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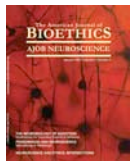
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## Announcements



**The Neuroethics Society** is now accepting applications for membership. Please visit <http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/> for more information. Membership is currently over 160.



**The first issue of AJOB Neuroscience** (V.7.1) is out! To contribute to future issues or for more information please contact, Judy Illes, Editor – [illes@stanford.edu](mailto:illes@stanford.edu) or visit <http://editorial.bioethics.net>.

The **Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience** invites submissions of an empirical or analytic nature addressing key issues in neuroethics. Please address inquiries to [mfarah@psych.upenn.edu](mailto:mfarah@psych.upenn.edu)

An upcoming issue of the **Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences** will focus on cognitive neuroscience and how it might lead to a better understanding of organizations and business relationships. The submission deadline is May 30, 2007. For more information, please contact Carl Senior at [c.senior@aston.ac.uk](mailto:c.senior@aston.ac.uk).

The **Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation** has announced the availability of research funds for projects aimed at investigating communication difficulties, capacities, and options for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Letters of intent are due March 15, 2007. For more information, visit [www.nlmfoundation.org](http://www.nlmfoundation.org).

The **Biomedical Ethics Unit, McGill University** is looking to fill a Postdoctoral Research Fellow position in Neuroethics. This position is 1-year renewable, within a five-year CIHR-funded New Emerging Team grant "States of Mind: Emerging Issues in Neuroethics". For more information on the position and to apply, please contact Jonathan Kimmelman at [jonathan.kimmelman@mcgill.ca](mailto:jonathan.kimmelman@mcgill.ca)

### Special Announcement

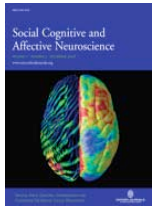
**Congratulations to William Safire for his receipt of the Presidential Medal of Freedom!**



The Stanford Neuroethics Newsletter seeks to disseminate the most up-to-date information relating to neuroethics worldwide. We welcome your announcements including relevant news papers, books, talks, awards and conferences. The deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is

Monday, March 12, 2007. Please email [vchin1@stanford.edu](mailto:vchin1@stanford.edu)

Back copies of the newsletter can be found on our website: <http://neuroethics.stanford.edu>.



Venue for the OIST  
Workshop on Cognitive  
Neurobiology  
March 11 - 15

**The Cleveland Clinic's Department of Bioethics** is calling for papers for a special issue of HEC forum on the topic of "Ethics Consultation for Clinical Neurosciences". For more information, please visit <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/bioethics/>

**Brain Imaging and Behavior**, a new quarterly journal from Springer, will be publishing its first issue this year. The editor-in-chief is Dr. Andrew J. Saykin from Indiana University School of Medicine. For more information about this journal, including the aims and scope, instructions for authors, and editorial board, please visit: <http://www.springer.com/west/home?SGWID=4-102-70-173667707-0&changeHeader=true&SHORTCUT=www.springer.com/journal/11682>

**Social Cognition and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN)** is an Oxford Journal that launched in 2006. It publishes work at the interface of neuroscience and social psychology. For more information, please visit [www.scan.oxfordjournals.org](http://www.scan.oxfordjournals.org)

**Nervenheilkunde** is a German journal devoted to neurology and psychiatry with a large readership. Henrik Walter, M.D., Ph.D., University of Bonn will begin a column on "Neuroethics and Neurophilosophy" in 2007 in which he and other authors will write short reviews on neuroethical issues.

## Events of Interest

**February 16, 2007:** "A Spotless mind? Policy, Ethics, & the Future of Human Intelligence" - Conference at the National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Hosted by the Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future (IBHF) at Chicago-Kent College of Law/Illinois Institute of Technology. More information can be found at: <http://www.thehumanfuture.org/events>

**February 23, 2007:** "Developments in Mental Health since 1945: International and Local Perspectives" - One-day workshop at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Second Floor, Simon Building, University of Manchester. Further details, including full programme and registration information, may be found at: <http://www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/chstm/events/conferences/index.asp>

**February 26, 2007:** Institute of Medicine (IOM) Workshop on Neuroscience Markers and Biosignatures: Converting Technologies, Emerging Partnerships. Please visit [www.iom.edu/CMS/3740/35684/38480.aspx](http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3740/35684/38480.aspx) for details.

