

To: Advisory Board and Founding Members  
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### **Highlights of Key Activities, 2004-2010**

- Founded the first nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy think tank dedicated to ensuring that women's voices, health concerns and unique life experiences strongly influence ethical issues in health care and biotechnology.
- Developed a publicly accessible website to serve as a bridge between bioethics scholarship and policymaking and to highlight issues of importance to women and their families.
- Created the *Women's Bioethics Project Book Club Program* to use literature as a vehicle to empower women to explore the dramatic ways in which emerging biotechnologies are affecting peoples' lives. Received funding from the Danziger, Golden and Muglia families for this program.
- Partnered with the Center for Women Policy Studies, Washington D.C., to form the first-ever *State Legislative Advisory Board on Women and Bioethics*. The bipartisan 15-member board represented progressive state legislative leaders from around the country. Received funding from the Ford Foundation and the Moriah Fund for this program.
- Published "Bioethics: The New Conservative Crusade" a chapter in the edited book *Progress in Bioethics: Science, Policy and Politics* (MIT Press 2010.)
- Partnered with Jonathan D. Moreno, PhD to organize and host the *Progressive Bioethics Summit* at the Center for American Progress in Washington D.C. Received funding from the Appignani Foundation for this program.
- Worked with Legal Voice to draft provisions of the Washington State commercial surrogacy legislation to ensure reproductive justice.
- Produced a top-rated bioethics scholar-blogger program that delivered news and commentary on the implications of bioethical issues for women around the world. Linda MacDonald Glenn, JD led this effort.
- Participated in an invitation-only conference on human germline genetic modification sponsored by the Genetics and Public Policy Center at Johns Hopkins University.
- Published a whitepaper on the ethical implications of the increasing number of doctors who have added revenue-enhancing cosmetic procedures to their core practice and what that means for women's health.
- Produced a video with New York Times best-selling author Jodi Picoult on the ethical implications of creating savior siblings.

- Launched *Mind Matters: Beliefs, Emotions and Self Identity*, a program to promote the latest in neuro-news. Developed a lecture series on “*Why Women Should Care about Neuroethics*” featuring experts Judy Illes, PhD and Francoise Baylis, PhD.
- Recruited law firms Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP and Stoel Rives, LLC to provide pro bono legal services to the Women’s Bioethics Project.
- Partnered with ACT (A Contemporary Theater) to create an accessible and interactive event about what science, ethics and the arts have to say about cloning and related issues.
- Produced with SAGE Crossroads, the premier online forum for emerging issues of human aging, a panel discussion on the ethical implications of women and aging.
- Created a series of podcasts called “*The Scientist and the Ethicist*” to promote a dialogue between the two disciplines. Received funding for this program from Humanities Washington.
- Delivered a keynote speech on *Bioethics and Public Policy* at the launch of the Appignani Bioethics Center/UN Plaza, New York.
- Presented the paper *Bioethics and Public Policy: A competitive analysis of Americans United for Life* at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Conference on the *Future of Bioethics and a Divided Democracy*.
- Established a bioethics forum featuring outstanding commentary by bioethics graduate students. In the wake of Octomom, student scholar Jennifer deSante explored whether physicians have an ethical obligation to screen IVF applicants.
- Provided testimony to the FDA’s *General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel* on issues of long-term safety and informed consent for breast implants.
- Interviewed on stage, Liza Mundy, Washington Post reporter and author of *Everything Conceivable*, about the ethical implications of reproductive technologies at a Seattle Town Hall forum.
- Published an article titled: *Inside a Stem Cell Lab: A Young Scientist Committed to Scientific Progress* in the online journal *Science Progress*.
- Held a bioethics salon with Washington State legislative, religious and community leaders to discuss the ethical implications of commercial gestational surrogacy.
- Shaped policy makers’ and opinion leaders’ views by distributing the edited book *Progress in Bioethics: Science, Policy and Politics* (MIT Press 2010) to 150 such experts around the world. The Appignani Foundation provided funding for this program.
- Published a whitepaper that explored the use of the concept of human dignity as justification for a worldwide ban on reproductive cloning.

- Supported our bioethics sisters by awarding a grant recognizing the outstanding quality of the *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, as well as the importance of its mission to bioethics, social justice and health policy.

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