

## Some Resources to Identify, Purchase, and/or View Videos on Bioethics Issues

*Every day additional streaming video resources on bioethics topics or issues become available online. Some videos containing bioethics themes may be rented from commercial video rental stores (e.g., Hollywood Video or Blockbuster). Educational or documentary films may be borrowed, rented or purchased from the resources below. Additionally, the interlibrary loan program at your public library may be able to locate and borrow titles for your use at low cost. Information at all of these sites offers a range of audio or video possibilities available to educate and stimulate discussion and reflection upon bioethics topics. Amazon.com is always a good source to check for purchasing information. Please contact Laura Bishop, Ph.D., Research Associate at the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature with any questions or to suggest additions at [bishopl@georgetown.edu](mailto:bishopl@georgetown.edu).*

**National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, Kennedy Institute of Ethics** by searching the he “ETHX on the Web” Database at <http://bioethics.georgetown.edu>. Select Basic Search and “Audiovisual Material” from the Publication Type drop-down menu to retrieve records for all videos in the database. Use the Boolean Search screen to create a topic-specific search using the appropriate classification number from the NRCBL’s classification scheme, (<http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/databases/classcheme/>) and the audiovisual publication type, e.g., **20.5.+ and av[pt]** for audiovisuals on prolongation of life and euthanasia. The + (plus sign) is the wildcard character that permits searching across all the subcategories. The records contain program descriptions and links to distributors. While our physical video collection is non-circulating, new records are being added for bioethics audiovisual resources that are available via the Internet in streaming video. For more information contact Laura Bishop at the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, Box 571212, Washington, DC 20057-1212; 888-BIO-ETHX (888-246-3849); email: [bishopl@georgetown.edu](mailto:bishopl@georgetown.edu).

**High School Bioethics Curriculum Project (HSBCP), Kennedy Institute of Ethics** (<http://highschoolbioethics.georgetown.edu>). See the *Commercial Movies & Bioethics bibliography* for title ideas and access content and acquisition information about *Educational and Documentary Films*. A small set of about 35 film titles are available for short-term loan to high school teachers through the HSBCP’s *Video Lending Library*. There is no cost for borrowing the films and the programs available cover a range of topics. Visit the website at <http://highschoolbioethics.georgetown.edu> and select the link for Video Lending Library. Case studies and discussion questions are also available at the site on a range of bioethics topics.

**Bullfrog Films** at P.O. Box 149, Oley, PA 19547; 800-543-FROG (3764) or 610-779-8226; [www.bullfrogfilms.com](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com). This 32-year-old company is a resource for environmental and educational videos. It bills itself as “the leading US publisher of independently-produced, environmental videos, that point the way to living healthily, happily, and with greater concern for the other inhabitants of this planet and for our descendants.” Relevant subject areas include: animal rights, biotechnology, developing world, ecology, environment, ethics, human rights, and indigenous peoples; an alphabetical title list also available.

**Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Archives** at <http://archives.cbc.ca/>. You can view news stories about particular cases in bioethics, including Sue Rodriguez and Nancy B., or topics in bioethics, such as IVF or genetically modified organisms. The quality of the broadcasts from this site is excellent.  
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**C-SPAN** <http://www.c-span.org/> is a good site for congressional hearings. On the left margin scroll down to “Other C-Span Sites” and select “Capitol Hearings.” You’ll find a schedule of future hearings to which you may listen while they are occurring. (Generally, you may also link to these live hearings from most committee sites.) To search for older materials, select C-SPAN Store from the left margin. You may enter one search term in the general search box. If you select advanced search, select a keyword from the drop-down menu (bioethics is on the list) OR enter a term in the summary box to search descriptions of programs. You may also search by date. According to a C-SPAN representative, “less is more” in terms of detail when using the search engine. Order tapes on the Web or call 877-ONCSPAN or 877-662-7726.

**EpistemeLinks: Philosophy Resources on the Internet** lists audio and video online resources in bioethics and medical ethics at <http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/AudioVideo.aspx?TopiCode=Bioe>. The site, started in 1997, is a project of EpistemeLinks, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, and was developed and is maintained by Thomas Ryan Stone. [ONLINE VIDEO RESOURCES] Enjoy the link to “Philosopher Action Figures” at <http://www.geocities.com/krinklyman2/powers.html> (Humor and Jokes) “The greatest minds of all time now have great bodies to match.”

**Fanlight Productions** at 4196 Washington St., Boston, MA 02131; 800-937-4113 or 617-469-4999; [info@fanlight.com](mailto:info@fanlight.com); [www.fanlight.com](http://www.fanlight.com). This company specializes in film and video works on “healthcare, mental health, professional ethics, aging and gerontology, disabilities, the workplace, and gender and family issue” and represents more than 150 independent and broadcast producers. The online health video collection may be searched by subject and title. The site offers links to other health and media sites on the Web.

**Films for the Humanities & Sciences (Films Media Group)** at P.O. Box 2053, Princeton, NJ 08543-2053; 800-257-5126; <http://www.films.com>; [custserv@filmsmediagroup.org](mailto:custserv@filmsmediagroup.org). This company offers videos providing health information about a variety of medical conditions and diseases and has a selection of medical ethics videos. Use the search box to enter terms or click on subjects under “browse by subject,” and choose among Health & Wellness, Religion & Philosophy, or Psychology & Mental Health. Subcategories will help focus searching.

**Filmakers Library**, 124 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10016; tel. 212-808-4980; fax. 212-808-4983; email: [info@filmakers.com](mailto:info@filmakers.com); <http://filmakers.com/> OR <http://filmakers.com/TITLES/TITLESIDX.html>. Search by subject or title index or using their search engine. Relevant subject categories include: bioethics, death education, suicide, female circumcision, reproductive rights and issues, health, aging, and AIDS.

