

Division of Medical Ethics
Seminar Series
2008-2009
Weill Cornell Medical College
Department of Public Health & Department of Medicine

Science, Ethics and Society:
Celebrating the Legacy of C.P. Snow's The Two Cultures, 50 Years Later*

September 4, 2008

The Two Cultures: An Introduction
Inmaculada de Melo-Martin, PhD, MS
Associate Professor of Public Health
Weill Cornell Medical College

October 2, 2008

CP Snow in America: A Second Look
Joseph J. Fins, MD
Professor of Medicine, Public Health and Medicine in
Psychiatry, and Chief, Division of Medical Ethics
Weill Cornell Medical College

November 6, 2008

Law Between the Cultures
Stephen R. Latham, JD, PhD
Deputy Director, Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics
Yale University

December 11, 2008

*Ethics: Can We Smuggle Them into
Science and Technology?*
Rodney W. Nichols
Past President, New York Academy of Sciences

January 15, 2009

Health Policy and the Two Cultures
The Honorable Richard N. Gottfried, JD
Chair, Committee on Health
New York State Assembly

February 5, 2009

*Two Forms of Blindness:
On the need for both cultures*
Philip S. Kitcher, PhD
John Dewey Professor of Philosophy
Columbia University

March 19, 2009*

*Bridging the Two Cultures Divide
in Medicine and the Academy*
David J. Skorton, M.D.
Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics
Weill Cornell Medical College
President, Cornell University
***(3:30-5PM, Room A-126)**

April 16, 2009

Medicine and the Media
Lawrence K. Altman, MD
Senior Medical Correspondent &
Doctor's World Columnist
The New York Times

May 7, 2009

*It's Good to be Good: The Convergence Model
of Science, Religion, Ethics, and Health"*
Stephen G. Post, PhD
Director, Center for Medical Humanities,
Compassionate Care and Bioethics, Stony Brook

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:30PM in the Department of Public Health Conference Room (411 East 69th Street, 3rd floor).

*C.P. Snow was a British novelist and physicist who wrote about the divide that separates the sciences and humanities, labeling them as two distinct cultures. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this seminal publication and its relevance to bioethics and its particular disciplines, we will consider the relevance of the two culture divide to medicine, the history of science, philosophy, theology, the media, public policy and the law. **All are invited to attend.**

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