéressées par la neuroéthique. En plus d'y rencontrer des participants de partout dans le monde, vous y verrez d'éminents chercheurs, reconnus mondialement pour leurs contributions à la neuroéthique, se joindre aux tables rondes.

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Profile/Profil

Veljko Dubljevic, PhD, DPhil

Veljko Dubljevic is a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow in the Neuroethics Research Unit at IRCM and McGill University in Montreal. He obtained a PhD in political science (University of Belgrade), and after studying bioethics, philosophy and neuroscience (University of Tuebingen), he obtained a doctorate in neurophilosophy (University of Stuttgart). His primary research focuses on ethics of neuroscience and technology, and neuroscience of ethics. He has over 30 publications in moral, legal and political philosophy and in neuroethics. He is also engaged in the activities of the International Neuroethics Society and serves as a member of its Communications Committee.

Statement on neuroethics :

“My work strives to champion the political perspective in Neuroethics. This perspective has four important roles:

- 1: The first role could be defined as clarifying and resolving conflicts caused by advances in neuroscientific and neurotechnological interventions in the human brain and society.
- 2: Second, neuroethics defines the scope of impact the “neurorevolution” has had on culture and civilization. Neuroethics needs to provide an assessment of neuroscientific findings, and analyze whether they could result in changed social practices or novel technologies.
- 3: The third task of neuroethics is twofold. It is reconciling citizens with the reasonable neuroscientific interventions that actually empower, and increase their liberty in both self-expression (culture) and their day-to-day lives (civilization). It is also guarding the citizens from unreasonable neuroscientific interventions that could endanger their rights and liberties.
- 4: Neuroethics should foster “realistic utopian” thinking: identifying concrete changes in laws, regulations and policies that could lead to improved society and social relations.”

Representative publications:

- Dubljević, V. (2015): Neurostimulation devices for cognitive enhancement: Toward a comprehensive regulatory framework, *Neuroethics*, DOI 10.1007/s12152-014-9225-0
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Announcements-Annonces

Brainstorm Events and Announcement Submissions

If you would like to announce an event or share a piece of news in an upcoming edition of Brainstorm, please send a text of no more than 200 words and a link to further information (if applicable) OR a poster (in .pdf format and of high quality) to Neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca (subject line: Brainstorm Events and Announcements). Submissions in both English and French are welcome!

Si vous souhaitez annoncer un événement ou partager une nouvelle dans une prochaine édition de Brainstorm, soumettez s'il vous plaît un bref texte d'au plus 200 mots ainsi qu'un lien fournissant plus d'informations (le cas échéant) OU une affiche (en format .pdf et de haute qualité) à neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca (ligne d'objet: Brainstorm Événements et annonces). Les soumissions en anglais et en français sont les bienvenues!

Call for Papers: Who Feels What? Neuroethics among Brain, Mind, and Consciousness: Meetings on Neuroscience and Society, VII Edition – May 13-15, 2015

Submission Deadline: April 9, 2015

[Link.](#)

Call for Posters: Who Feels What? Neuroethics among Brain, Mind, and Consciousness Meetings on Neuroscience and Society, VII Edit 13-15, 2015

Submission Deadline: April 9, 2015

[Link.](#)

Call for Abstracts: 2015 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, October 15-16, Chicago, IL, USA

Present your research to colleagues from around the world at the 2015 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting in Chicago on October 15-16. We welcome abstracts reporting recent results in the field of neuroethics and related topics. Investigators at any career stage are encouraged to submit abstracts. Selections will be made based on content, available space, and overall program balance. Accepted abstracts are invited to present a poster during the meeting.

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m. US Eastern Time

Submission Process: To submit an abstract, complete the online [abstract author form](#) and email the full abstract with all required information to administrator@neuroethicssociety.org.

