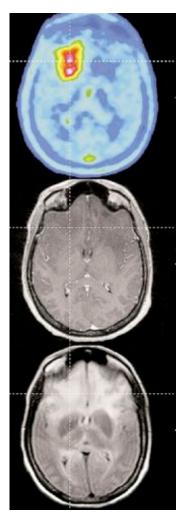
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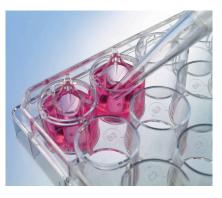
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Tremendous advances in neuroscience, along with the attention that the "Decade of the Brain" in the 1990s brought to them, sparked heightened focus on public awareness of brain research. An already fast paced field was met with new demands on innovation and discovery. Along with progress in genomics, molecular medicine and other disciplines, new windows were opened onto the understanding of many brain disorders such as depression, addiction, and dementia, and hope for new interventions realized. Today, we are poised to launch a new decade – one focused on mind – and with all the complexity that the notion of mind brings forth, the implications of new research in neuroscience for individuals, society, and culture are profound: How shall society respond as a better understanding of brain biology changes fundamental perceptions of self, moral responsibility, and beliefs? What guidelines are needed to manage staggering, and potentially life-endangering, increases in the use of medicines for children diagnosed with new or poorly understood variants of attention and mood disorders? What policies are needed to respond to a diversion of already scarce medical resources from quality and respectful care for the elderly? How will our privacy be protected in an ever-expanding information age? What hope can we expect from progress, and what should we fear?

It is at this juncture of ethics, human values, and neuroscience that neuroethics fulfills its critical role. Neuroethics is a relatively new discipline that has deep roots in ancient philosophical discussions of mind and brain, and has joined this history with contemporary thinking in biomedical ethics and neuroscience. Many issues in neuroethics have the same starting points as other fields of bioethics – predicting disease, dealing with unexpected findings and unintended consequences of research, drawing attention to areas of potential concern. Neuroethics, though, is distinguished by wrestling with challenges that probe and touch us most deeply: free will, personal responsibility, personhood, and more. Diversity of culture and language, gender and ethnicity, also all factor into the equation of what defines brain health versus brain disease, risk versus benefit, acceptable versus unacceptable. The task, therefore, is to close the gap between the traditionally lagging consideration of the ethical and social implications of frontier brain technology, and the development of the technology itself.

The Core's major research projects are focused on high impact, high visibility areas. These include challenges associated with:

- ✓ identifying signs of consciousness in patients with severe brain injury

To be sure, there will be no "one size fits all" answers to these thorny questions. But there is a time to ask them and to be proactive, and that time is now. Inaction is the greatest risk. As neuroscience advances to define and redefine how we think and why, it will most assuredly take us out of our comfort zone. Neuroethics addresses all these zones - personal, cultural and societal – so that we may better understand where neurobiology intersects with human values, and use those insights to help shape and empower both neuroscience and science policy of the future.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Illes, Ph.D.

Director, National Core for Neuroethics Canada Research Chair in Neuroethics

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OVERVIEW OF THE CORE

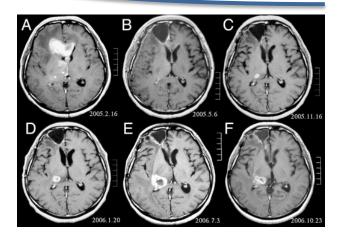
[role and functions]

With the remarkable pace of advances in neuroscience, ethical, legal, policy, and social issues are garnering significant attention in both the academic community and the eyes of the general public. Historically, consideration of the social implications of frontier technology has lagged the development of the technology itself. Our mission is to tackle this challenge straighton, working hand-in-hand with practicing neuroscientists, physicians, allied healthcare professionals, policy-makers, the press, and others to ensure an early and close alignment of innovation with societal and individual human values. The National Core for Neuroethics at the University of British Columbia and UBC Hospital was established in August 2007 as an academic centre devoted to advancing this agenda.

Since we opened our doors our team, research, education, and outreach activities have grown substantially. We are pleased to share this second annual report of progress with you.

VISION

"For neuroscience to be applied for maximum knowledge, health benefit and public good, it is critical to identify and address the interaction of research with ethics and society at its earliest stages, pursue a common understanding of neuroscience innovation among stakeholders and develop policy as the science unfolds."



[core values]

Integrity: Uphold high moral and ethical principles in all aspects of neuroethics research, education and outreach.

Innovation: Pursue creative and novel approaches to critical issues in neuroethics.

Leadership: Inspire and motivate neuroethics scholars of the present and future.

Teamwork: Respect the diversity and individuality of thoughts, ideals, and beliefs.

Partnership: Actively engage collaborators and stakeholders.

Responsiveness: Promote sensitivity to culture and spiritual issues and in research neuroscience literacy.

