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ELSI Friday Forum

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Session Title:

Building a Diverse ELSI Workforce: What does this mean and how should we do it?

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Moderator: Jim Tabery, PhD, MA

Presenter: Faith Fletcher, PhD, MA

Presenter: Debra Mathews, PhD, MA

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[BIOGRAPHIES]

Moderator: Jim Tabery, PhD, MA

Jim Tabery is a professor in the Department of Philosophy and a member of the Center for Health Ethics, Arts & Humanities at the University of Utah. He is a PI (along with Erin Rothwell PhD) of Utah's Center for Excellence in ELSI Research, and also a PI (along with Madison Kilbride PhD) of Utah's GURU Program. His second book--Tyranny of the Gene: Personalized Medicine and Its Threat to Public Health--was published by Knopf in 2023.

Link to Jim's website: <https://www.jamestabery.com/>

Panelist: Faith Fletcher, PhD, MA

Dr. Faith Fletcher is an Associate Professor in the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine. She is also a senior advisor to The Hastings Center, a Hastings Center Bioethics Fellow, and a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics. Her K01 Award, funded through the National Human Genomic Research Institute, uses a stakeholder engagement approach to develop ethical practices and guidelines for engaging Deep South residents in genomics research. Her academic contributions emphasize the importance of respect, equity, and trustworthiness owed to minoritized populations in both research and healthcare environments.

Link to Faith's full bio: <https://www.bcm.edu/people-search/faith-fletcher-72936>



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Panelist: Debra Mathews, PhD, MA

Debra JH Mathews, PhD, MA, is the Associate Director for Research and Programs for the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, and a Professor in the Department of Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Within the JHU Institute for Assured Autonomy, she serves as the Ethics & Governance Lead. Dr. Mathews's academic work focuses on ethics and governance issues raised by emerging technologies, with particular focus on genetics, stem cell science, neuroscience, synthetic biology, and artificial intelligence. In addition to her academic work, Dr. Mathews has spent time at the Genetics and Public Policy Center, the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, and the National Academy of Medicine working in various capacities on science policy.

Dr. Mathews has been a member of the Board of Directors of the International Neuroethics Society since 2015 and currently serves as President of the Society. She is a member and past Chair of the Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission, and Chair of the Ethics, Legal, and Social Issues Committee of the Earth BioGenome Project. Dr. Mathews earned her PhD in genetics from Case Western Reserve University, along with a concurrent Master's in bioethics. She completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in genetics at Johns Hopkins, and the Greenwall Fellowship in Bioethics and Health Policy at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities.

Link to Debra's website: <https://bioethics.jhu.edu/people/profile/debra-mathews/>

[FROM CERA]

CERA interviewed Jim Tabery about establishing GURU, a program designed to give disabled students at the University of Utah the opportunity to join an ELSI research team. Read the interview here: <https://elsihub.org/news/guru-unique-elsi-pipeline-program-students-disabilities>

Writing about ELSI research? The CERA team put together a bibliography of scholarship from 1989 – 2024 about the ELSI field of study. View the bibliography here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uOYc5mhVCi8zFDA6KARh_JXTaAIE2uGfUjib4XTzI7w/edit?tab=t.0

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