

Health Ethics Symposium – **BODILY AUTONOMY: an Ethical Dialogue on Gender Rights, Reproductive Freedoms, and Personal Choice**

Friday, November 25, 2022, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM MST

AGENDA Overview

Type of Session	Time	Title of Session	Speaker(s)	Description/Objectives
Welcome	10:00-10:15	Opening Remarks	Michael van Manen	
Session 1	10:15-11:15	Bodies in Relationship: Personal Autonomy and Flourishing	Doris Kieser / Gillian Lemermeyer	Personal autonomy unfolds relationally in the complex web of human community. Each encounter with another person/body informs our sense of self in space and our capacity to choose and direct our lives. In this presentation we explore the meaningfulness of relational bodily autonomy for persons whose bodily autonomy has historically and currently been undermined.
Session 2	11:15-12:15	Is There a Role for Compulsory Treatment of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders?	Tracey Bailey	Autonomy is an ethical principle that is generally highly valued in “North American society”. It is deeply ingrained in many of our laws, including laws developed around health care decision-making. However, it is qualified in principle and practice in both health ethics and law with other ethical principles or considerations. With increasing focus on mental health and addiction, in part fueled by the opioid crisis, the question of whether compulsory treatment for certain individuals with mental illness including substance use disorders is timely. Is it always best to respect autonomy and provide voluntary treatment and services only? Is there a role for service provision without full consent or compulsory treatment?
Lunch	12:15-1:00			

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Session 3	1:00-2:00	The Imaginary. Speaking of Love	Vangie Bergum	Let us imagine a better world, a world in which bodily autonomy is the right of every woman, every person. A world in which there would be no violence against women, no rape, abuse, or killing of women just because they are women, a world in which women would be recognized for their intellect and beauty, and have the right to experience their full potential. Plato's Symposium on love, a foundational text in western philosophy written after 385 BCE, was used as a text to stimulate four groups of women to contemplate what love means to them. In The Imaginary, Goddesses are chosen to speak as the women to consider how love tells of mutual respect between men and women, how consent is relational and continual, how autonomy is also communal, and where independence is also interdependence. The Imaginary is, of course, a work in progress, and needs your voice to continue listening and talking together.
Session 4	2:00-3:00	Express Yourself: Real Talk About Identity, Autonomy and Allyship	Marni Panas / Fatmeh Kalouti	Ever notice how the expression of one's identity ends up turning into a debate centered on bodily autonomy? Panelists Marni Panas and Fatmeh Kalouti will explore how identity expression is inadvertently turned into complex political statements. The way people express themselves through their appearance will shape the way they navigate the world around them, the way others treat them, and the assumptions that are made about where they stand on social and political issues. Marni and Fatmeh will explore their own journeys of expression, and the power of allyship in the process.
Wrap-Up	3:00	Closing Remarks	Michael van Manen	