

# PRACTICAL BIOETHICS TODAY



From reproduction to end of life and everything in between, we often say that bioethics affects everyone. What better and more fun way to think about these issues than film?

The Center is thrilled to partner this October with the Tivoli Cinema in Westport to present the inaugural

Bioethics Film Series featuring three iconic films. Following screenings at 7 p.m., Center staff will lead discussion of each film's major themes and lessons.

Tickets may be purchased from the Tivoli in advance or at the door (Adults \$9, Students \$7).

## **Frankenstein (1931)** **Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m.**

Scholars recognize Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein; or the Modern Prometheus*, as one of the earliest depictions of how our attempts to control nature through science can have unintended and horrific consequences.

To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the novel's publication in 1818, the Center will culminate the series with the original film masterpiece, *Frankenstein*, featuring Colin Clive as Dr. Henry Frankenstein and Boris Karloff as the monster. In the film, Henry creates a monster by exhuming body parts from dead people and placing a brain inside the monster's head. When the monster

mistakenly kills a young girl he meets by the river, the town seeks to bring the monster to justice. They find the monster and Henry in an old windmill where the monster is attempting to kill his maker. (Running Time: 1 hour, 10 minutes)

## **Gattaca (1997)** **Thursday, October 4 at 7 p.m.**

In a near future world, genetic profiling is used to identify "valids" to qualify for professional employment while "invalids" are left to hold menial jobs. Vincent Freeman (Ethan Hawke) is conceived the old-fashioned way. His brother Anton (Loren Dean), who Vincent saves from drowning, was not. Vincent decides to fight his fate by purchasing the genes of Jerome

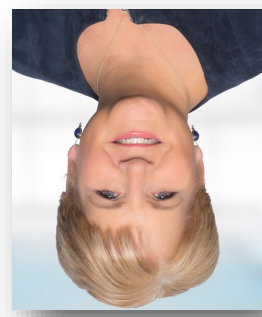
Morrow (Jude Law). He assumes Jerome's DNA identity and joins the Gattaca space program, where he falls in love with Irene (Uma Thurman). An investigation into the death of a Gattaca officer (Gore Vidal) complicates Vincent's plans.

"Everybody will live longer, look better and be healthier in the Gattacan world," wrote film critic Roger Ebert. "But will it be as much fun? Will parents order children who are rebellious, ungainly, eccentric, creative, or a lot smarter than their parents are?" In 2011, NASA named Gattaca the most scientifically plausible science fiction movie. (Running Time: 1 hour, 48 minutes)

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**BOARD MEMBER PROFILE**

**Eva Karp, DHA, MBA, RN-BC, FACHE**



Healthcare innovation is speeding up, and Eva Karp relishes being in the forefront as senior vice president and chief clinical and patient safety officer at Cerner Corporation. Focusing on clinical and regulatory strategies and market direction, she also helps organizations navigate changes and trends in healthcare while integrating Cerner's strategies and vision.

Eva joined Cerner in 2001 with more than 25 years in healthcare informatics and 12 years of neurological and surgical ICU clinical experience. Since then, she has held several positions including vice president of strategic clinical solutions.

**The Patient Voice**

"I joined the Center's board because of my passion to do what's right and the Center's focus on giving every person a voice about what happens to them in healthcare. Also," she said, "the Center was instrumental in helping my mother-in-law have a plan for her care in the last stage of her life."

**2018 Annual Dinner**

The 2018 Annual Dinner featured a videographic journey through the five elements of improvisation that illustrate the Center's approach to practical bioethics: Collaboration, Structure, Knowledge, Confidence and Creativity. Guests also enjoyed the formal launch of the Bioethics Leadership Fund. Sister Rosemary Flanagan, PhD, and Mary Beth Blake, JD, were honored with the Vision to Action Award.

The evening culminated with Lee Woodruff in conversation with Myra Christopher, who reflected upon her career and achievements as the Center's founding executive. You can watch the Ethics Improv videos and other proceedings of the evening at [PracticalBioethics.org](http://PracticalBioethics.org). Click "Dinner & Symposium" under "Events & Education."



Lee Woodruff and Myra Christopher



Karen Miller and Mary Beth Blake

The two aspects of the Center's work that interest Eva most are the maternal health crisis in African American communities and our initiative with Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences to develop metrics to assess students' likelihood to succeed as doctors.

**Nursing Leadership**

Eva recently earned her doctorate in health administration from the Medical University of South Carolina. Her dissertation research measured the impact on nursing efficiency and quality of documentation after introducing an essential patient history dataset in electronic health records. Eight Cerner clients have introduced this dataset into their EHR and more than 65 others are evaluating the dataset for their organizations.

