



## CECIL H. AND IDA GREEN VISITING PROFESSOR GRANT GILLETT

### LEADING NEUROETHICIST VISITS UBC, NOVEMBER 24-28



Grant Gillett is a neurosurgeon and Professor of Medical Ethics from the University of Otago Medical School, Dunedin Hospital, and Otago Bioethics Centre in New Zealand, who brings a deep analytical understanding to questions at the intersection of clinical neuroscience and philosophy. He studied medicine and psychology at Auckland before specializing in neurosurgery, and completed a doctorate in philosophy and held a fellowship at the University of Oxford before taking up his position at the University of Otago. Professor Gillett's interests include postmodern philosophy, the philosophy of mind and language, medical ethics, philosophy of medicine, philosophical psychology, and philosophy and psychiatry. He has a particular interest in the work of Kant and Wittgenstein. Professor Gillett is the author of over 200 peer-reviewed public publications and five books, the most recent being *The Mind and Its Discontents*.

ALL TALKS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE. SPACE IS LIMITED - PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY.

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#### THE CULTURAL BRAIN AND HUMAN NEUROETHICS

5 – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Coach House, Green College, 6201 Cecil Green Park Road, UBC

With reception to follow

To what extent is the brain a biological system best understood in terms of natural science, and to what extent is the brain a cultural product? If the brain is a hybrid, how should neuroethics approach the contentious issues raised by contemporary neuroscience, such as free will and the nature of consciousness?

#### National Core for Neuroethics Lecture

##### THE WARRIOR GENE: A CASE FOR NEUROETHICAL DIAGNOSIS

2 pm, Thursday, November 26, 2009

Sherrington Room, Woodward Library, 2198 Health Sciences Mall, UBC

What is the warrior gene and why is it over-represented in some racial groups? Is the warrior gene the reason why certain groups are disproportionately highly ranked in the statistics of societal discontent, or should we look further?

#### Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies Colloquium NEUROETHICS AND HYSTERIA: THE MIND AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER

1 pm, Friday, November 27, 2009

Room 307, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies,  
6331 Crescent Road, UBC

It is paradoxical that whereas we normally assume that the mind is an elaboration based on underlying brain processes, hysteria forces us to explore a phenomenon where the mind causes a presentation that looks neurological. What is going on in hysteria and how is it that a fairly common tendency produces a disorder in which the person concerned does not seem to know what is going on in his or her own mind/brain?

#### Vancouver Institute Lecture

##### NEUROETHICS AND HUMAN IDENTITY

8:15 - 10 pm, Saturday, November 28, 2009

Lecture Hall No. 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre,  
2194 Health Sciences Mall, UBC

Neuroethics encounters significant questions of human identity when we examine the moral rights of embryos, people in persistent vegetative states and other forms of brain damage, and cyborgs. What kind of society are we in danger of producing if we allow a functional conception of neuroethics to prevail in our self-understanding?