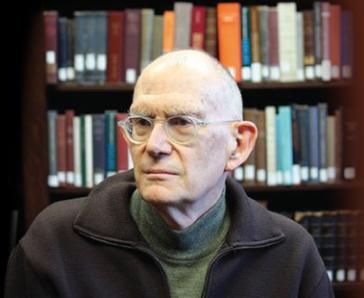


The Lanson Lecture in Bioethics 2018-19

Responsibility for Health and the Value of Choice



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About the Lecture:

Questions of responsibility arise in regard to health care in at least two ways. On one hand, it may be asked whether a person's claim to scarce medical resources can be undercut by the fact that his or her need for health care arises from a voluntary decision to engage in behavior that is known to be risky, such as smoking or mountain climbing. On the other hand, it seems that doctors' duties to their patients are shaped in part by patients' interest in taking responsibility for their care, such as by making choices about what treatments to accept. It would seem that questions of these two kinds should be answered within a consistent framework. The lecture will provide such a framework, using the value of choice account of responsibility that I have developed in other work.

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