Call for Abstracts: International Association for Education in Ethics (IAEE) Annual Conference – September 22, 2015

Conference Theme: Ethics Education in Times of Inequities

Submission deadline: May 31, 2015

[Link.](#)

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Call for Postgraduate Submissions: University College Dublin (UCD) Graduate Workshop – Gender Equality in the Academy: Gender Across Disciplines, May 29th, 2015
Submission Deadline: April 10th, 2015

This workshop will invite speakers to present challenges to the status quo and seek supports and contributions from academics in other disciplines to help spread and share ideas of how things could be done differently. As this event is a workshop we will seek to engage in and encourage significant discussion within the confines of the 1-day timescale.

Based on the nature of this workshop, to challenge the status quo on areas such as methodology, we will not prescribe a format for submissions. Therefore short submissions are welcome of any kind from postgraduate students (written, visual, presentation, video, aural, etc.) who wish to contribute to and participate in this event. Please contact maeve.kelly@ucdconnect.ie for more information.

[Link.](#)

Call for Contributions: Who Owns the Arts and Sciences? June 22-23, 2015, University of Exeter

Submission Deadline: April 20th, 2015

[Link.](#)

Call for Abstracts: International Retreat: Moral Frontiers in Regenerative Medicine – Human Embryonic Stem Cells for Innovative Therapies, 15-20 October, 2015

Submission Deadline: April 30th, 2015

[Link.](#)

Job: A PhD scholarship in neuroethics/bioethics/applied ethics, University of Tasmania
It is a 3 year position (remuneration of approximately \$25'000 aus per annum (non-taxable)). The position is linked to an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Award received by Frederic Gilbert (2015-2018) entitled "Invasive Synthetic Biomedical Brain Devices: Ethical and Policy Implications". Broadly construct, the purpose of this project is to explore novel ethical issues raised by the use of new invasive biomedical brain technologies such as predictive brain devices, 3D printed biomaterials, induced pluripotent stem cells, and drug delivery systems.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree with first or second class honours; Masters or equivalent in a discipline closely related to Neuroethics/Bioethics/Applied Ethics.

Starting Date: (Negotiable) May 1st, 2015 would be appropriat. A later date may be considered, depending on the availability of the candidate.

How to Apply: Applications must be sent by e-mail to Frederic Gilbert (fgilbert@utas.edu.au). They should include a CV, a list of publications or a writing sample, a brief statement highlighting how you are a suitable applicant for this scholarship and the name of two persons who can act as referees if contacted.

Call for Applicants: Post Doctoral Fellow

DIVISION OF NEUROLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Location: National Core for Neuroethics, Division of Neurology,
Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia

Project: Postdoctoral position *available immediately* for one or two outstanding Fellows to contribute to the development of innovative research and translational activities at the National Core for Neuroethics in beautiful Vancouver, Canada. The focus of this position is on traumatic brain injury, disorders of consciousness including concussion, neurotechnology, and ethics. The individual will:

- conceptualize new studies, and develop and carry out independent research
- lead the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data
- participate in grant writing and the pursuit of research funding
- write manuscripts
- present at national and international meetings
- participate in other scholarly, educational, and outreach activities related to neurotechnology, brain injury, and neuroethics.

Eligibility: Interested individuals with a recent Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D., a strong publication record, and excellent academic credentials are encouraged to apply. A background in neuroscience, biomedical ethics, or another field related to Neuroethics is required.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply. However, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Duration: 1 years, renewable

Salary: \$50,000-\$55,000 commensurate with experience

Deadline: March 31, 2015

Contact: Please submit a cover letter with a statement of your research interests and career goals, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees willing to provide letters of reference by March 31, 2015. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until the position is filled. All information should be sent electronically to Dr. Judy Illes, Professor and Director, National Core for Neuroethics at: jilles@mail.ubc.ca.

