HARD SCIENCE, HARD CHOICES—Facts, Ethics, & Policies Guiding Brain Science Today

A discussion between Michael S. Gazzaniga and Hank Greely, moderated by William Safire.

Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 PM
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What can new brain technologies do? Do they offer a reliable new way to tell truth from lies? If technology gives us the ability to read human emotions or thoughts, should we do so? What is the ethical course when we have the means to predict mental or behavioral problems that have no cure? Is it right to use technology, or genes, or drugs to lift mood, suppress pain, boost intelligence? What divides "cosmetic" from therapeutic in the use of mood and brain enhancing drugs?

William Safire, New York Times language columnist and chairman of the Dana Foundation, will moderate a discussion between Michael S. Gazzaniga, Director of the Center for Neuroscience at Dartmouth College and author of the Ethical Brain (Dana Press 2005), and Stanford law professor Hank Greely, who has written extensively on bioethical issues and the law. Gazzaniga will outline the current state of neuroscience and point out ethical questions raised by the spate of new advances and technologies in this field. Greely will focus on legal and policy issues associated with increased understanding of the human brain.

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