[the team]

During the 2008/09 year, the Core tripled its research personnel to a network of over fifteen.

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MISSION

"To tackle the ethical, legal, policy and social implications of frontier neuroscience straighton by working hand-in-hand with practicing neuroscientists, physicians, allied health professionals, policy makers, the press and the public to ensure the close alignment of innovation with societal and individual human values."



National Core for Neuroethics Vancouver Sun Run Team. From left to right (top) Ms. Joanne Reimer, Mr. Daniel Buchman; (bottom) Dr. Judy Illes, Dr. Kate Tairyan, Ms. Carole Federico. Vancouver, BC, April



[faculty members]



Judy Illes, Ph.D.

Dr. Illes, Canada Research Chair in Neuroethics, is Director of the National Core for Neuroethics at the University of British Columbia, Professor of Neurology, and Adjunct Professor with the School of Population and Public Health. She is faculty of the Brain Research Centre, of the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, and a founding fellow of the Institute of Mental Health at UBC. She is a co-founder of the Neuroethics Society, a member of the Internal Advisory Board for the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), a member of the Institute of Medicine, Forum on Neuroscience and Neurological Disorders, and a member of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. Dr. Illes is editor of the American Journal of Bioethics (AJOB) - Neuroscience, and chair of Women in World Neuroscience of the International Brain Research Organization.



Peter B. Reiner, V.M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Reiner is Professor in the Kinsmen Laboratory of Neurological Research, Department of Psychiatry, Brain Research Centre and the National Core for Neuroethics. Dr. Reiner has a distinguished track record as a research scientist studying the neurobiology of behavioral states and the molecular underpinnings of neurodegenerative disease. Dr. Reiner also has experience in the private sector, having been President & CEO of Active Pass Pharmaceuticals, a drug discovery company that he founded to tackle the scourge of Alzheimer Disease. Upon returning to academic life in 2004, Dr. Reiner refocused his scholarly work in the area of neuroethics, specializing in the commercialization of neuroscience with a particular interest in cognitive enhancement.

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Yemi Banjo, B.Sc., M.Sc.

Yemi Banjo, B.Sc., M.Sc., joined the Core in June, 2009 as a Research Fellow, and is currently coordinating the 'International Neuroethics: Enhancement, Drugs and Devices' study led by Dr. Peter Reiner in collaboration with Dr. Thomas Metzinger (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz). She graduated from the University of California, Davis in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior and recently completed a Master's degree in Neuroscience at UBC. As a graduate student, she studied the effects of brief fetal exposure and subsequent adult reexposure to cycad neurotoxins in mice based on the fetal basis of adult disease (FeBAD) hypothesis. Ms. Banjo also co-manages the International Neuroethics Network.



Emily Borgelt, B.Sc., M.A.

Emily Borgelt, B.Sc., M.A., is a Research Coordinator at the Core. She presently coordinates a project with Daniel Buchman, regarding stakeholder perspectives on the potential clinical use of brain scans and genetic testing in psychiatry. She also manages the Clinical Neuroethics program. Ms. Borgelt graduated from Emory University in 2008 with a Bachelors degree in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and a minor in Ethics Studies. She then pursued a Masters degree in Bioethics at Case Western Reserve University, which she completed in May 2009.

Elana Brief, Ph.D.



Elana Brief, Ph.D., is a Consulting Research Fellow at the Core. She received her doctorate in Physics from the University of British Columbia where she developed methods for using MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) to non-invasively measure concentrations of chemicals in human brain. During her post-doctoral fellowships she used similar techniques to study the human lung in Paris, France and to analyze fabricated human skin at Simon Fraser University. Dr. Brief has also worked in population health as one of the Research Directors of the Women's Health Research Network (funded by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research). There she co-authored "Our Common Ground" a guide describing how to engage in community based research. At the Core, Dr. Brief leads a project investigating First Nations community members' perspectives on normal and pathological brain aging.

Daniel Buchman, B.A., M.S.W.



Daniel Buchman, B.A., M.S.W., is a Research Fellow at the Core. He graduated from McGill University in 2005 with a Bachelors degree in Psychology and Social Studies of Medicine. He then obtained his Masters degree in Social Work at the University of Toronto in June 2008, specializing in Mental Health, and completed the Collaborative Program in Addiction Studies. Mr. Buchman's Masters thesis focused on clinical neuroethical challenges in the addictions, and how complex issues like addictions can be approached through a systems-based analysis. Mr. Buchman is presently leading a project on stakeholder perspectives on the potential clinical use of brain scans and genetic testing in psychiatry. He also coordinates the Clinical Neuroethics Program. Mr. Buchman will begin his doctoral studies in Neuroscience with a focus on neuroethics at UBC in the fall of 2009.

Neil Chahal, B.Sc., M.H.A.



