



Selected Bibliography for Bioethics

For the purposes of constructing this bibliography, bioethics is defined as (1) the systemic study of moral issues in the fields of life science, medical treatment and research and (2) the ethical, legal and public policy issues concerning questions of basic human values including the right to life and health, advances and discoveries in healthcare and the medical profession. Bioethics is considered to be an interdisciplinary field involving topics such as informed consent, abortion, cloning, transplantation, right to die, involuntary sterilization, human experimentation, advanced directives, euthanasia, life support care, living wills, organ procurement, patient rights, refusal to treat, resuscitation orders, terminal care, treatment refusal, wrongful life, physician-assisted suicide, artificial reproductive techniques, genetic screening and genetics.

This bibliography is an introduction to resources which support scholarship in the field of bioethics. The resources highlighted herein are found in the Washington & Lee University collection as a whole. The University collections are physically housed in the three libraries on campus, the University Library, the Science Library and the Law Library. The following key indicates the location of specific resources:

University Library – Leyburn

Science Library – Science Library

Law Library – Law Library

E-resource – An electronic resource available to students and faculty.

Access is available through Annie and may be restricted by IP address.

This bibliography is by no means an exhaustive list of the University's resources on the topic but rather a starting point for research. For additional assistance, please feel free to contact one of the Reference Librarians in the Law Library.

Finding Resources in Annie

Annie is the Washington & Lee University catalog. It includes the holdings of all libraries on campus with records for books, computer files, government documents, e-resources, periodicals, and all other materials that comprise the collections of the University Libraries. Annie is an excellent starting point for information. A simple search can yield any number of print and electronic resources available in the various libraries at Washington & Lee. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of bioethics resources and titles held in the collections of the University and the Science Libraries should be considered in addition to the resources in the Law Library.

Washington & Lee University uses the Library of Congress subject headings as the standard for subject searching. Use of a Library of Congress subject heading requires the exact working of an official subject heading to receive successful search results. The catalog can also be searched by title, author, call number and traditional keyword search. Keyword searches do not require exact language. Keyword searching in Annie using terms such as bioethics, medical ethics, health law, or terms related more specifically to the subject such as "right to die," "organ procurement," or "human experimentation" should locate available treatises.

The following are a selection of titles useful for finding background information and topics:

- *Dictionary of Genetics*

Title contains over six thousand definitions for common terms used in genetics literature and a chronology of developments in the field.

E-resource and Science Library QH427 .K55 2006

- *Encyclopedia of Genetics*

Encyclopedia addresses the history and technical background and accomplishments in bacterial, transmission, development, human, molecular genetics, genetic engineering, biotechnology and immunogenic.

Science Library AH427 .E53 2004

- *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*

The title is a multi-disciplinary treatment on ethical considerations in the areas of medicine, science, the environment, law, education, politics, business, media and society. Specific topics addressed include animal research, infertility, biodiversity, vegetarianism, capital punishment, jury conduct, political correctness, gun control, racism, disability and transsexualism.

Leyburn BJ63 .A66

- *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*

Work contains comprehensive, multi-disciplinary entries on bioethical issues from abortion to xenografts. Entries also contain bibliographies for further study.

E-resource and Law Stacks QH332 .E52

- *Encyclopedia of Ethics*

Over six hundred entries regarding ethical theory in addition to entries on history, religious ethics and the status of ethics in non-Western cultures. Entries also contain bibliographies.

Leyburn BJ63.E45 2001

- *Encyclopedia of American Judicial System: Studies of the Principal Institutions and Process of Law*

The title looks at the scholarship on the substance of law and the process and procedures.

Leyburn KF154 .E53 1987

- *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*

Title consists of entries on pertinent information in all areas of modern science and technology.

E-resource and Science Library Reference Q121 .M3

The following are a sampling of titles located in the law stacks of treatises of interest in the area of bioethics:

- Marcia Lewis, et al., *Medical Law, Ethics and Bioethics for the Health Professions* (2007).

Text contains discussions of emerging ethical topics such as medical practice management, genetic engineering, abortion and consent.

Law Stacks KF3821 .L485 2007

- George J. Annas, *American Bioethics: Crossing Human Rights and Health Law Boundaries* (2005).

The title is a collection of essays engaging the concepts of human rights in the spectrum of bioethical concerns as they intersect with law. The human genome and terrorism are among the topics discussed.

