In Canada and the U.S., the bioethics movement and second-wave feminism both began in the late 1960s, but the two discourses had little to say to one another for the better part of two decades. The few essays by feminists published up to that time in the premier journal in bioethics, the *Hastings Center Report*, dealt solely with ethical issues surrounding women’s reproductive functions. All that has changed. The 1990s saw a steady stream of conferences, monographs, anthologies, and essays in learned journals that examine bioethical issues through a feminist lens, and now there is a burgeoning literature. In this seminar we will read some of this literature, to get a better idea of what feminist theory has to offer bioethics—and vice-versa. Texts for the course include Susan Sherwin’s *No Longer Patient*; Susan M. Wolf, ed., *Feminism and Bioethics: Beyond Reproduction*, Dorothy Roberts’s *Killing the Black Body*, and Rebecca Kukla’s *Mass Hysteria*. Seminar participants will do a presentation of one of the readings and lead the discussion for that meeting, for a fourth of their final grade. The seminar paper counts toward the other three-fourths of the grade.

**Calendar**

Aug. 29. What is feminist bioethics?


Oct. 17. ASBH annual meeting. Seminar does not meet.


[Friday, Nov. 9. Grant Gillett gives the Martin Benjamin Lecture in bioethics]


Nov. 21. Thanksgiving eve. Seminar does not meet.


Seminar papers are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.