Neil Chahal, B.Sc., M.H.A., is the Administrator for Finance and Research at the National Core for Neuroethics. During the 2008/09 year he completed a Masters degree in Health Administration at UBC. His thesis explored the intricacies of sustainable practice and neuroethics as they apply to healthcare program administration using the Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome as the model. Mr. Chahal has responsibilities for the financial, human resource, and information technology management of Core affairs and has been instrumental in expanding the team and its resource base over the course of the past year.

Kevin Comerford, M.F.A., M.I.S.



Kevin Comerford, M.F.A., M.I.S., joined UBC in the Fall 2008 as a graduate student with Prof. Edie Rasmussen in the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. In a collaborative effort with Prof. Rasmussen, Mr. Comerford has been examining changing trends in how ethics is represented in the neuroscience literature and vice versa.

Carole Federico, B.Sc.



Carole Federico, B.Sc., is a Research Coordinator at the Core. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of British Columbia in Biopsychology with an interest in Philosophy. Ms. Federico is presently coordinating two studies at the Core: both examine the needs of neuroimagers and neurodegenerative disease researchers for incorporating neuroethics into their research. She is working on a complementary project looking at these issues from the perspective of bioethics program directors. Ms. Federico is coordinating a number of events that the Core is hosting in anticipation of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Ms. Federico is the assistant editor, and a contributing author, of the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Neuroethics publication, forthcoming in the fall of



Gidon Felsen, Ph.D.

Gidon Felsen, Ph.D., is a Visiting Scholar at the Core. His postdoctoral work at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory focused on the neural mechanisms of decision making, using electrophysiological recordings in behaving rodents. In October 2009 he will be joining the faculty in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Colorado, Denver, where his lab will apply similar techniques to study movement disorders. At the Core, he is studying how recent findings in the neuroscience of decision making can affect the quality patient care through improved doctor-patient interactions.



Sofia Lombera, B.Sc.

Sofia Lombera, B.Sc., is the Core's Manager for Research and Global Partnerships. She graduated from Stanford University with honors in Science, Technology and Society in 2007. Her specific research interests are the international dimensions of neuroethics. Ms. Lombera manages the International Neuroethics Network which is headquartered at the Core. Ms. Lombera looks forward to beginning a Master's program at the BIOS Centre at the London School of Economics in September 2009.



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Umamon Puangthong, M.D., is a Visiting Scholar with the National Core for Neuroethics, as well as a Clinical Fellow with the Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorder Centre at UBC Hospital. She obtained her medical degree and psychiatric diploma in Bangkok, Thailand, where she worked as a geriatric psychiatrist. Her specific research interests relate to cross-cultural challenges in brain research with special focus on dementia.



Joanne Reimer, R.N., M.N.

Joanne Reimer, R.N., M.N., is the Research Coordinator for the Spinal Cord Injury Stakeholders Initiative Project that is focused on eliciting patients' interests and preferences, along with those of their caregivers and physicians, on the use of stem cells in the treatment of spinal cord injury. The goal of the project is to advance clinical trials informed by these perspectives. Ms. Reimer brings over 25 years of experience in healthcare as a clinical specialist in palliative care and life—threatening illness, education, and research.



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Kevin Sauvé, B.Sc.

Kevin Sauvé, B.Sc., is a research intern with the National Core for Neuroethics and a graduate student of Science Journalism at the University of British Columbia. He studied neurobiology at the University of Guelph and is a recipient of the Health Research Communications Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for health science communication as well as a CTV Globemedia fellowship for academic excellence from UBC. He was the student intern for the neuroscience communication workshop led by Dr. Illes and Jay Ingram of the Discovery Channel. Mr. Sauvé's ongoing work with Dr. Judy Illes includes the assessment of the nature of contemporary public discourse regarding neuroscience and ethics.



Kate Tairyan, M.D., M.P.H.

Kate Tairyan, M.D., M.P.H., is a Senior Research Fellow with the Core. Dr. Tairyan obtained a medical degree in preventive medicine from the Armenian State Medical University and a diploma in health management from the National Institute of Health. She received the Ed Muskie Graduate Fellowship Award to obtain a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration on Global Health Leadership from Emory University. Her public health expertise and work experience includes several positions at the Ministry of Health of Armenia and collaborations with international experts on health policy development and poverty reduction issues at national and local levels. Dr. Tairyan is spearheading a project to evaluate investigator needs for integrating neuroethics into neuroscience using imaging as the model. In addition to her work at the Core, Dr. Tairyan is the Content Director for the Health Sciences Online (HSO) program and teaches courses on global health at Simon Fraser University.



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Core's projects are focused on high impact, high visibility research including the use of drugs and devices for neuroenhancement, ethics in neurodegenerative disease and regenerative medicine, international and cross-cultural challenges, neuroimaging in the private sector, and the ethics of personalized medicine, among others. The following descriptions provide status updates on the five new and six ongoing programs based at the Core.