Law Stacks K3240 .A56 2005

- George J. Annas, *Standard of Care: The Law of American Bioethics* (1993).

A collection of essays that explore the legal, medical and ethical issues on the standard of care owed by a physician to a patient. The essays are annotated for further research.

Law Stacks KF3821 .A95 1993

- James F. Childress, *Biolaw: A Legal and Ethical Reporter on Medicine, Health Care and Bioengineering* (2006).

A loose-leaf service that is continuously updated, this title has sections on a variety of topics timely discussed. This is an excellent source for an overview of a topic.

Law loose-leaf

- Mark J. Cherry, *Kidney for Sale by Owner: Human Organs, Transplantation and the Market* (2005).

The title discusses the arguments around the establishment of a market for human organs.

Law Stacks RD129.5 .C448 2005

- *Human Experimentation and Research* (George F. Tomossy & David N. Weisstub eds. 2003).

The volume contains collection of essays on the issues of bioethics in human experimentation.

Law stacks K3611 .H86 H86 2003

- *Ethics and Law in Biological Research* (Cosimo M. Mazzoni ed., 2002).

Title is a collection of essays covering the spectrum of cultural differences and ethics as it looks at the impact of public opinion versus media and science on the topic of cloning.

Law Stacks QH438.7 .E835 2002

Current Awareness Sources

Because of the cutting edge nature of the topic, current awareness sources are vital in bioethics scholarship. Westlaw and Lexis provide up to date coverage of both legislation and news. Thomas at <http://thomas.loc.gov> is a resource provided by the government for free which provides up to date information on federal legislation. In addition the following resources may be of interest:

- *Congressional Quarterly Almanac*

Each volume contains a survey of the legislation for a session of Congress and summaries of significant Congressional acts during such session.

Leyburn JK1 .C7

- *CQ Weekly Available*

It provides news summaries of legislation, committee reports, presidential talks and appointments as well as biographical information about senators and representatives.

Law Stacks JK1 .C15 and E-resource for dates after February 2002

- *CQ Researcher*

The resource contains discussions of major issues with background and historical developments for each issue as well as a discussion of the future and a selected bibliography.

E-resource

- *Issues and Controversies on File*

The title is a loose-leaf digest of news analysis and background information on contemporary social, political and economic issues.

Law Stacks KF8719.S552 2003

Selected Periodicals, Periodical Indexes, Abstracts and Online Resources

Periodical indexes and abstracts identify and locate articles in journals, magazines and newspapers. Most provide a citation to where the piece can be located as well as an abstract or brief description of the work. Some, but not all, online indices provide a link to the full text version of the article. If the index does not provide a full text option, use Annie or the Worldcat database to locate the full text version of the article. Worldcat is a database found on the law library research page. Use it to search libraries for the location of the work. If it is not available at one of the Washington & Lee libraries, the law library staff can usually arrange for access to it through inter-library loan.

Google and other online search engines provide links to useful resources. Exercise care when using such sources to ensure that they are authoritative, comprehensive and current. The internet provides an open forum where anyone can say or write virtually anything they wish, and they do. Verify who is responsible for the content you are viewing. Is there a bias, concern or agenda in the presentation of the information? Is the information objective, truthful and accurate? Is it authoritative?

Scholarly articles on bioethics topics appear in a variety of different periodicals. Below is a selection of those of interest in bioethics. The list is not comprehensive. General law reviews and legal periodicals often contain articles of interest to a scholar. Use Westlaw, Lexis, Legaltrac, HeinOnline or one of the highlighted periodicals indexes in addition to those discussed below locate articles of interest.

The following are a sample of the available periodicals, indexes, and online resources:

- *Bibliography of Bioethics*

A bibliography arranged by subject covering English-language books, essays, journal and newspaper articles, court decisions, film and audio material addressing ethical aspects of health care, contraception, abortion, population, reproduction, genetics, mental health, human experimentation, organ transplants, death and dying.

Law Stacks R724 .B44

- *PAIS International*

The resource contains citations to scholarly literature involving public policies of economics, government, law, international business, political science, statistical directories, grey literature, conference reports, research reports and other social sciences. Newspapers and newsletters are not indexed.

E-resource

- *ProQuest Research Library (Periodical Abstracts)*

Resource comprised of indexes and abstracts of approximately 2000 general interest magazines, scholarly journals and selected television and radio programming.

