

American Society

for

Dental Ethics

A Section of the
American College of Dentists

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS HAVING APPROVED ITS
PETITION AND ITS BYLAWS, PRESENTS THIS

CHARTER

ESTABLISHING THE

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DENTAL ETHICS SECTION

AND NOW CHARGES ALL FELLOWS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS OF
THE SECTION TO PURSUE THE PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES, AND
IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS, ALWAYS IN
HARMONY WITH THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND
BYLAWS OF THE COLLEGE

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Mission Statement

The American Society for Dental Ethics exists to support ethics as an integral value for the dental health care professions. The members of the Society are dedicated to the ongoing study of ethical issues and education to promote professional responsibility and conduct, thereby enhancing oral health care for those we serve.

Core Values of ASDE

- Leadership
- Community
- Education
- Collegiality
- Scholarship
- Service
- Professional integrity

Officers

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Check our website at
www.societyfordentaethics.org

The American Society for Dental Ethics Section was officially chartered as a Section on January 1, 2011. The charter was presented on October 10, 2011 as part of the Fellows Forum. President Beemsterboer accepted the charter for the Section.



Masters of Science in Health Care Creighton University

The Master of Science in Health Care Ethics is a new interdisciplinary degree offered through the Center for Health Policy and Ethics (CHPE) at Creighton University. The course work examines quality of life and survival in populations that may receive low quality care due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status or other factors. The emphasis on vulnerable populations and

social justice mirrors the University's core Jesuit and Catholic values of conscience, compassion and concern for poor and marginalized groups and individuals. The M.S. in Health Care Ethics consists of 30 credit hours – 27 hours of core courses and 3 hours of electives. A Practicum and a Capstone project offer the opportunity to synthesize knowledge gained into comprehensive projects.

Creighton's degree program is offered in a completely online format to accommodate students who have full-time professional obligations and responsibilities. Students can commence their degree program in August, January or May. All courses are offered in 8-week blocks. When competing responsibilities necessitate a break, students can take an 8 or 16 week break and then continue their studies without any further delay because all core courses are offered at least twice and generally three times per year. Each course combines a variety of learning experiences, including carefully selected scholarly readings, audio-visuals, online discussions, written assignments, etc. For more info see www.Creighton-Online.com/MSHCE

Dr. Cliff Dummett 1919-2011

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett from the Ostrow USC School of Dentistry passed away on September 7, 2011 at the age of 92.

Dr. Dummett was a highly regarded ethicist, consummate teacher, respected leader, and a true humanitarian. He was an internationally acclaimed author and researcher who wrote hundreds of articles on dental history, public health, social and community issues. His legacy and his philosophies have made an immeasurable, lasting impact on dental education and the entire dental profession. An obituary detailing more of Dr. Clifton O. Dummett's remarkable life and accomplishments is available on the Ostrow USC School of Dentistry website at <http://dentistry.usc.edu>.



Reading Suggestions:

Galanti, Geri-Ann (2008) **Caring for Patients from Different Cultures: Case Studies from American Hospitals**. Fourth Edition. Philadelphia, PA, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Bebeau, M.J., and Monson, V.E. (2011) **Professional Identity Formation and Transformation across the Life Span**. In McKee, A. and Eraut, M. (Eds.) *Learning Trajectories, Innovation and Identity for Professional Development*. Springer 135-163.

Lantz, M.S., Bebeau, M.J. and Zarkowski, P. (2011) **The Status of Teaching and Learning of Ethics in US Dental Schools**. *Journal of Dental Education*, 75:10, 1295-1309.

Authoring Opportunities

Dr. Steve Ralls, ACD Executive Director is looking for individuals interested in authoring modules on ethics topics. Please contact Dr. Ralls at saralls@acd.org to discuss this opportunity.



ASDE/ACD Business Meeting

The annual ASDE Board retreat was held in San Francisco on August 12-14, 2011. An ethics CE course through the Dugoni School of Dentistry kicked off a very productive weekend. The Board spent most

of the time discussing and planning our annual programming and responsibilities as a section of ACD. Thanks to Bruce Peltier who hosted the group!