[aging and dementia]

Bioethical Landscape of Neurodegenerative Diseases Research and Treatment

Foundation for Ethics and Technology

We developed an online survey and launched it to identify the key ethics issues in neurodegenerative disease research. One thousand principal investigators were invited to complete the online survey. In total, 193 responses were received. Results will lead to better resources. As a corollary to this goal, this survey was designed to reveal how ethics resources can be customized for investigators and clinical scientists working on drug discovery, regenerative medicine and other related areas of research that may lead to interventions and treatments.



Dementia Research with Diverse Ethnocultural Populations: Exploring the Neuroethics Challenges

Canadian Institutes of Health Research



This project examines how researchers take ethnocultural considerations into account for the purposes of tailoring research on dementia. Over the past seven months, we have invited researchers from within British Columbia to participate in either face-to-face or telephone interviews and speak on ethnocultural considerations of their research. In the coming months we hope to extend the scope of this project and begin collecting data from Canadian researchers outside of British Columbia. At this point in time, 8 interviews have been completed.

"A major challenge for... care partners of individuals with dementia is timely access to research-based information, to best care practices, and to the services, resources, and supports provided by various government and community agencies and organizations."

- A Network for Translation of Research in Alzheimer Disease and Dementia



Dementia Knowledge Translation

Canadian Institutes of Health Research; Canadian Dementia Knowledge Translation Network

This multi-site project is aimed at building knowledge translation capacity in the area of dementia. This aim is met through specific goals under the three pillars of education and training in knowledge translation, dementia resource and knowledge exchange, and person and partner-centered knowledge translation. The UBC site holds the responsibilities for developing an educational and training program. During the 2008/09 period, the project milestones from the UBC site included a comprehensive literature review encompassing the areas of dementia education, knowledge translation and exchange, the constitution of an expert advisory panel, development of a conceptual framework for the design of curriculum architecture, and preparation of an online survey to assess training needs in knowledge translation in dementia. This project adds perspectives from educational and training development to the array of interdisciplinary research interests in Neuroethics at the Core.

Multicultural Concepts of Autonomy, Mental Well-Being and Cognitive Decline in Aging and Dementia

North Growth Foundation

Culture shapes notions of self, status of members of a community, and understandings of health and well-being. In Western culture, aging adults gradually lose their status as productive members of society. In contrast, First Nations' communities grant higher status to aging adults, Elders, and maintain their connection to their traditions and their history through teachings from Elders. Through this project we seek to understand how a remote northern Canadian First Nations community makes sense of, and responds to, cognitive decline and dementia experienced by their aging adults. In February 2009, we held focused discussion groups in the community. We learned that adults with age-related cognitive deficits are kept in the community for as long as possible, and that the community works together to respond to wandering and caregiver burnout. Traditional medicines, traditional foods, and connection to the land are seen as health promoting. The closest long-term residential care exists outside of their traditional territory, and families experience loss and anxiety in sending a loved one unprotected into another territory. Through this collaborative work we wish to be enriched by non-Western ideas of aging and cognitive decline, design relevant educational programs at the request of the community, and inform health policies for this and other North American Aboriginal communities.

[imaging and genetics]

Neuroimaging and Ethics

National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Mental Health

In the sixth year of funding the Advanced Neuroimaging: Ethical, Legal and Social Issues initiative has three specific projects with the goal of identifying and addressing the interactions of neuroscience research with ethics and society.

Project 1: Examine the Early Integration of Neuroethics into Neuroscience. During the first year of the project, we found positive integration of neuroethics subject matter in the larger universe of neuroscience and bioethics publishing.

Project 2.1: Evaluation of Investigator Needs for Integrating Neuroethics into Neuroscience. An online survey was developed and launched in February 2009 aimed at developing and maximizing the utility of ethics resources for neuroscientists whose research involves neuroimaging, neurostimulation, and imaging genomics.



Twelve hundred principal investigators (funded by NIH, SBIR, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) and their research staff were invited to complete the online survey. We received 605 responses with data suggesting that there is a considerable interest among neuroscientists in ethics; more formal and informal discussions of neuroethics related issues and access to hands-on ethics resources are in high demand. Data also provided insights about the motivators and barriers for incorporating ethics into neuroimaging research. Our upcoming publications will reflect on those findings. Approximately 150 researchers also expressed interest in participating in focus group discussions. Five focus group sessions were held at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping in San Francisco in June 2009. Further focus groups are being planned for the Society for Neuroscience meeting later this year. Preliminary survey data were presented at the Canadian Association for Neuroscience and an abstract drawing on data about motivators and barriers has been accepted for poster presentation at the Society for Neuroscience Meeting in 2009.