**March 11-15, 2007:** The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Workshop on Cognitive Neurobiology. For more information, please visit [www.irp.oist.jp/owcn](http://www.irp.oist.jp/owcn).

**March 14, 2007** (Stanford University): Free showing of "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," followed by a panel discussion of the ethical and legal challenges of memory erasure. Clark Center Auditorium, 6:30 pm. A Brain Awareness Week (BAW) Event in collaboration with the Neuroethics Society.

Parallel screenings will be hosted at the University of Pennsylvania and the Stony Brook University that week.

**March 17-20, 2007:** The International Symposium on Cognitive Neurosurgery. Castle of Weitenburg, Tuebingen, Germany. For more information on the meeting, please visit [www.iscns.org/index.php](http://www.iscns.org/index.php).



Swissôtel (Howard Hotel), London: Venue for TELOS conference April 7-8

**April 7-8, 2007:** TELOS – Regulating Technologies Inaugural Conference to launch the Centre for Technology, Ethics, and Law in Society based in the School of Law at King's College London. Conference venue: Swissotel (Howard hotel), London.

**April 20-21, 2007:** "From the Brain to Human Culture: Intersections between the Humanities and Neuroscience" - an interdisciplinary conference sponsored by the Comparative Humanities Programs at Bucknell University. Bucknell University. Lewisburg, PA, USA. Conference calls for papers. For more information, please contact Prof. John Hunter at [jhunter@bucknell.edu](mailto:jhunter@bucknell.edu)

**April 26, 2007:** London & Stanford. 7-8:30 pm GMT, 11-12:30pm PST. The Dana Centre in London, England will host an event on regulating neurotechnology at which leading experts on ethics, brain imaging, and stem cells will discuss emerging controversial, yet promising areas of neuroscience with the public. A live link to Stanford will bring US and UK perspectives together in discussion and debate. This public event is being organized by the European Dana Alliance for the Brain and King's College London and follows the same theme of the TELOS Conference (April 7,8).



Hubert H. Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota

**May 1, 2007:** "Managing Incidental Findings in Human Subjects Research: From Imaging to Genomics" Conference. Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/conferences/incidentalfindings.php>

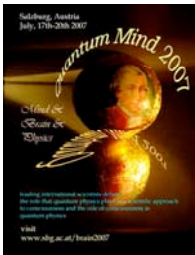
**May 4, 2007:** Neurocognition of Developmental Language Disorders: CBBC Workshop at Georgetown. For more information, please visit:

<http://cbbc.georgetown.edu/workshops/2007DLD.html>

**May 11-13, 2007:** Neural Systems of Social Behavior Conference. Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas. For more information, please email Dr. Jennifer Beer at [jbeer@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jbeer@ucdavis.edu) or visit

<http://mindbrain.ucdavis.edu/content/Labs/Beer/Conference-Invited%20Speakers>

**June 1, 2007:** "Neuroethics Breakfast and Information Session" at the upcoming Canadian Bioethics Society Annual Meeting (7:45-8:45 am, Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre). The session is organized by The Neuroethics Research Unit of the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal in collaboration with the Neuroethics Society. For additional information, please contact Dr. Eric Racine at: [neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca)



**July 17-20, 2007:** Quantum Mind 2007. University of Salzburg, Austria. For more information, visit <http://www.sbg.ac.at/brain2007/>

## Books and Special Volumes of Interest



**"Smart Mice, Not-So-Smart People: An Interesting and Amusing Guide to Bioethics"** by Caplan, A.L. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. November 25, 2006.

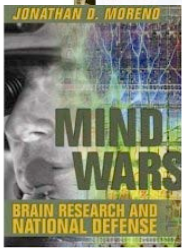
**"Moral Minds"** by Marc D. Hauser. Ecco (HarperCollins). New York, 2006.



**"Social Neuroscience: People Thinking About Thinking People"** by John T. Cacioppo, Penny S. Visser, and Cynthia L. Pickett, Eds. MIT Press, Cambridge MA, 2006.

**"Shattered Nerves: How Science is Solving Modern Medicine's Most Perplexing Problem"** by Chase, V. John Hopkins University Press. In press.

**"Mind Wars: Brain Research and National Defense"** by Moreno, J.D. Dana Press. November 17 2006.



**"Neuroethics: Defining the Issues in Theory, Practice and Policy"** by Illes, J. (Ed.) Oxford University Press, 2006. Review by Richard Ashcroft in the Lancet Neurology, March 2006: <http://neurology.thelancet.com>

## Journal Articles of Interest

Bonthius, D.J., Olson, H.C., Thomas, J.D. (2006) Proceedings of the 2006 annual meeting of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Study Group. *Alcohol*. 40(1): 61-5.

