

Seminar Series

Queer Bioethics:

Unpacking an American Notion

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Queer studies, like LGBT studies, are well-established academic disciplines in literature, theology, and feminist studies. Both are steadily being integrated into medical humanities and bioethics as well. Whereas LGBT bioethics tends towards liberal values like production, conformity, sameness, and homogenization, Queer bioethics takes a political stance which challenges these values. Liberatory failure, particularity, difference, and individuality characterize the contrarian commitments of Queer bioethics. Queer bioethics emerges from American culture and is situated within gay American history. However, philosophers and medical practitioners outside of American academia can benefit from Queer perspectives in bioethics, which overturn the status quo by disturbing established assumptions about patient autonomy and the goals of medicine in areas such as reproduction, ability, “passing,” and aesthetics. This presentation will unpack the very American notion of Queer Bioethics, underscoring its significance for bioethics in general.

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