Project 2.2: Incidental Findings. We continue our work on incidental findings (IF) as part of our goal to address ethics challenges in neuroscience. The aim of the present analysis was to find the most cost-effective policy to handle IFs using incidental intracranial aneurysms (IA) on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) research scans as a model. Findings suggest that review of the scans explicitly for incidental findings by a non-specialist, a procedure adopted by many laboratories, is not an appropriate decision for any subgroup. No formal review of the scans is the best option for male subjects without a positive family history and males >60 years old with a positive family history. For all other men with a positive family history and in women with negative family history, the option of review of all study scans by a specialist is the most cost-effective. A full clinical workup is the best decision in female volunteers of all age groups with a positive family history. The results of the present decision analysis are another step towards reaching a consensus in the management of incidental findings.

Project 3: Integrating Stakeholder Perspectives. We have made tremendous progress to date in our research on neuroimaging and neurogenetics for people suffering from mood disorders. We have interviewed more than 30 patients and healthcare providers and have been actively analyzing the data. Results are giving us insights into both the receptivity to different forms of predictive testing for mental illness and the perceived impact on the objective self. In parallel with our work on this study, we are also preparing to launch a second phase of research focusing on individuals with schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorder, and a third phase with parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

[addiction and autonomy]

Neuroethics for British Columbia

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research

To deeply understand the place of ethical, social and policy considerations of frontier neurotechnology in British Columbia, we established the Neuroethics for BC team in April 2008. Since then, the team has worked hand-in-hand with practicing neuroscientists, clinical researchers, policy makers, and all citizens of science in British Columbia to ensure the close alignment of innovation with societal and individual human values in the realm of neuroethics. A key vehicle to achieve this goal have been presentations by senior members of the National Core for Neuroethics at the University of BC, University of Victoria, local colleges, and various public venues. A conference on *The Neuroethics of Addiction* was held in April of 2009 (please also see page 16 for more details on Neuroethics for British Columbia).



The Emerging Neurobiology of Autonomy

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

The notion of personal autonomy underlies our ethical considerations in a variety of societal contexts, such as shared doctor-patient decision making and the evaluation of criminal responsibility. Although autonomy has long been the purview of philosophers and ethicists, recent advances in neuroscience have shed light on the biological bases of the expression of, and constraints on, autonomy. The goal of this project is to describe how neuroscience can inform our concept of autonomy. For example, the degree of autonomy possessed by particular individuals, and even nonhuman animals, appears to depend on the structure of the cortex and its level of functioning. Incorporating the relevant neurobiology into our understanding of autonomy may have practical implications for several aspects of society.

[stem cells]

Stem Cells for Spinal Cord Injury: ELSI Issues

Stem Cell Network; Networks of Centers of Excellence

The goal of the Stem Cells for Spinal Cord Injury project is to harness the voice of people with spinal cord injury to both inform the development of clinical trials and to identify likely candidates for whom stem cell therapy may have an early and maximum benefit. To achieve this goal, we are conducting focus groups with people who have acquired a spinal cord injury, their primary caregivers, and healthcare providers. Preliminary analysis from the first physician groups indicates that they perceive themselves as more risk aversive than do patients regarding stem cell therapy. In particular, physicians await more data about clinical safety and utility. Rehabilitation physicians describe themselves as devoting a lot of time to educating and "myth busting" about the reality of stem cell therapy without destroying hope, a benefit identified by physicians from both settings. Focus groups with patients and their primary caregivers will begin in September 2009.



[enhancement]

The Neuroethics of Enhancement

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

The Neuroethics of Enhancement initiative, coordinated by Dr. Thomas Metzinger of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, and led here at the Core by Dr. Peter Reiner, began in the summer of 2009. Under this program, the first project assesses the cross-cultural attitudes of physicians to prescribing cognitive enhancers and is currently in development. Although it is neither a disease nor an early indication for dementia, the normal cognitive decline of aging can be disturbing in a society in which one's cognitive abilities are important determinants of self-esteem and respect from one's peers. As a consequence, drugs designed to enhance cognition in "normal" individuals are currently in clinical trials. When these drugs become available, the burden of prescription will fall on physicians.

"We anticipate widespread interest in the outcome of this survey among physicians, pharmaceutical companies, the scientific community, regulatory authorities, and the general public."

- The Neuroethics of Enhancement

The goal of this study is to assess the views of physicians toward prescribing medications designed to treat normalcy; in this case, treating the normal decline in cognition that occurs with age. We focus first on physicians because they are key decision-makers in the adoption of new technologies in medical practice and are increasingly being asked to prescribe drugs that fall in the 'grey zone' between treatment and enhancement. We have designed a survey to be run in major cities in Canada, Germany, and likely Japan, U.S.A, and the U.K. We anticipate widespread interest in the outcome of this survey among physicians, pharmaceutical companies, the scientific community, regulatory authorities, and the general public.

