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7th JEMH Conference on Ethics in Mental Health

Hosted by the “**Journal of Ethics in Mental Health**” (www.jemh.ca)
in association with McMaster University (Hamilton) and
The Scattergood Program for the Applied Ethics of Behavioural Health,
University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

Dates: June 11,12,13 2015

Days: Thursday (all day), Friday (all day), Saturday (morning)

Keynote Speakers: Art Caplan PhD & Jonathan D. Moreno PhD

Theme: “*Singing in Three Part Harmony: Philosophy, Psychiatry, and the Legal System*”

City: Cobourg, Ontario, Canada
(one hour east of Toronto, half hour south of Peterborough, on the main Via Rail line)

Location: Victoria Hall, 55 King Street West, Cobourg, Ontario



Cool Event: *Cobourg Busker & Street Festival all day and evening on Saturday*

Accommodations for all budgets: hotels, B&B's, lakeside resorts,
downtown campground on the beach Go to: www.cobourgtourism.ca

Continuing Medical Education: Royal College MOCOMP accreditation in process

Registration Cost:

Individual: **\$225** Groups of 4 or more: **\$195 each** Full-time Student: **\$95**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Art Caplan PhD is the Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and the founding director of the Division of Medical Ethics in NYU Langone Medical Center's Department of Population Health. He holds seven honorary degrees from colleges and medical schools.

Prior to coming to NYU Langone, he was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. Dr. Caplan also taught at the University of Minnesota (where he founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics), the University of Pittsburgh, and Columbia University. He was the Associate Director of the Hastings Center from 1984-1987.

Dr. Caplan has served on a number of national and international committees. He is the recipient of many awards and honors, and is the author or editor of 32 books and over 600 papers in peer reviewed journals. His most recent books are *Contemporary Debates in Bioethics* (Wiley 2013) and *Ethics in Mental Healthcare: A Reader* (MIT Press, 2013).

Jonathan D. Moreno PhD is a Penn Integrates Knowledge university professor at the University Pennsylvania, where he is also Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, of History and Sociology of Science, and of Philosophy.

His book most recent book, released in October 2014, is *Impromptu Man: J.L. Moreno and the Origins of Psychodrama, Encounter Culture, and the Social Network*.

He has published 21 books and more than 500 papers, book chapters, reviews and op eds. He is a frequent contributor to the Huffington Post, Psychology Today, and other major media. *The American Journal of Bioethics* has called him "the most interesting bioethicist of our time."

SCHEDULE

Thursday

10:00-10:45 Registration in the Citizen's Forum Room of Victoria Hall

10:45-11:00 Welcome & Introduction (Concert Hall)
John Maher MD FRCPC
Editor-in-Chief, JEMH

11:00-12:00 **“The Historical Possibility of ‘Recovery’”**



Louis Charland PhD
Professor, Depts. of Philosophy and Psychiatry,
University of Western Ontario, London ON

12:00-1:00 Lunch provided

1:00-2:00 **“Emotivism and the Danger of Words and Stories”**



Murray Littlejohn
Dept. of Philosophy,
University of New Brunswick, Saint John NB,
& Boston College, Boston MA

2:00-3:00 **“Autism and Downs Syndrome: Funding Priorities?”**



Tim Krahn MA
NovelTech Ethics,
Dalhousie University, Halifax NS

3:00-3:30 Nutrition & Chat Break

3:30-4:30 **"The Ethics of Helping People - with a Tip of the Hat to B. F. Skinner"**



Marna S. Barrett PhD
Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology,
Psychiatry Mood & Anxiety Disorders Treatment Research Program,
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

4:30-6:00 Supper on your own in downtown Cobourg (leave room for dessert)

Keynote Speaker

6:00-7:30 **"Tick Tick Tick - the Ethical Challenges of Prenatal Genetic Testing for Mental Disorders"**



Art Caplan PhD
Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor of Bioethics; Director,
Division of Medical Ethics,
Department of Population Health (Med Ethics),
New York University, New York NY

7:30-9:30 **ETHICS IMPROV**

Two teams, hot topics, debate rife with ad hominem attacks...

