The Alden March Bioethics Institute
 Presents

Ethics Grand Rounds

November 9, 2011 at 12 noon
ME 300

Title:
"Re-placing Autonomy in the Clinical Encounter"

Presenter:
Paul Burcher, MD
(PhD candidate in philosophy)
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Dr. Burcher will argue that autonomy needs to be re-conceived as a rule delimiting the relationship, rather than a central descriptor of that relationship. His talk will be in preparation for his PhD oral defense at the University of Oregon, Department of Philosophy later in the month. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers following Dr. Burcher’s talk.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Paul Burcher is a new member of the Alden March Bioethics Institute. He has recently completed a dissertation in philosophy entitled, “The Doctor-Patient Relationship: A Physician’s Philosophical Perspective.” In it he argues that a responsive model of care in all aspects of the clinical encounter needs to be taught and encouraged as a way of improving patient care. He is a practicing Obstetrician/Gynecologist who has worked recently with a medical anthropologist to explore ways of improving collaboration between homebirth midwives and Obstetricians as a way of improving patient safety. He graduated University of Arizona Medical College, and completed his residency in OB/Gyn at University of Rochester.