[special events]

Inauguration of the National Core for Neuroethics

The National Core for Neuroethics celebrated its establishment with a public inauguration at the UBC Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on September 11, 2008. Invited plenary speakers included international leaders in neuroethics, such as Drs. Rémi Quirion, Barbara J. Sahakian, and Joseph J. Fins. They spoke on neuroethics in the life of a scientific director, cognitive enhancement, and the Canadian origins of neuroethics. A highly engaging panel and open discussion on the partnerships, priorities, and opportunities for neuroethics in Canada followed the plenary session. This interactive discussion featured a wide-range of perspectives from Drs. Judy Illes, Éric Racine, Michael McDonald, and Timothy Caulfield.

Dr. Peter Reiner facilitating question period. Inauguration of the National Core for Neuroethics, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, September 2008.

Dr. Judy Illes providing welcoming remarks. Inauguration of the National Core for Neuroethics, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, September 2008.





Panel Discussion and Open Forum: At the Crossroads of Ethics in Canada — Partnerships, Priorities and Opportunities for Neuroethics featuring Dr. Michael McDonald (W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics), Dr. Judy Illes (National Core for Neuroethics), and Dr. Erica Frank (UBC School of Population and Public Health). Inauguration of the National Core for Neuroethics, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, September 2008.



Audience at the National Core for Neuroethics Inauguration. Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, September 2009.

YWCA Women of Distinction Awards

The Women of Distinction Awards began in 1984 to honor, encourage, and recognize women whose outstanding activities and achievements contribute to the health and future of the community. Since then, YWCA Vancouver has honored over 200 deserving women. Recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious awards for women, the Women of Distinction Awards also honors businesses and organizations that support the diverse needs of their employees. In the category of Technology, Science, and Industry, Dr. Judy Illes was nominated by the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST), alongside five other extraordinary nominees, for this 26th annual event held on 3 June 2009.







PANEL DISCUSSION & OPEN FORUM "At the Crossroads of Ethics in Canada – Partnerships, Priorities and Opportunities for Neuroethics"

INAUGURATION RECEPTION 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Open to the public Refreshments provided







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2009 YWCA Women of Distinction Awards. Westin Bayshore Hotel, June 2009.

Communications for Senior Scientists 2009: NeuroTalk

Held at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta on March 19-22, 2009, this three-day science communications program was the first to bring senior neuroscientists, ethicists, and journalists together to identify strategies to improve communications. The participants included science and journalism leaders on these issues and was co-chaired by the Core's very own Dr. Judy Illes. As a collective with substantial leadership and experience, the participants clarified a path forward and created new examples science communications. communications specialists and senior scientists articulated a sophisticated two-way understanding of the in neuroscience communication prototyped possible new approaches. They were also featured on the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet.





Mr. Jay Ingram, host of the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet and Co-chair of "NeuroTalk". Banff Centre, March 2009.

12th Annual Jus Lecture

The Jus Lecture Series was created by Dr. Karolina Jus in 1994 in honor of her late husband, Dr. Andrzej Jus. The mandate of the series is to bring to the University of Toronto each year an internationally recognized major contributor to the advancement of genetics, neuroscience, psychiatry and its ethical implications. On January 29, 2009, Dr. Judy Illes presented on *Knowledge, Values, Neuroscience* at the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto to a capacity crowd.

The Gairdner Foundation 50th Anniversary Symposium

The Gairdner Foundation was created in 1957 by James Arthur Gairdner to recognize and reward the achievements of medical researchers whose work contributes significantly to improving the quality of human life. Since the first awards were made in 1959, the Gairdner Awards have become Canada's foremost international award. They hold up the pinnacle of achievement as a mirror to Canadians, and in so doing, play a role in helping Canada achieve its goals of excellence. Throughout the 50th Anniversary year, international symposia were held in Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Sherbrooke, and Halifax. As a Gairdner Symposium speaker, on March 11, 2009, Dr. Judy Illes presented on Neuroethics for our Neurogenetic Future, in the category of Science and the Future of Medicine in Vancouver. Additional features in the category included presentations from such Nobel Laureates as Drs. Harold Varmus, Sydney Brenner, Roger Tsien, and Carl Wieman.

Café Scientifique

Cafe Scientifique is a place where, for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology. Meetings take place in cafes, bars, restaurants and even theatres, but always outside a traditional academic context. Cafe Scientifique is a forum for debating science issues, not a shop window for science. The Cafe is committed to promoting public engagement with science and to making science accountable. In October 2008, Dr. Peter Reiner presented a talk on *The Ethics of Your Body* at Gene Cafe, followed by Dr. Judy Illes presenting on *Neuroethics: In the Pursuit of Brain Well-Being and Brain Privacy* to a lively and engaged crowd at the Railway Club pub in downtown Vancouver in November 2008.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE

[outreach programs]

Neuroethics for British Columbia

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research

The National Core for Neuroethics sponsored a diverse program of speakers at a conference entitled Neuroethics of Addiction on April 14, 2009 at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver. Plenary lectures by Dr. Anthony Phillips (Addiction is a Brain Disease) and Dr. Michael Krausz (Treatment of Addiction and Concurrent Disorders: Between Prohibition and Stigma), both from UBC, and Dr. Wayne Hall (Reaping Benefits and Avoiding Misuse of Addiction Neurobiology) from the University of Queensland were followed by a panel discussion entitled Neuroethics of Addiction: From the Laboratory to the Street. Chaired by Lorraine Greaves, the panel included Russ Maynard from the Insite supervised safe injection site, Thomas Kerr from the University of BC, as well as plenary speaker Wayne Hall.





