Dear Friends,

The MacLean Center Prize in Clinical Ethics and Health Outcomes is the largest ethics prize in our field. Being awarded the MacLean prize capitalizes on the high quality of work of each of the Center’s faculty and our remarkable collaboration with colleagues statewide and across the country.

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Thank you so much!

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Kinsman Bioethics Conference Focuses on Population Health

We remain deeply grateful to The Kinsman Foundation. With their support, we partnered with leaders in Astoria, Coos Bay and Enterprise to host conferences in 2014. Under the leadership of David Barnard, we plan to work with health care leaders in Lebanon, Burns and Tillamook to host conferences in 2015. This year’s statewide annual Kinsman Bioethics Conference will be co-hosted with PeaceHealth with Jan Heller as conference Chair. The theme is population health under the title: “From Health Care to Health: Ethical Obligations and Communication Strategies in a Shifting Landscape.” Save the dates from May 14-15, 2015 and register to join us at the Oregon Convention Center.

Oregon POLST Program Develops New Materials

In response to a growing number of inquiries from other states, Dana Zive and Susan Tolle developed a document that outlines step by step Oregon’s pathway to designing, pilot testing, and launching the Oregon POLST Registry. We welcome the opportunity to provide practical guidance to policy makers in California and other states as they explore options for statewide registry implementation. The document outlining Oregon’s path can be found at www.or.polst.org/registry-information-for-healthcare-professionals. The Oregon POLST Program released a new video in January for those with advanced illness whose first language is Spanish. The video Cómo Comprender el POLST can be found at www.or.polst.org/espanol.

Center Faculty Win National Leadership Grant Awards

Winning two highly competitive national grant awards speaks to the growing national status of all of the Center’s faculty. Lynn A. Jansen, Madeline Brill Nelson Chair in Ethics Education, has been selected for "The Greenwall Foundation: Making a Difference in Real-World Bioethics Dilemmas" grant award for her project, “The Normative Significance of the Optimistic Bias for Informed Consent to Clinical Research.” Amy Vandenbroucke, Executive Director of the National POLST Program received a Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health grant, funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Atlantic Philanthropies. This project, “Transforming End-of-Life Care Through ePOLST Implementation,” facilitates the launch of the ePOLST system at OHSU for online POLST completion and direct POLST Registry integration.