

CCNELSI

Capital Consortium for Neuroscience: Ethical, Legal and Social Issues

Aims

The Capital Consortium for Neuroscience: Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues (CCNELSI) brings together faculty and students from academic and research institutions, as well as interested individuals from the general public and media within the greater Washington Metropolitan Area. CCNELSI presents, discusses and examines new and novel developments in neuroscience, as they pertain to the philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, and neuroethical issues in research, medicine and the social sphere. These topics are often controversial and provocative, and give rise to vibrant discussion, thereby stimulating the exchange of ideas and perspectives while deepening insight and forging dialectic.

CCNELSI aims to review, assess, and scrutinize progress in neuroscience, neurotechnology and the ethical, legal and social issues generated from these fields. Lectures explore the utopian and dystopian possibilities of neuroscience and their effects upon the status quo of existing paradigms and social thought, defining the potential, questions, boundaries and limitations of neuroscientific and neurotechnological inquiry and use.

Format: A Forum and Nexus

The monthly discussions at CCNELSI bring guest lecturers from the international academic and policy communities together with faculty and student scholars from the greater metropolitan D.C. area. As well, CCNELSI is a forum for local scholars to present and discuss their work and its implications, and in this way is a nexus to the neuroethics community, at-large.

Toward this end, the active participation of local area academicians and researchers is encouraged, allowing CCNELSI to be a platform for their interests and ideas to be expressed and discussed.

Lectures are held at multiple sites, including:

**Georgetown University Medical Center
Warwick-Evans Room
Building D, 4000 Reservoir Rd.
Washington, DC**

Neuroethics

1. Studies of the neural basis of moral thought, intention and behavior.
2. Inquiry and investigation into the moral, ethical and policy-related issues arising in, and from neuroscientific research and its various applications.

The reciprocity of these definitions and tasks undergirds the mission of CCNELSI.

Administration and Support

CCNELSI is an initiative of Neurobioethics.org, and supported in part by: Neuroethics Studies Program in the Center for Clinical Bioethics and the William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer Endowment.



Participating institutions

Georgetown University, George Washington University, Gallaudet University, George Mason University.



The program is coordinated by Guillermo Palchik, Ph.D(c), of the Interdisciplinary Program in Neurosciences, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Admission is free of charge



CCNELSI

was developed and is supervised by James Giordano, PhD, Chief of the Neuroethics Studies Program in the Center for Clinical Bioethics, and Professor on the faculty in the Division of Integrative Physiology, Department of Biochemistry, and Graduate Liberal Studies Program at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA. He is Gryphon Fellow in Neurosciences and Ethics at the Human Science Center of Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, and was 2011-2012 JW Fulbright Foundation Professor of Neuroscience, Neurotechnology, and Ethics on the medical faculty of Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany. As well, Dr. Giordano is 2012-2014 William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer Distinguished Visiting Professor of Neuroethics at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, and is a Senior Fellow of the Board of Regents of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, VA, USA.

Previous Lectures

Neuroscience Insights Applied to Morals, Values, and Political Ideologies
Prof. Gregory S. Berns, MD, PhD
Vanderbilt University, Memphis, TN

The Cyborg: A Core Concept for Answers and Questions of Neurotechnology
Prof. Paolo Benanti, PhD
Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome, Italy

Redux or Remix: Cultural integrity in the Era of Neuroethics.
Technology and Globalization
Vivian Ota Wang, PhD
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

The Neurobiology of Free Will: How I Learned to Love Determinism and Still Respect Myself in the Morning
LTC William Casebeer, PhD, USAF

The Cave that DSM Built? What Addicts and The School of Athens May Have to Teach Us about the Future of Psychiatry
Prof. Daniel Hall-Flavin, MD
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Medical Ethics in an Era of Bioethics
Prof. Edmund Pellegrino, MD
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Neurotechnology- Tool or Folly for a New Psychiatry?
Prof. Vito A. Amodio, MD, PhD
University of Torino
Torino, Italy

A Decade of the Mind and Neuroethics: Initiatives in Alignment
Prof. James Olds, PhD
Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Neurotechnology: Therapeutic Tool, Not a Toy
Don DuRousseau
Human Bionics LLC, Reston, VA

A "Genetic Predisposition" to Violence?: The Dangers of Misconstruing the Gene-Brain-Behavior Relationship
Prof. James Tabery, PhD
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Previous Panels

- Neuroscience and Pragmatism: Productive Prospects
- National NELSI-3 Meeting: Neuroethical, Legal and Social Issues in Uses of Neuroscience in National Security and Defense
- Neuroscience and Non-Speciesist Neuroethics: Implications for Animal Welfare and the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Use and Misuse of Neurology and Psychiatry: Lessons Learned from the Holocaust

*For a complete list of lectures please visit www.ccnel.si.org
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