Annual Dana Brain Awareness Week Lectureship in Neuroethics

The Dana Foundation

Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is an international campaign dedicated to advancing public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research. Founded and coordinated by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and its sister organization, the European Dana Alliance for the Brain, BAW is now entering its fourteenth year as a catalyst for public understanding of brain science. The Dana Alliances are joined in the campaign by partners from around the world, including universities, hospitals, patient groups, government agencies, schools, service organizations, and professional associations. For the 2009 year, the National Core for Neuroethics with sponsorship from the Dana Foundation welcomed Dr. Bruce Wexler of the Yale School of Medicine, who presented on Brain and Culture-Neurobiology, Ideology and Social Change.

Clinical Neuroethics

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute

Over the past year, we met regularly with medical residents in Neurology, Neurosurgery, Radiology and Psychiatry in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, and engaged with them in high calibre academic discussions on cutting edge topics at the interface of ethics, neuroscience and medicine. Many of the residents took an active role in the creation of a "tough cases" clinical neuroethics template – a clinical case



template that facilitates documentation of ethically provocative situations that occur in the resident's daily practice. We have also developed a long list of UBC faculty members from diverse fields who are creating opportunities for and collaborating on research projects with the residents. Many residents have expressed interest in beginning Clinical Neuroethics research projects of their own or to join on some the exciting initiatives put forward by faculty. We also hosted international scholars who spoke on topics such as the ethics of cognitive enhancement, neuroplasticity and cultural values, and clinical partnerships for research and discovery for neurodegenerative diseases. We were delighted to see the high level of attendance at these Grand Rounds and special seminars. Our next steps are to fully roll out the tough case reporting to residents, both in hard copy and electronically, and to mentor new research projects.

Neuroethics Education in Canadian Neuroscience Programs

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

The focus of this project is to describe the current landscape of ethics training in neuroscience programs in Canada. To do this, we used a survey and expert interviews with neuroscience program directors and principal investigators (Pls) Strategic Training Initiatives in Health Research (STIHR) in neuroscience. Results demonstrate that although interest in ethics education is high, current approaches to training are not meeting their needs of this cohort. Program directors reported a desire to include more ethics content in their curricula but identified lack of time, relevant tools and expertise as major barriers to doing so. We have developed a set of recommendations for program directors, neuroethics collaborators, and funders to address these barriers that includes a new, highly flexible curriculum. Resources will consist of a web-based, open-access library of case studies and peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed materials. The archive will be sufficiently broad and comprehensive - effectively spanning molecules to mind - so that program directors and PIs can select materials that are most suitable to the scientific goals of their program (e.g., pediatric, aging, stem cells).



Health Science Online (HSO) Neuroethics Resources and References

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

The Health Science Online (HSO) Neuroethics Resources and References serve as an introduction to current topics in neuroethics and directs users to landmark papers in the field. The content was designed with particular attention to key emerging topics in neuroethics, to priority areas for the international community identified in the peer-reviewed literature, and to the neurologic and mental health challenges facing the developing world. The material is now complete and has been posted on the HSO website (http://www.hso.info). The content will be translated to French, Spanish, and Russian and regularly updated by members of the National Core for Neuroethics.

International Neuroethics Network (INN)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

The INN's objective is to serve as a means of communication and support among neuroethicists around the world. Our goals are to foster international collaborations in neuroethics through the identification of common priorities and joint funding opportunities, research and training, and increased awareness of neuroethics globally.



Launched by CIHR-INMHA in 2005 at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting in Washington, D.C. under the leadership of Rémi Quirion (INMHA), Judy Illes (UBC) and Astrid Eberhart (INMHA), the INN is now headquartered at UBC and chaired by Judy Illes. The INN has held meetings during the past two Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meetings, the first in San Diego in 2007, and the second in Washington D.C. in 2008. During these meetings, we have witnessed increasing international participation in our initiative, and view it as evidence of the interest worldwide in the intersection of brain science, ethics, and society. We currently have several ongoing initiatives including the formation of topic-focused interest groups, for example for those interested in the neuroethics of addiction, as well as the formation of regional chapters to be discussed at our next annual meeting in October 2009 in Chicago.



Dr. George Wanderi (centre) pictured with Dr. Judy Illes (left) and Ms. Sofia Lombera (right) at the National Core for Neuroethics.