- 1) Assisted suicide for severe mental illness is good
- 2) Persons with Borderline Personality Disorder who commit crimes should be found Not Criminally Responsible
- 3) Hearing voices has been wrongly pathologized
- 4) If we had a happy pill it should be banned
- 5) A basic income allowance for everyone is the best mental health measure possible
- 6) We should erase all memories of traumatic events
- 7) Every school age child should be taught CBT skills
- 8) Topics from the audience...

9:30-10:30 Desserts & live music with Mike Graham



Friday

8:15-9:00 Breakfast provided (Citizen's Forum Room)

9:00-11:00 **"Mental Health and Federal Corrections"**



Ivan Zinger JD PhD
Executive Director and General Counsel
Office of the Correctional Investigator, Ottawa ON

11:00-11:30 Nutrition and Chat Break

11:30-12:30 **"What's Good about Defiance? Interpreting Aggressive and Defiant Behavior in Children"**



Nancy Nyquist Potter PhD
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Louisville, Louisville KY

12:30-1:30 Lunch provided

1:30-2:30 **"Giving Asylum: The Ethics of Long-term Care for Patients with Serious, Refractory Mental Illness"**



Dominic Sisti PhD
Director, Scattergood Ethics Program,
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

2:30-3:30 **"Moral Distress, Compassion Fatigue, and the Wellbeing of Health Professionals"**



Wendy Austin PhD RN
Professor Emeritus
Faculty of Nursing & The Dossetor Health Ethics Centre
University of Alberta, Edmonton AB

3:30-3:45 Nutrition Break

Keynote Speaker

3:45-5:15 **"Impromptu Man"**



Jonathan Moreno PhD
Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, of History and Sociology of Science, and of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

5:15-7:00 Supper on your own in downtown Cobourg

PARA-DOCS

7:00-8:30 **"Viktor and I"**



A documentary about Viktor Frankl made by his grandson. Discussion to follow...

8:30-10:00 **“Just Keep Beathing”**
A documentary about moral distress. Discussion to follow...

Saturday

8:15-9:00 Breakfast provided (Citizen’s Forum Room)

Keynote Speaker

9:00-10:15 **“Mind Wars”**



Jonathan Moreno PhD
Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, of History and Sociology of Science, and of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

10:15-10:30 Nutrition and Chat Break

10:30-11:30 **“Psychologists, the Psychological Test Industry, and Ethics: The Case of Emotional Intelligence”**



James Parker PhD
Professor, Department of Psychology,
Canada Research Chair in Emotion and Health,
Trent University, Peterborough ON

11:30-12:30 **“Drug Treatment and Mental Health Courts”**



The Honourable Justice Esther Rosenberg
Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, Ontario

12:30 End of the conference. Off to the Busker Festival!

EDUCATION CREDITS

McMaster University, Continuing Health Sciences Education Program is designated as an Accredited Provider by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. An application is being made to have this educational event approved as an Accredited Group Learning Activity under Section I of the Framework of CPD options for the Maintenance of Certification Program of the RCPSC. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

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PROCEEDS

All proceeds from this conference will be used to fund the operations of the international, peer reviewed, and web-based "*Journal of Ethics in Mental Health*". This journal is available free of charge worldwide and does not accept or rely upon any corporate advertising. Its continued operation is dependent upon conference revenues, educational grants, and private donations. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you in Cobourg.

REGISTRATION COST

Individual:	\$ 225
Groups of 4 or more:	\$ 195 each
Full-time Student:	\$ 95

Amounts are in Canadian dollars.

Includes some meals.

Excludes accommodation costs.

Cost is for all three days. (No 'per day' rate is available).

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A processing fee of \$50 will be retained on any cancellations. Deadline for cancellation is May 15, 2015. No refunds will be provided after this date.

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