**Lichtenstein Creative Media - The Infinite Mind:** a public radio series that “explores the art and science of the human mind.” Transcripts and instant audio downloads of programs on a range of topics related to the mind, e.g., placebo effect, mental health care for Latinos, mental health care for immigrants, and neuroethics, are available. Some programs explicitly address ethical issues, while others focus on topics for which ethical issues exist (see <http://lcmmedia.stores.yahoo.net/infinitemind.html>). [ONLINE - AUDIO ONLY]

The **Literature, Arts, and Medicine Database, New York University School of Medicine**, is “an annotated multimedia listing of prose, poetry, film, video and art” developed to support medical humanities teaching and research in a variety of settings. The Database is now a multi-institutional project and is produced and maintained by the Division of Educational Informatics (DEI), formerly the

Hippocrates Project, at the New York University School of Medicine. Each detailed entry is written by a select group of medical humanities scholars and educators. Visit the site at <http://litmed.med.nyu.edu> The site now offers some online clips for review in their “Screening Room.” [ONLINE VIDEO CLIPS]

**National Institutes of Health, Office of Science Education, Science in the Cinema** series (<http://science.education.nih.gov/home2.nsf/Featured+Programs/5C334351A3BA079585257180004C1980>). Commercial films containing science content and/or ethics content are highlighted during each summer’s film series. This site provides lists from 2007-1994 for the films selected each year for screening and discussion. Annotations and science themes are provided for films in more recent years as well as information about scientific experts invited to speak. Good resource for inspiration and films available from your local video store.

**PBS Videos** at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org). This site is the access point for **Frontline**, **NOVA**, and **Religion & Ethics Newsweekly** programs. Transcripts and streaming video are available online for some programs. PBS offers a “Teacher Source” link offering content suitable for classroom use and even some lesson plans (enter teachersource in the search box). The teacher source collection and/or the general site may be searched using the terms “bioethics” or “ethics” in the search box. Both print and video items will be retrieved. [SOME ONLINE VIDEO RESOURCES]

**Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN)** (Alberta, Canada). PHEN hosts a guide to health ethics videos it developed in 1997. Entries include reviews, comments, the ethical and medical issues covered, and basic program information at [http://www.phen.ab.ca/videoguide/video\\_listings\\_a\\_d.asp](http://www.phen.ab.ca/videoguide/video_listings_a_d.asp). Entries are arranged by topic. Brief information for unreviewed videos may be found by clicking on the “V-W” tab. PHEN also hosts a list of applied ethics videos developed by Glenn Graber at the University of Tennessee and last updated on February 1, 1998.

**Sloan Science Cinémathèque & Museum of the Moving Image** (<http://www.movingimage.us/science/>) The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation offers prizes to students at six leading film schools who make films about science. This online site provides access to streaming video of award winning short films that incorporate science and technology – very cool!! Click on “Student Films” or “Sloan Awards - Student Film Awards.” Additional resources are interviews and articles, e.g., “The Science of CSI” by David Rambo, staff writer for CSI. [ONLINE VIDEO RESOURCES]

**UCLA Healthcare Ethics Center**, Ethics Lecture Series <http://www.healthcare.ucla.edu/ethics/lectures> (recent) <http://www.arc2.ucla.edu/streaming/nav.aspx?id=UCLA%20Healthcare%20Ethics%20Center> (2001-2007). While these streaming videos are part of a lecture series (not as captivating as documentaries or movies), the speakers are leaders in their fields, e.g., Ellen Wright Clayton, MD, JD on biobanks; Myra Bluebond-Langner, Ph.D. on talking with families of terminally ill children about illness and death; and Nancy Neveloff Dubler discussing mediating ethical conflicts at the end-of-life. [ONLINE VIDEO RESOURCES]

**University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library, Digital Media Resources Center** (<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/mrc/>) provides information about videos in the UB HSL collection. Scroll down a bit on the entry page, select the link “locating AV material.” Enter a keyword, e.g., ethics or bioethics, in the search box. Use this resource for title information - you will need to obtain using Interlibrary Loan or from your local library.

**The Values Institute, University of San Diego, “Ethics Videos on the Web;”** <http://ethics.sandiego.edu/video/>; or <http://ethics.sandiego.edu/video/Catalogue/all.asp>. This site provides an online video library featuring such speakers as Dan Callahan, Tom Murray, Tom Beauchamp, Lori Andrews, Hilary Bok, Rosemarie Tong, Ron Green, and Lawrence Hinman (Director of the USD Values Institute), etc. The variety of ethics panel discussions and paper presentations are viewable on the Web (Real Player required). Patrons may search a video list that is linked to the available programs.  
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**WorldCat Database, part of OCLC’s FirstSearch Service.** (Ask your local reference librarians for assistance). Connect to FirstSearch as instructed by your librarian. On the Advanced Search page, enter the word “*bioethics*” in the first box as either a *Keyword* or as a *Subject*. Scroll down and check the box next to “*Visual Materials*” from the *Type* possibilities. Searches may be limited by adding additional keywords, or specifying certain years or languages.

*In a special section of their own, these two resources offer short videos that range from scholarly, professional comments on issues in bioethics to very personal efforts to explain topics in bioethics to fellow classmates and human beings.*

**Google Video** <http://video.google.com>, enter keyword terms into the search box to search for video clips on the Internet. Keyword examples include bioethics, stem cells, cloning, etc. Be warned: the videos retrieved will range from the educational or documentary in nature to the humorous or personal video blog.

**YouTube** at <http://www.youtube.com/> offers 39 hits when the term “bioethics” is entered into the search box. The results run the gamut from scholarly interviews to TV news clips to efforts to document individual contributions to bioethics to humorous class projects on topics in bioethics.

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