

# News from the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics

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## I. Save the Date for Fall Events

### Ewing Halsell Distinguished Lecture

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

5-8 PM, Health Science Center Auditorium

Dr. Richard Kogan presents a lecture/recital focusing on the life and works of Robert Schumann.

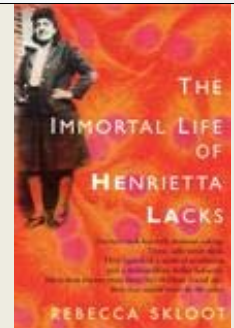


### Frank Bryant, Jr., MD Memorial Lecture in Medical Ethics

Friday, October 15, 2010

12-1 PM, Health Science Center Auditorium

Science writer Rebecca Skloot presents on her work researching "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

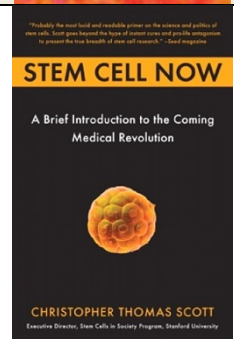


### Conversations About Ethics: Stem Cell Now

Monday, November 15, 2010

5-8 PM, Health Science Center Auditorium

Founding Director of the Stanford Program on Stem Cells in Society Christopher Thomas Scott will speak on the ethics of stem cell research.



## II. From Our Students



On May 3 the UT System Board of Regents announced Kyle Kalkwarf's appointment as the new student regent. Kyle is a third-year medical student and the president of his class, and an active member of the Medical Ethics Discussion Society (MEDS). Congratulations Kyle!

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Congratulations to Health Science Center Nursing Students Brandie Bedore, Sousan Jowlaei, Jennifer Crockett, James Ellis, Melinda Mann, Mary Garza and Chelsie Underwood for earning the "Most Successful Blood Drive" Award from the [National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive Challenge](#). Students applied for a CSL Mini-Grant to fund their participation in this nation-wide service learning program.

The group held a city-wide blood drive in partnership with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center to increase blood and bone marrow donations and organ donation registration among Hispanics. Students registered 507 blood donors and collected 366 pints of blood.

Participants included Brandie Bedore, Sousan Jowlaei, Jennifer Crockett, James Ellis, Melinda Mann, Mary Garza and Chelsie Underwood. Their faculty mentor was Adelita Cantu, RN, PhD.



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The Preventive Medicine Interest Group (PMIG) was honored with the "2010 Community Service Award" by the Student Government Association for their work providing rapid HIV screening and education to the homeless at Travis Park United Methodist Church. Students hold a monthly clinic at Travis Park. Since the outreach began in 2009, 29 individuals have been tested and informed of their HIV status. When necessary, students refer patients for care at the Brady Green Clinic.

Dr. Ruth Berggren is the faculty advisor for PMIG.

Pictured (left to right): Carolina Wilcox, Sarah Lester, Beth Melia, Daniel Clark and Jess Koller.

## III. Donate to the Center

The Center is supported primarily through philanthropy and our Friends of the Center program (\$100+). Friends of the Center receive updates on the Center's activities and invitations to our many public events. In addition, McAllister Circle Members (\$1,000+) receive personal invitations to meet some of the Center's invited guests in smaller, more intimate gatherings.

### Ways to Support the Center:

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