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Events- Événements



The 18th Annual
Sandra Goldberg Lecture

**The Council on
Palliative Care**



La 18^e conférence
annuelle Sandra Goldberg

**Le Conseil des
soins palliatifs**

Presents a free public lecture in its series / présente une conférence gratuite dans le cadre de sa série
'Lessons in Living from the Dying'

Public Choices, Private Lives: An End-of-Life Conversation
Choix publics, vies privées: Une discussion sur la fin de la vie

Harvey Schipper,
B.Asc., M.D., FRCP(C)

Oncologist and professor of medicine at the
University of Toronto

Oncologue et professeur de médecine à
l'Université de Toronto



Véronique Hivon,
BCL, LL. B, M. Sc.

MNA for Joliette et Former Minister for Social Services
(Bill 52 - Act Respecting End-of-Life Care)

Députée de Joliette et ancienne ministre déléguée aux
Services sociaux (projet de loi no 52 - Loi concernant
les soins de fin de vie)

Moderated by / Modérateur: Daniel Jutras, LL.B, BCL

Dean, Faculty of Law, McGill University / Doyen, de la Faculté de droit, de l'Université McGill

Tuesday,

May 5, 2015, 6:00 pm

**Leacock Bldg., Room 132
McGill University Campus**
(enter through Sherbrooke Street gates)



*The conference will be in English and French
Simultaneous translation will be available*

Mardi

5 mai 2015 à 18h

**Pavillon Leacock, salle 132
Campus de l'Université McGill**
(entrée sur la rue Sherbrooke)



*La conférence sera donnée en français et en anglais
Traduction simultanée disponible*

Light refreshments and Networking to follow / Rafrachissements et réseautage par la suite

Live streaming and archival recording of
this lecture will be available on our website at:

www.mcgill.ca/council-on-palliative-care
information: fmpa202@aol.com

Cette conférence sera diffusée en direct
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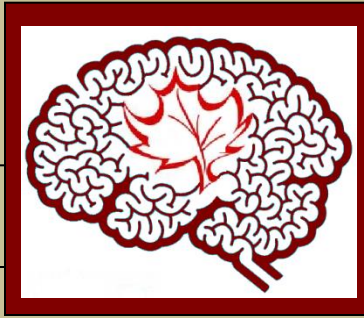
Cette conférence est parrainée par la famille Goldberg,
le Comité des conférences commémoratives Beatty de l'Université McGill,
le département d'oncologie de l'Université McGill,
la Faculté de médecine de l'Université McGill,
la Résidence de soins palliatifs de l'Ouest de l'île
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Brainstorm Literature update

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Literature-Littérature



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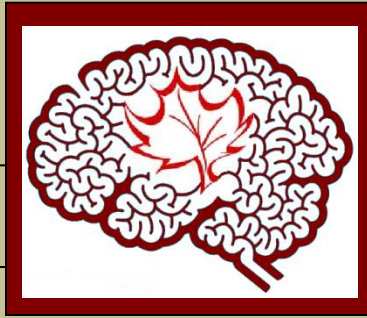
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University of British Columbia, National Core for Neuroethics
www.neuroethicscanada.ca

Neuroethics at the University of Pennsylvania
<http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/>

International Neuroethics Society
<http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/>

Neuroethics Research Unit / L'Unité de recherche en neuroéthique
www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en

Journal of Ethics in Mental Health
www.jemh.ca

Novel Techethics
www.noveltechethics.ca

Neuroethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics
<http://neuroethics.stanford.edu/>

Berman Institute of Bioethics' Program in Ethics and Brain Sciences
www.bioethicsinstitute.org/neuroethics

Centre interfacultaire en bioéthique et sciences humaines en médecine
<http://www.unige.ch/medecine/ib/accueil.html>

The Neuroethics Blog
www.theneuroethicsblog.com

Emory Program in Neuroethics
ethics.emory.edu/neuroethics

American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience
www.ajobneuroscience.com

Neuroethics Women (NEW) Leaders
<http://neuroethicswomenleaders.com/>

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Contributions

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