The Center for Practical Bioethics is a national leader in bioethics, recognized for its unique ability to bring together diverse individuals to address real-life ethical issues and achieve common ground. Unfettered by special interests and committed to civil discourse, the Center works collaboratively to help people and organizations find solutions to complex ethical issues in health and healthcare.

VISION
Ethical discourse and action advance the health and dignity of all persons.

MISSION
To raise and respond to ethical issues in health and healthcare.

CORE VALUES
Respect for human dignity
We believe that all persons have intrinsic worth.
We promote and protect the interests of those who can and cannot speak for themselves.
We commit to the just delivery of healthcare.
JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF OUR 35TH YEAR

What an exciting moment in our Center’s history! At tonight’s dinner and tomorrow’s symposium, we will celebrate our founding CEO’s lifetime of achievement as we reflect on our past and embrace a future filled with excitement, uncertainty and an exploding number of opportunities. Inspired by Myra Christopher, we look forward to continuing the Center’s rich tradition of making a difference in REAL LIFE by tackling REAL ISSUES in REAL TIME.

As tonight unfolds, we will explore how collaboration, structure, knowledge, confidence and creativity - the five elements of improvisation - keep us grounded, shape our work, and tie us to our communities and stakeholders. Our ability to be genuinely responsive to the needs of patients and families, practitioners, educators and policy leaders requires an elaborate set of improvisational skills that the Center has mastered and commits to expanding.

When our board of directors met for our 2018 Annual Retreat this winter, the enthusiasm was palpable, even while the ethical issues we discussed were daunting:

• The ethical implications of gene-editing on human and animal health.
• The horrific impact of societal realities on young African American women in pregnancy and childbirth.
• The imperative to improve informed consent processes regarding potential risks of head injury for athletes of all ages.
• The inadequacies in how we currently assess ethical character development in training health professionals.
• The explosion of elder justice concerns in our aging society.
• The future of healthcare for the nation’s under- and uninsured.

The good news is that the Center stands ready to address such issues because we have your support. It’s because of you that we can:

• Devote thousands of hours to helping patients and families in crisis and providers who care for them.
• Prepare hundreds of medical students and clinicians to respond more effectively and compassionately to patients and families.
• Shine a spotlight on ethical issues and bring stakeholders together to actually get something done!

This is important work. If you have supported the Center in the past, we humbly thank you for helping us to reach this moment, and we hope we have earned your continued support. If you haven’t, now is the time to make real our vision of advancing the health and dignity of all persons.

John G. Carney, MEd  John Yeast, MD
President and CEO  Chair of the Board
Richard was named the John B. Francis Chair in 2012. At the Center, he directs projects that address how healthcare access and decision making among underserved Americans affects delivery and outcomes. An international expert in neurology, oncology, pain management, palliative care and bioethics, he holds emeritus status as the Esther Colliflower Professor of Medicine and Divinity at Duke University Divinity School.

Cynda is the Anne and George L. Bunting Professor of Clinical Ethics in the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and the School of Nursing, with a joint appointment in the School of Medicine’s Department of Pediatrics. An international leader in nursing ethics, she co-chairs the Johns Hopkins Hospital’s Ethics Committee and Consultation Service.

Charlie has been the Director of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Law and Aging in Washington, D.C. since 1984. An authority on advance care planning and end-of-life care, he has been an advisor and collaborator with the Center since the late 1980s. He served as a member of the national advisory board of Community-State Partnerships to Improve End-of-Life Care, the $11.5 million project that the Center directed for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 1998 to 2003.
VISION TO ACTION AWARD HONOREES
Since 1993, the Center has recognized 46 individuals who have made a significant contribution to its mission.

MARY BETH BLAKE, JD
Mary Beth was an attorney for The University of Kansas Hospital in 1983 when most hospitals required a court order before removing a ventilator. She knew there had to be a better way to improve end-of-life care. From co-founder of the Center to charter board member and multiple terms as board chair, Mary Beth has been a strong and faithful voice for the Center and for patients.

ROSEMARY FLANIGAN, PHD
Rosemary was a Professor of Philosophy at Rockhurst College in 1987 when she joined the Center’s board, which she chaired in 1991. After “retiring” from Rockhurst, she spent the next 17 years on the Center’s staff as a program associate, with travel over thousands of miles to train many of the more than 200 ethics committees educated by the Center. In 2006, the Center was honored to endow a chair in Rosemary’s name and has hosted the Flanigan Lecture annually since 1995.

