

## **Ethics Conference 2016: Ethics of Addiction**

**Welcome:** Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Ethics Conference at SUNY Broome. Every discipline, Liberal Arts, the Sciences, Business, have periodic meetings when faculty and students exchange information about the work they are doing. Sometimes an organization, such as the American Philosophical Association (APA) will organize a conference, and sometimes a college will. At a conference, you will typically be exposed to some original thinking. Presenters will offer thinking that has yet to appear in books or journals. It is also a great place to network with others interested in the same topics and careers. The information below is a little about our keynote speaker as well as a schedule of events for the day. We hope you enjoy the conference.

### Keynote Speaker:

Kimberly S. Walitzer, Ph.D., Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist at the University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions, has been actively involved in applied research on alcohol and other drug use and abuse for over 25 years and has made numerous, programmatic clinical research contributions to the literature. Her NIAAA-funded controlled clinical trials have included foci of Alcoholics Anonymous involvement, couples interventions, motivational interviewing interventions, and anger management interventions for patient samples across a wide range of AUD severity.

Walitzer is a senior research scientist and deputy director of RIA, as well as research associate professor in the Department of Psychology in the UB College of Arts and Sciences

The Research Institute on Addictions has been a national leader in the study of addictions since 1970 and a research center of the University at Buffalo since 1999.

The University at Buffalo is a premier research-intensive public university, a flagship institution in the State University of New York system and its largest and most comprehensive campus. UB's more than 28,000 students pursue their academic interests through more than 300 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. Founded in 1846, the University at Buffalo is a member of the Association of American Universities.

## **Ethics Conference 2016 Schedule** **(All breakout sessions in Titchener Hall)**

### **9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.** **Breakout Sessions 1A**

Drs. Francis and Helen Battisti (TH 102)

TITLE: The Betrayal of Food - Is There an Ethical Dilemma?

DESCRIPTION:

Food is one of the foundations of life, the communion of nourishment, family, friends and communities. Has science re-crafted food into something that has taken on an additive nature? Explore the consequences of consuming these foods and discuss where the ethical dilemmas are found.

Rey Wojdat, Professor and Chair Hospitality Department (TH 101)

TITLE: Responsible Alcohol Service

DESCRIPTION:

When you serve alcohol, you are dealing a drug. As a legal drug dealer, purveyors of alcohol are bound by two branches of ethical concerns; one flowing from moral obligations, the other from legal requirements. Explore the moral and legal codes of conduct surrounding the sale of alcohol through a blunt and frank presentation with Professor Rey Wojdat, Chairperson of the Hospitality Programs Department at SUNY Broome.

Raymond Serowik, Program Director of Broome County's Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (TH 105)

TITLE: Opioid Overdose Death Prevention by Administration of Naloxone

DESCRIPTION:

The opioid antagonist medication naloxone (Narcan®) has been administered by medical professionals for over 40 years in both in-hospital and out-of-hospital applications. Never before, however, has this medication seen such extensive use by such a diversity of rescuers as it does today, in response to the ongoing epidemic of opioid drug abuse, addiction, and overdose. Learn about the utilization of naloxone in the prevention of death from opioid overdose, including its limitations and some ethical considerations that attend its use.

Laura M. Letson, MPA (TH 107)

TITLE: Unraveling the Truth: Gaining a Realistic Perspective on Gaming, Gambling and Ethics

DESCRIPTION:

Laura M. Letson, a national expert on gambling addiction, and an adjunct instructor at SUNY Broome, will guide the way for unraveling the truth about gaming, gambling and ethics. Strap in for a bird's-eye view of gaming options while zooming in for a close-up and realistic perspective regarding the benefits of gaming, associated impacts of gambling addiction, and related challenges.

BOOK DISCUSSION: "Chasing the Scream"

PANELISTS: Steven Burnette, Philosophy Club President; Heather Coggin, Student Assembly President and I.J. Byrnes, Professor, Philosophy Program (TH 104)

TITLE: on The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs

DESCRIPTION:

This student-faculty panel will discuss key ideas from Johann Hari's book Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs. Hari argues that the justification for the global war on drugs does not stand up to scrutiny and argues that we have failed to understand addicts and addiction.

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**Breakout Sessions 2B**

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Professor Doug Garnar and Seth Garnar (TH 101)

TITLE: The impact of drug use on families

DESCRIPTION: A discussion of the impact of drug use on families

Communications Department (TH 102)

DESCRIPTION: Film screening of "Web Junkie", a PBS Documentary on social media addiction

**12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M. Lunch - In the cafeteria for those that registered.**

**1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:(Baldwin Gym)**

Dr. Walitzer, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist at the University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions "Engaging in Ethics: Principled Addictions Therapy... or... Where do you stand???"  
Dr. Walitzer will discuss principles of professional ethics and how these principles specifically apply to addictions treatment. Case material will illustrate ethical questions and issues and their solutions.

**2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. (Baldwin Gym)**

**Panel discussion/Q&A session**