“SPEA” in Dentistry is a national student driven association that was established to promote and support a student’s lifelong commitment to ethical behavior in order to benefit the patients they serve and further the dental profession. The objectives of the Association are to act as a support system for students in strengthening their personal and professional ethics values by:

- Providing a resource for ethics education and development.
- Fostering a non-punitive, open-forum environment for ethics communication.
- Promoting awareness of ethics standards and related issues within dentistry.
- Collaborate with leadership of the dental profession to effectively advocate for our members.”

SPEA, with ratified governance documents and a dedicated executive committee and board of regents, is working to establish SPEA chapters in each of the dental schools around the nation.

Ozar-Hasewaga Award Deadline Near

The purpose of this award is to encourage dental and dental hygiene students to identify a professional situation in which there is a significant ethical issue that can be analyzed using an ethical decision making model. There are two awards for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students.

- Cash prize of \$500.00 for one predoctoral student essay
- Cash prize of \$500.00 for one dental hygiene student essay
- One year membership in ASDE for each student winner and their advisor
- Publication of the winning essay or description of project in the ASDE Newsletter
- Essay or description of project posted on the ASDE Website:

All entries must be submitted in electronic form. The entry can be submitted via email, or CD or DVD. **Entries** must be submitted by **January 8, 2012**. In addition to the project submission, the **Application Form** must be submitted prior to or on January 8 2012 as well. Winners will be notified by **February 8, 2012**. See the web site for more information www.societyfordentaethics.org.

ACD Annual Meeting and Convocation 2011

During the ACD annual meeting, ASDE section members presented a seven-hour course in dental ethics. 53 attendees completed the course and it was deemed a “huge success” by the ACD administration.

ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition 2012

The ADEA annual meeting will be held in Orlando, FL on March 17-21, 2012. Several ethics program offerings have been submitted and we are waiting on notification from ADEA as to time and date. ASDE will hold our annual business meeting during this session in Florida. Please join us!!

ACLM Meeting in February 2012

The American College of Legal Medicine will host the 3rd annual Ethics and Legal Aspects of Dentistry Conference Feb. 25-26 at the Planet Hollywood Resort, Las Vegas.

The conference will include seminars on understanding the government's role and the role of dental education; ethical, moral and diagnostic issues in dental practice; risk management considerations; issues in patient care, access to care and dental health care coverage; and electronic record-keeping. For more information and a conference program schedule, contact ACLM at 1-847-969-0283 or visit www.aclm.org.

Worth Noting

Brands WG, Bronkhorst EM, Welie JVM. Professional ethics and cynicism amongst Dutch dental students. *Eur J Dent Educ* 2011;15(4):205-9.

This is a replication of the 40-year-old study by Morris and Sherlock that is so often quoted as having established that dental students get more cynical as they progress through dental school. What the 1971 study in California and the 2011 replication in the Netherlands found was that dental students become increasingly cynical about practicing professionals responding in an ethical fashion. The new study offered new insight into students' changing perceptions. For example, between the first and the fifth year of dental school, students became better able to identify the legally required course of action in cases. But they showed a slight decline in willingness to pursue the ethically preferred course of action. Generally, students claim that they intend to practice in conformance with legal and ethical norms to a greater extent than they believe currently practicing dentists are doing.

Thanks to Dave Chambers for this report.



The 9th International Congress on Dental Law and Ethics will be October 22-24, 2012 in Belgium. Topics for the sessions include; Health care insurance, Liability insurance, Patient rights, the legal aspects of dental expert investigation (civil and criminal law), and ethics.

See website for more info on this conference!

Nation's Capital Dental Meeting in Washington DC

The 2012 Nation's Capital Dental Meeting is offering a two hour session titled Leadership, Professional Ethics, and Tough Choices: The new boundaries of dental practice presented by Don Patthoff on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 2:30-4:30 at the Washington DC Convention Center. Check website for more information.