Zombies and “Zombethics”!

Walking with the Dead:
An Ethics Symposium for the Living on Halloween 2012

Wednesday, October 31st, 2012
10:00am to 4:30pm
Emory University Center for Ethics (Room 102)

CDC, Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Why bother being “good” when the end is near?
- When is a human being no longer a person?
- Does it all come down to the brain?
- What is free will?
- How should healthcare resources be allocated when pandemics hit?
- What does end-of-life care look like for those for whom biological death is not the end?

Join us for a day of discussion on scholarly topics at the intersection of neuroethics, public health ethics, religion, and bioethics, which will be explored through a frighteningly fascinating context to which we can all relate: zombies.

Seating is limited and will be by RSVP only!
Registration opens on October 1st, 2012

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Public Health Ethics Program
Itinerary

10:00 to 10:30am  Zombies in the Academy: Mindless Chatter, Creative Pedagogy, or a Sign of the Times?
- Cory Andrew Labrecque, PhD, Raymond F. Schinazi Junior Scholar in Bioethics and Religious Thought, Emory University Center for Ethics
- Karen S. Rommelfanger, PhD, Neuroethics Program Director, Emory University Center for Ethics

10:30 to 11:30am  A Zombie BrAAAins Inspired Neuroethics Discussion
- Steve Schlozman, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
- Darryl Neill, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Emory University
- Eddy Nahmias, PhD, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Georgia State University
- Bob McCauley, PhD, Professor of Philosophy, Emory University

11:30 to 1:00pm  Lunch and Zombie Walk

1:00 to 2:00pm  “Zombie Jesus,” Tibetan Death Meditation, and Reanimated Flesh
- “'Ain't No Grave: Zombies and Other Bodies in Post-Christian America”
  W. Scott Poole, PhD, Associate Professor of History, College of Charleston
- “Zombie Walks, Zombie Jesus, and the Eschatology of Postmodern Flesh”
  John W. Morehead, MA, Director of the Western Institute for Intercultural Studies
- “No Breath, No Pulse, But Abiding in the Clear Light: Tibetan Death Meditation and Its Ambiguities”
  John Dunne, PhD, Associate Professor of Religion, Emory University

2:00 to 3:00pm  The Zombie Apocalypse as a Platform for Public Preparedness: Entertaining and Effective?
- James W. Curran, MD/MPH, Dean, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
- Martin Cetron, MD, Director, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Alexander Isakov, MD/MPH, Executive Director, Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response, Emory University
- Kathy Kinlaw, MDiv, Associate Director, Emory University Center for Ethics

3:00 to 4:30pm  Our Love-Hate Relationship with Death: A Panel Discussion on The Walking Dead Series
- “Our Love-Hate Relationship with Death: Attraction, Fear, and Repulsion”
  Paul Root Wolpe, PhD, Director, Emory University Center for Ethics
- Panel discussion of The Walking Dead