PAST HONOREES
2017 Nathan Kottkamp, JD
2016 Virginia G. Stowers
2015 Kathleen M. Foley, MD
Noreen M. Clark, PhD
2014 Jan Kreamer
Steve Roling
2013 Richard Payne, MD
2012 Lee and Bob Woodruff
2011 Joan Berkley
2010 Rep. Barbara Bollier, MD
Mary Kay McPhee
Stephen Salanski, MD
Dianne Shumaker, MS, MTS
2009 25th ANNIVERSARY
John C. Danforth
2008 Beth K. Smith
William H. Colby, JD
2007 Drs. Marjorie and William Sirridge
2006 Ellen and Irv Hockaday
2005 John Yeast, MD
2004 20th ANNIVERSARY
William G. Bartholome, MD, MTS
Rev. Dr. Kelvin Calloway
William H. Colby, JD
Anne Smith Douthat
Attorney General Drew Edmondson
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David P. Ross
Charles Sabatino, JD
Beth K. Smith
James M. Stoddard, DO
David Thomasma, PhD
2003 Randall O’Donnell, PhD
2002 Ron Benjamin
2001 Theodore J. Hempy
2000 Donna K. Blackwood
1999 Jan Kreamer
1998 Ronald A. Neville
1997 John B. Francis
1996 Patrick D. Kelly
1995 William G. Bartholome, MD, MTS
1994 E. Wynn Presson
1993 Myra Christopher
Honoring MYRA J. CHRISTOPHER

In 1984, a “young Johnson County housewife,” as Myra called herself, was tapped to lead a fledgling organization known as the Midwest Bioethics Center. In the beginning, she thought about it as a social experiment. Could we do this? Would it make a difference?

Nearly 35 years later, as she prepares to retire as the Center for Practical Bioethics founding CEO and, subsequently, as the first holder of the Kathleen M. Foley Chair for Pain and Palliative Care, we can firmly say the answer is yes. Under Myra, the Center:

• Pioneered change in how communities across the nation care for those with terminal illness.
• Led efforts that have elevated the rights of patients in all healthcare settings.
• Stepped forward to implement the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences to change how chronic pain is perceived, judged and treated.

Perhaps most profoundly, under Myra, the Center introduced the world to “practical bioethics” and:

• To the idea that bioethics exists not just to be studied but to be applied in the real world.
• To help families in crisis.
• To provide guidance for healthcare professionals and institutional leaders.
• To educate the next generation of clinicians.
• To pursue the just delivery of healthcare.

And to prepare all of us for the inevitable challenges of illness, disability and mortality.

BIOETHICS LEADERSHIP FUND & CHRISTOPHER FORUM

In recognition of the Center’s contributions to the field of bioethics, the Board of Directors has established the Bioethics Leadership Fund and, within it, the Myra J. Christopher Forum. The Forum honors Myra’s lifetime of achievements, along with her contemporaries, colleagues and mentors.

Donors may designate gifts to:

• The Christopher Forum
• General support for
  - practical responses to emerging issues,
  - young scholars and mid-career bioethics professionals, and
  - efforts to increase public understanding of bioethics’ critical role in the lives of all Americans.

Gifts may also be designated in honor or memory of someone special.

The Center is deeply grateful to those who have stepped forward so generously to date.

Please donate or make a pledge for the future during the Dinner or Symposium or online at: practicalbioethics.org/leadership
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For more than three decades, the Center has demonstrated how bioethics affects all of us. Much of this work has focused on engaging the healthcare professions in exploring their obligations to create a just society devoted to advancing the health and dignity of all persons.

This symposium will examine bioethics’ past and present-day challenges through the lens of law, medicine and ethics. And, we will issue a call for engaged citizens – from Baby Boomers to Generation Z – to demand more from the professions.

As we shatter past boundaries in science, technology, big data and genomics, it is more critical than ever to work together in pursuit of these goals.

**AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

**BIOETHICS: HISTORY, INFLUENCE AND THE ROLE OF WOMEN**
Myra J. Christopher, KATHLEEN M. FOLEY CHAIR FOR PAIN AND PALLIATIVE CARE, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS
Leslie Ann McNolty, DPS, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS

**BIOETHICS: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**

**LAW**  
**BIOETHICS IN AN AGING SOCIETY**  
Charles Sabatino, JD, DIRECTOR, COMMISSION ON LAW AND AGING, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

**MEDICINE**  
**THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE AND BIOETHICS IN PRACTICE AND EDUCATION**  
Richard Payne, MD, JOHN B. FRANCIS CHAIR, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS  
Britt Johnson, PhD, JD, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOETHICS, KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND BIOSCIENCES

**ETHICS**  
**EXPLORING A NEW NARRATIVE**  
Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL ETHICS, JOHNS HOPKINS BERMAN INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

**BIOETHICS: FUTURE ISSUES**  
**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MEDICINE: NEW HORIZONS FOR BIOETHICS**  
Matthew Pjecha, MSPP, PROGRAM ASSOCIATE, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS

**IMPACT**  
**TAKE AWAYS?**  
Tarris Rosell, PhD, DMin, ROSEMARY FLANIGAN CHAIR, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS

**CLOSING**  
John G. Carney, MEd, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CENTER FOR PRACTICAL BIOETHICS
AGING AND SERIOUS ILLNESS

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

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19 events, 700 people, 200 committed to end-of-life conversations.

CARING CONVERSATIONS®
9,151 workbooks distributed. Published Spanish Caring Conversations® translation.

PATHWAYS TO CONVERGENCE
EXAMINING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES OF CATHOLICS ON ADVANCE CARE PLANNING
Report published by the Catholic Health Association and the National Catholics Bioethics Center.

TRANSPORTABLE PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR PATIENT PREFERENCES/SERIOUS ILLNESS CARE PLANNING
Trainings presented in Rolla, Columbia, St. Louis and Lawrence, plus 6 new communities adopting the initiative.

AGING IN COMMUNITY

MANAGED SERVICES NETWORK
Collaborating with Mid-America Regional Council to pilot a regional solution for community-based organizations to partner with payers.

ELDER JUSTICE
16 presentations and public events to raise awareness of the problem and lay groundwork for detection and prevention.

2017 FINANCIALS*

REVENUES

- GRANT INCOME: 621,189
- ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS & EARNINGS: 914,165
- EARNED INCOME: 316,012
- DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP: 294,709
- SPECIAL EVENTS: 274,572

TOTAL: $2,420,647

*UNAUDITED
PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL ETHICS COMMITTEE CONSORTIUM
Led 31st year of the consortium, the oldest continuously operating group of its kind in the nation.

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND BIOSCIENCES (KCU)
Directed the Masters in Bioethics, the largest dual degree medicine and bioethics program with 115 students enrolled.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HEALTH SYSTEM
Co-chaired the Hospital Ethics Committee and led ethics consultation service serving 77 cases.

CURRENT ISSUES IN BIOETHICS LECTURE SERIES
Eight lecturers of national stature addressed nearly 300 KCU medical students.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS
More than 75 presentations, 20 professional journal articles and 20 blog posts by Center staff plus four PAINS educational briefs.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

BIOETHICS: MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH LECTURE SERIES
Monthly lecture series presented by staff and board.

10TH ANNUAL JOAN BERKLEY BIOETHICS SYMPOSIUM
Paths to Person-Centered Planning explored the duties and obligations to support people living with disabilities.

23RD ANNUAL FLANIGAN LECTURE
Best-selling author of Black Man in a White Coat, Damon Tweedy, MD, JD, spoke about race and medical education.

GUIDANCE

LEGISLATORS AND POLICYMAKERS
Provided timely background and resources to facilitate more informed decision making with fewer unintended consequences.

PATIENTS AND FAMILIES
Provided more than 250 hours of consultation to individuals calling for help in a healthcare crisis.

TOTAL EXPENSES

AGING AND SERIOUS ILLNESS 358,848
ETHICS EDUCATION AND CONSULTATION 545,245
EMERGING ISSUES AND SYSTEMS CHANGE 739,882
MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & FUNDRAISING 573,689
TOTAL $2,217,664
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REMARKS  John Carney

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JOURNEY THROUGH THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF ETHICS IMPROV
COLLABORATION  John G. Carney
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DINNER

REFLECTIONS ON PRACTICAL BIOETHICS
Myra J. Christopher

VISION TO ACTION AWARDS
Presented by John Carney
Mary Beth Blake
Rosemary Flanigan

DIALOGUE  Lee Woodruff and Myra J. Christopher

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