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MEDICINE AND METAPHYSICS

NOVEMBER 13 - 14, 2004

to be held at:

CENTER FOR INQUIRY
3965 RENSCH ROAD
AMHERST, NEW YORK

THIS CONFERENCE BRINGS TOGETHER SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO: THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF HUMAN LIFE (WHEN AND HOW DOES THE HUMAN ORGANISM BEGIN AND CEASE TO EXIST?); THE NATURE OF CLASSIFICATION IN MEDICINE (ARE DISEASES NATURAL KINDS?); AND DEFINITIONS OF HEALTH AND SICKNESS (IS HEALTH A STATISTICAL MATTER? IS ILL-HEALTH A MATTER OF MALFUNCTION, AND IF SO WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'FUNCTION'?)

Speakers will include:

OLIVIER BODENREIDER (NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE)

WHAT DO BIOMEDICAL VOCABULARIES TELL US ABOUT BIOMEDICINE?

CHRISTOPHER BOORSE (UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE)

RECENT ACCOUNTS OF HEALTH

ALFONSO GOMEZ-LOBO (GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY)

SORTALS AND BEGINNINGS

JOHN MARTIN FISCHER (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE)

THE METAPHYSICS OF DEATH

JEFF MCMAHAN (RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)

BRAIN DEATH: THE ARGUMENT FROM INTEGRATED FUNCTIONING

A full program is available at:

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Registration prior to November 1 is free.

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