

**Library and Information Services
Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University**

TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 1971 *Core Ethics Library: Books and Articles Presently Available at the Kennedy Center for Bioethics* compiled by LeRoy Walters
- 1973 Establishment of the Ethics Library with funding from the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
- 1974 National Library of Medicine (NLM) grant awarded for the Bioethics Information Retrieval Project
- 1975 First volume of the *Bibliography of Bioethics* published by Gale Research listing 800 citations
- 1975 First volume of *New Titles in Bioethics* published by the Ethics Library
- 1977 BIOETHICSLINE database established by NLM for U.S. distribution
- 1978 Library joined the CAPCON Network (Washington, DC) and the National Cataloging Cooperative, OCLC (Dublin, OH); book records begin to be added to GEORGE, the University's online public access catalog
- 1979 BIOETHICSLINE offered to international subscribers of NLM databases
- 1982 *Bioethics: A Guide to Information Sources* published
- 1982 *Scope Note Series* begins
- 1983 Max M. and Marjorie B. Kampelman Collection of Jewish Ethics established with a gift from the Kampelmans
- 1984 Kennedy Institute assumes publication of *Bibliography of Bioethics*
- 1985 National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature established by NLM grant
- 1985 Toll-free telephone number established for nation-wide reference support: 1-800-MED-ETHX
- 1986 Renovation of Healy 201B and 102 begun; \$100,000 cost borne by the Kennedy Institute

- 1988 Implementation of BRS Software to develop in-house, multi-user databases: ETHX, BOOK, FILM, SYLB, and ORGS
- 1989 Renovation of Healy 101-102 completed; additional \$105,000 cost borne by the Kennedy Institute; space dedicated on June 22 by Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine
- 1991 *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* inaugurated; includes Scope Notes as a regular feature
- 1992 Shannon Award, National Institutes of Health, received to support library work in genetics and ethics
- 1993 *International Directory of Bioethics Organizations* published
- 1993 Inauguration of Web page for the NRCBL
- 1994 National Information Resource on Ethics & Human Genetics established by a grant from the National Center for Human Genome Research (now the National Human Genome Research Institute)
- 1996 “Bibliography” series in *Ethics and Intellectual Disability Newsletter* begins
- 1996 New domain name: <http://bioethics.georgetown.edu> established, featuring three major projects of Library and Information Services
- 1997 Prototype “Ethics and Genetics” database developed for the Web with support from University Information Services
- 1998 BIOETHICSLINE added to NLM’s Internet Grateful Med group of databases
- 1999 Doris Goldstein, MLS, MA, appointed to the Advisory Board of the newly-established German Reference Centre for Ethics in the Life Sciences (DRZE), modeled after the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature
- 2000 International Bioethics Exchange Project initiated
- 2001 NLM closes Internet Grateful Med service; transition of bioethics data to PubMed and LOCATOR^{plus} begins
- 2001 National Bioethics Advisory Commission selects NRCBL to preserve the electronic archive and copies of printed documentation of NBAC’s work

- 2002 Web delivery of “ETHX on the Web” and “Genetics and Ethics” databases begins based on OpenText software
- 2002 First Library Proseminar offered at the Intensive Bioethics Course
- 2002 Volume 28 of the redesigned *Bibliography of Bioethics* published listing 9,553 citations
- 2003 Cooperative agreement signed with The Hastings Center (Garrison, New York) authorizing Web display of the full text of its three journals
- 2003 New features added to “ETHX on the Web” and “Genetics and Ethics” databases: (1) citations for book and audiovisual records and (2) abstracts for articles from priority journals. Other new features at the Website: QuickBibs, home pages for four special collections
- 2003 Volume 29 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published
- 2004 Formal internal and external reviews of the library completed
- 2004 Agreement established with the President’s Council on Bioethics to cooperate to deliver the full text of prior bioethics commission reports via the Internet
- 2004 *New Titles in Bioethics* (Volume 30) continues as an electronic publication
- 2004 Volume 30 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published
- 2004 Subcontract awarded to Library and Information Services to support Center for Genetics Research, Ethics and Law Project, Case Western Reserve University, sponsored by NHGRI
- 2005 Consolidation of NRCBL and Bioethics Information Retrieval Project with awarding of \$8.1 million five-year contract with NLM
- 2005 Doris Mueller Goldstein, MLS, MA, Director of Library and Information Services, awarded Georgetown University President’s Medal
- 2005 Five-Year Continuation Award of \$2.2 million for National Information Resource on Ethics and Human Genetics by NHGRI
- 2005 Volume 31 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published
- 2005 Implementation of Livelink Discovery Server for database applications

- 2005 Contract awarded by the Office for Human Research Protections, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to digitize historic materials related to the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research Library
- 2006 Volume 32 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published
- 2006 Syllabus Exchange Database established as a Web database
- 2006 Bioethics Organizations Database established as a Web database
- 2007 Volume 33 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published
- 2007 ETHXWeb database surpasses 250,000 bibliographic records
- 2007 Pre-Conference Workshop on Bioethics Resources Offered at American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting
- 2007 Sixth annual Library Proseminar offered in conjunction with the Kennedy Institute's 33rd Intensive Bioethics Course; 84 participants
- 2008 Inauguration of outreach program for Howard University Medical Center's Course on Professional Ethics; presentation to class of 150 students
- 2008 With Unesco support, eight more libraries (in four countries) added to the International Bioethics Exchange Project: Gabon, Jamaica, Kenya, and Madagascar
- 2008 With the support of the Book Project at the World Bank Family Network, two libraries in the Sudan added to the International Bioethics Exchange Project
- 2008 Seventh annual Library Proseminar offered in conjunction with the Kennedy Institute's 34th Intensive Bioethics Course; 61 participants
- 2008 New domain name: <http://genethx.georgetown.edu> established for the National Information Resource on Ethics and Human Genetics
- 2008 Volume 34 of *Bibliography of Bioethics* published