Eva is excited to chair the March of Dimes' Nurse of the Year Awards in Kansas City on November 3. She also serves on the Alliance for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety board, is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a Healthcare Information Management Systems Society conference peer reviewer, and an executive sponsor and chair for the Pediatric Leadership Council, Chief Nursing Officers Forum, Patient Safety Council and Patient Care Executive Council.



Richard Payne, Cynnda Rushton, Rosemary Flanagan, Charles Sabatino, John Carney, Sandra Stites and John Yeast

Rosemary Flanagan

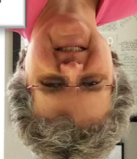


It's kind of a paradox. People say they don't know what bioethics means, but they're definitely interested in the issues it addresses. How do we know? One way is by the volume of requests our staff receives to speak in Kansas City and at meetings and conferences across the country. In addition to clinical ethics education the Center provides for students and clinicians at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) and at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCU), Center staff members address scores of diverse audiences each year. "It's really not surprising that there's so much interest in our work and expertise," said Center President and CEO **John Carney, MEd**. "The field of bioethics encompasses matters that touch just about everyone, from difficult private healthcare decisions

to controversial topics with major policy implications." John is frequently called upon to speak about serious illness and end-of-life care options, with emphasis on medical shared decision making, goals of care, and values and preferences. **Kathy Greenlee, JD**, is looking forward to a particularly busy fall on the road, from the Show Me Summit in Jefferson City – the largest forum on aging in Missouri – to the Gerontologic Society of American Conference in Boston. Kathy is a senior health policy advisor at the Center, former assistant secretary for aging in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and a nationally recognized expert on aging, disability, LGBTQ rights and elder abuse. On top of teaching responsibilities at KUMC and KCU, **Terry Rosell, DMin**,

**PhD**, our Rosemary Flanigan Chair, responds to many requests from provider and community groups to speak about ethics consultation, as well as specific topics such as aid in dying and organ transplantation. **Dr. Richard Payne**, our John B. Francis Chair, lectures across the country on health disparities and how issues of trust, personal values and care preferences are integrated into goal setting, access to palliative care, and the role that faith communities can play in advance care planning and treatment. **Linda Ward** shares the necessity for advance care planning throughout the Kansas City area for community groups and in-depth for employees at Hallmark, KCP&L and North Kansas City Hospital, which contract with the Center for this valuable benefit. So how can we help your organization grapple with the ethics of healthcare?

## Ask a Bioethicist! Center Staff Respond to Need for Bioethics Education



Edward (Albert Finney) embarrasses his son, William, at his wedding by telling guests an impossible-sounding story about Will's birth, involving a giant catfish that ate his wedding ring. Will (Billy Crudup) believes that his father tells lies to get attention and angrily confronts him. When Will investigates his father's tales, he begins to understand his storytelling. At Edward's funeral, Will is astonished to see all of the characters from Edward's stories, though less fantastical, come to pay their respects. It finally becomes clear to Will that Edward had

**Big Fish (2003)**  
Thursday, October 11 at 7 p.m.

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The film's theme of reconciliation between a dying father and his son had special significance for Tim Burton, the director, whose father died in 2000 and mother in 2002. (Running Time: 2 hours, 5 minutes)

To help with licensing and publicity costs, the Center invites you to sponsor an individual film (\$100) or the full series (\$350). For details, please contact Linda Ward at [lward@PracticalBioethics.org](mailto:lward@PracticalBioethics.org). Donations at the door are appreciated.

combined storytelling with his own reality. When his own son is born, Will realizes that his father became his stories -- allowing him to live forever.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GRANTS AWARDED

**John & Wauna Harman Foundation** – To increase advance care planning in African American faith communities



**Sunflower Foundation** – To identify strategies to detect, address and prevent elder abuse in Kansas



**H&R Block** – To develop a strategy to establish elder abuse shelters in Missouri and Kansas



**American Century** – To support PAINS-KC Citizen Leaders



### ON THE AIR



#### KCUR Central Standard

*The Stories and Ethics of DNA Testing*

July 3, with Richard Payne, MD

[kcur.org/post/stories-and-ethics-dna-testing](http://kcur.org/post/stories-and-ethics-dna-testing)

*Outpatients: The Astonishing New World of Medical Tourism*

July 23, with Tarris Rosell, DMin, PhD

[kcur.org/post/medical-tourism](http://kcur.org/post/medical-tourism)

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**Anniversary!**

**ANNUAL DINNER**

**April 9, 2019**