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- *The Philosopher's Index*

Resource provides an index and abstracts to books, anthologies and book reviews published world wide since 1940. A selection of the topics covered include, without limitation, aesthetics, axiology, philosophy of education, epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, and philosophy of language, logic, anthropology, science and religion.

E-resource

- *The Web of Science*

The Institute for Scientific Information database contains citations to multidisciplinary databases of bibliographic information searchable by subject, author and journal.

E-resource

- Genewatch Center at <http://www.genewatch.org> is a not-for-profit group that monitors developments in genetic technology from the interest of the public. The site includes press releases, news, fact files and other information.

- Transgenic Crops at <http://www.colostate.edu/TransgenicCrops/what.html>. An Introduction and Resource Guide Site sponsored by Colorado State University.
- Bioethics.net at <http://bioethics.net> associated with the Alden March Bioethics Institute provides a variety of information on a variety of different topics in the area of bioethics. The site contains updates on legislation, editorials, peer commentary and articles in the field and the *American Journal of Bioethics*.
- President's Council on Bioethics at <http://www.bioethics.gov/> . The President's Council on Bioethics mission is to advise the President on ethical issues related to advances in biomedical science and technology. Topic of concern addressed at the site range from aging and end-of-life, cloning, genetics, human dignity, research ethics, property in the body to sex selection.
- Bioethics Resources on the Web at <http://www.bioethics.od.nih.gov/> sponsored by the National Institutes of Health lists resources available on the web in the area of bioethics including education, research involving human participants, animals, medical and health care ethics and the implications of applied genetics and biotechnology. Site is comprehensive but not exhaustive. The resources included contain information on background and positions in bioethics.
- Center for Bioethics at <http://www.bioethics.upenn.edu> at University of Pennsylvania is a leader in bioethics research and the associated ethical and practice issues associated with life sciences. The Center also sponsors the Virtual Library for bioethics located at <http://www.med.upenn.edu/biothic/cgi/none.cgi>.
- Health Law & Policy Institute at <http://www.law.uh.edu/healthlaw/pathfinder/Bioethics.html> sponsored by the University of Houston, a compilation of resources for the bioethics field.
- Kennedy Institute of Ethics, National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature at <http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/database> sponsored by Georgetown University. The site contains various databases with information on court decisions, legislation, news articles, books and journal articles relating to bioethics and professional ethics.
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics at <http://www.aslme.org/>. The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics provides scholarship, debate and critical thought at the intersection of law, medicine and ethics.
- The Hastings Center at <http://www.thehastingscenter.org/>. The Hastings Center is an independent, non-profit bioethics research institute which studies emerging questions in health care and biotechnology.
- John Hopkins Bioethics Institute at <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/bioethics/>. The Bioethics Institute provides a listing of recent news items related to the field of bioethics.
- UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee at http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=1372&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html. The Committee consists of two advisory bodies which offer advice and recommendations to UNESCO on matters of bioethics. The page provides access to bioethics declarations, reports, committee proceedings and other

publications of both the International Bioethics Committee and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee.

- *American Journal of Law and Medicine*

This law review contains professional articles and case notes on health law and policy and the ethical and economics of medical practice, research and education.
E-resource and Law Periodicals K1 .M477

- *Annals of Health Law*

The Health Policy and Law Review for Loyola University of Chicago, the journal contains articles of general interest in health law viewed as contributions to the teaching, practice or public policy surrounding health law.
Law Periodicals K1 .N46 and E-resource

- *DePaul Journal of Health Care Law*

Published by the Health Law Institute, the journal examines case law and significant medical and legal developments including corporate, public policy and ethical issues.
E-resource

- *Elder Law Journal*

Published by the University of Illinois College of Law, the journal is dedicated to the issues of elder law.
Law Periodicals K5 .L3 and E-resource

- *The Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy*

Published by the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, the journal contains in-depth analysis of recent trends in health care and the relationship between life science and social sciences, humanities, bioethics.
Law Periodicals K10 .08186 and E-resource

- *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*

Published by Duke University Law School, the journal focuses on health policy and analyzes the relationship between the government and health related issues.
Law Periodicals K10 .0848

- *Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics.*

The journal is a forum for an inter-disciplinary discussion of health law, health policy and biomedical ethics.
E-resource and Law Periodicals K29 .A35

- *Bioethics Yearbook*

The title contains entries on reproduction, abortion, confidentiality and other bioethical topics.
Law Periodicals K2 .I557