International Brain Research Organization School of Neuroscience

National Core for Neureothics

Held in Vancouver, Canada from May 29 to June 4, 2009, the 3rd Annual US/ Canada Region International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) School of Neuroscience focused on Neural Degeneration and Regeneration. This year, like last, the school offered students from Africa, Asia and Latin America advanced neuroscience courses taught by local and foreign experts. We were pleased to sponsor Dr. George M. Wanderi from Kenya to attend the IBRO School. Dr. Wanderi, a medical doctor whose work focuses on adenoviral and adeno-associated vector gene therapy to treat malignant brain tumors, Parkinsonism, Cystic Fibrosis and HIV encephalitis, had particular interest in understanding neuroethics and policy related issues. Dr. Wanderi took away with him a greater understanding of the promise and limitations of new therapies as they are applied and regulated in North America and other parts of the world.

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- Reiner, P.B. PSYC 514 Genes and Behaviour. Brains, Genes, and Responsibility, University of British Columbia

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Chair/Committee Seats

- ✓ Illes, J. Chair, Women in World Neuroscience, International Brain Research Organization
- ✓ IIIes, J. Committee co-Chair, Women in Neuroscience, Society for Neuroscience
- **◄ Illes, J.** Executive Committee, Neuroethics Society

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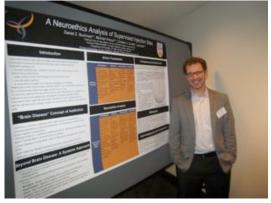
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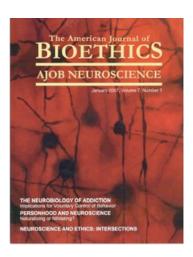
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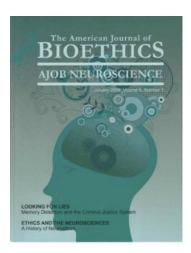
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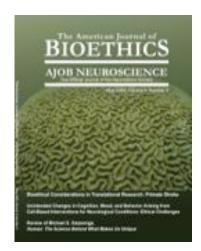
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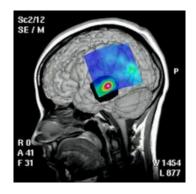
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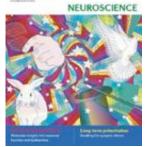
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Grant Gillett, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.Phil., F.R.A.C.

Dr. Grant Gillett will be joining the Core beginning in late November 2009 as a Green College Visiting Professor. Dr. Gillett studied medicine and psychology at Auckland and then specialized in neurosurgery. He completed a doctorate in philosophy and held a fellowship at Oxford before coming to Otago. He is a Neurosurgeon and Professor of Medical Ethics. Dr. Gillett's interests are broad, including the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of medicine and medical ethics. He has a particular interest in the philosophies of Kant and Wittgenstein and in post-structuralism. While in Vancouver, Dr. Gillett is scheduled to provide lectures at Green College, the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, and the Vancouver Institute.

Roland Nadler, B.A.

Roland Nadler, B.A., completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard College in 2009, concentrating in Philosophy with a specialization in Mind, Brain, and Behavior. He will be joining the Core in September 2009 as a Research Intern this fall to contribute to the "Neuroethics of Enhancement" research initiative under the guidance of Dr. Peter Reiner, with particular emphasis on the moral psychology of cognitive enhancement-related decisions. Roland also has research interests at the intersection of neuroscience, law, and philosophy; he plans to pursue a joint JD/PhD in the field.

Sara Parke, B.A.

Sara Parke, B.A., is a Human Biology graduate from Stanford University with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior and will be joining the Core in September 2009 on a Fulbright Scholarship. As an undergraduate Research Assistant in the Systems Neuroscience and Pain Lab at Stanford, Ms. Parke explored the relationship between human neural function, behavior and social interaction. She is also interested in health policy and patient advocacy. Ms. Parke is a Colorado native and, in her free time, she loves to hike, rock climb and downhill ski.

[new initiatives]

Neuroethics and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

University of British Columbia Community Affairs

With the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games being held in Vancouver, the National Core for Neuroethics will be co-hosting events in collaboration with the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics to engage the public in dialogue with each other and with experts in the field about ethical issues surrounding the games. The goal is to enhance the visibility of social, ethical, and behavioral aspects of Olympic competition. A session in December, to be held at the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues, will explore the supposed difference between ability and disability and a second session in January, to be held at UBC Robson Square, will address issues of sport and enhancement. Speakers will include experts in science, ethics, engineering, and sport, as well as athletes and representatives from industry. Dr. Illes will also be a featured speaker in the series "Intellectual Muscle" in which she will explore answers to questions such as: If we could predict from a brain scan who among our youth is likely to be an Olympic champion, how should we use this information? If we learned that an antidepressant increases the brain's ability to coordinate movement, should it be banned as performance enhancing?

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