

**Weill Cornell Medical College
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ETHICS
Seminar Series 2009 – 2010**



Presents

***Ethics, Technology, and Dignity:
An Introduction to Twentieth Century Philosophers***

A seminar series designed for general informed readers whose interests are primarily in bioethics, clinical practice, public health, and law. No prior background in philosophy is required or assumed.

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October 29, 2009 *

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976)

On the Essence of Technology: Human Orientation to Technology I

February 4, 2010

John Dewey (1859-1952)

A New Approach to Practicing Philosophy

November 12, 2009

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976)

On the Essence of Technology: Human Orientation to Technology II

April 8, 2010

Alasdair MacIntyre (1929-)

Reconstructing Virtues for a New Era

December 10, 2009

Jose Ortega y Gasset (1883-1955)

Technology as Second Nature: Transforming Ourselves

June 17, 2010

Richard Rorty (1831-2007)

On the Primacy of Democratic Values: Can We Give Up the Search for Final Answers?

January 14, 2010

Hans Jonas (1903-1933)

Modern Technology: Changing the Nature of Human Action and Broadening the Scope of Responsibility

* = A full syllabus will be distributed at the first session on October 29. To prepare for the first and second sessions, please read Heidegger's *The Question Concerning Technology*, which can be found online at: <http://www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/PHL/Class/P.Internet/PTtexts/QCT.html> (NOTE: Reading is not required for attendance.)

Sessions are held once per month on Thursdays, 4 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. in the Department of Public Health's Conference Center B, 402 East 67 Street, Level C1 ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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A CME ACTIVITY:

Statement of Need: Physicians, practitioners, medical educators and public health specialists should be updated on ethical issues related to medical practice, public health, health policy, and medical education.

Target Audience: Physicians, researchers, fellows and residents, nurses and other allied health professionals who specialize in medical education, medical ethics, clinical research, local and global public health, and health care policy

Course Objectives: WCME CME Activities are intended to lead to improve patient care and safety. By the end of this series, in light of basic themes in 20th century philosophy, participants will be able to: Discuss and evaluate the impact of modern technology on human life, both collectively and individually. Summarize some of the problems in establishing a philosophical basis for normative ethics and the implications for bioethics. Evaluate the possibility of reframing traditional philosophical "quests" for ultimate truths into viable practical and responsible strategies for ethical decision making

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