Cerullo, M.A. (2006) Cosmetic psychopharmacology and the President's Council on Bioethics. *Perspect Biol Med*. 49(4):515-23.

Damasio, A. (January-February 2007) Neuroscience and Ethics: Intersections. *AJOB Neuroscience*. 7(1):3.

Debiec, J., alternus, M. (September 2006) Toward a new treatment for traumatic memories. *Cerebrum*. 2-11.

Farah, M., Heberlin, A. (January-February 2007) Personhood and Neuroscience: Naturalizing or Nihilating? *AJOB Neuroscience*. 7(1):37.

Greely, H.T. (June 2006) Knowing sin: making sure good science doesn't go bad. *Cerebrum*. 1-8.

Hyman, S. (January-February 2007) The Neurobiology of Addiction: Implications For Voluntary Control of Behavior. *AJOB Neuroscience*. 7(1):8.

Illes, J. (January-February 2007) Ipsa Scientia Potestas Est (Knowledge is Power). *AJOB Neuroscience*. 7(1):1.

Klosterkötter, J. (Nov 2006) Subjective experience and neuroscience. *Fortschr Neurol Psychiatr.* 74(11):619-20.

Norman, T.R. (Dec 2006) Human embryonic stem cells: a resource for in vitro neuroscience research? *Neuropsychopharmacology.* 31(12):2571-2.

Northoff, G., Boeker, H., Bogerts, B. (Nov 2006) Subjective experience and neuronal integration in the brain: do we need a first-person neuroscience? *Fortschr Neurol Psychiatr.* 74(11):627-34.

Singer T. (2007) The neuronal basis of empathy and fairness. *Novartis Found Symp.* 278:20-30.

Singh, J., Hallmayer J., Illes, J. (February 2007) Interacting and paradoxical forces in neuroscience and society. *Nature Reviews Neuroscience.* 8:153-160.

"As brain science becomes increasingly sophisticated, the moral and legal quandaries it poses threaten to proliferate into every part of our lives. And as the racism experiment makes clear, brain imaging has already started to do so [...]"  
- from **"Who should read your mind?"**

## In the News

**"Findings: The voices in my head say 'Buy it!' Why argue?"** – *The New York Times*, January 16, 2007.

<http://select.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=F6081EFA3B540C758DDDA80894DF404482>

**"Are you a giver? Brain scan tells the truth"** – *MSNBC news*, January 21, 2007. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16740765/>

**"Who Should Read Your Mind?"** – *Time Magazine*, Section: A User's Guide to the Brain. 169(5): 96. January 29, 2007.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1580378,00.html>

**"Can a brain scan prove you're telling the truth?"** – *NewScientist.com*, February 6, 2007. <http://www.newscientisttech.com/article.ns?id=dn11117>

**"Fact: No link of vaccine, autism"** – *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, February 6, 2007. <http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/editorial/16630652.htm>

**"The brain scan that can read people's intentions"** – *The Guardian*, February 9, 2007. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/frontpage/story/0,,2009229,00.html>

**"Call for 'neuroethics' as brain science races ahead"** – *Reuters*, February 14, 2007. <http://www.reuters.com/articlePrint?articleId=USL1440532120070214>

## Links of Interest



<http://neuroethics.ca>

**Stanford's Program in Neuroethics:** <http://neuroethics.stanford.edu>

**Neuroethics for Kids:** <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neuroe.html>

**Neuroethics Net:** <http://neuroethics.ca>

**UPenn Neuroethics:** <http://www.neuroethics.upenn.edu/>

**Neuroethics & Law Blog:** <http://kolber.typepad.com/>

**BrainEthics Blog:** <http://brainethics.blogspot.com/>

**Neuroethics (Dalhousie University):** <http://neuroethics.ca>

**Novel Tech *Ethics*:** <http://www.noveltechethics.ca/>

**Neuroethics Research Unit:** [www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en](http://www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en)

**The Dana Foundation:** <http://www.dana.org/>

**The Greenwall Foundation:** <http://www.greenwall.org/>

**World Health Organization- Ethics & Health:**

<http://www.who.int/ethics/events/date/2005/en/>