



# ST. ANDRÉ CONNECTION

With news and information from the Saint André International Center for Ethics and Integrity & the Chateau Saint André Center



## COLOR AND BIOETHICS

**Henk ten Have** (Board member of the St. André International Center) recently published a new book with the surprising title *Color, Healthcare and Bioethics*. The electronic version is available free-of-charge at: <https://www.openbookpublishers.com/books/10.11647/obp.0443>



Traditionally regarded as secondary to objective medical observations or rational ethical debates, color has been marginalized in these fields, considered subjective and inconsequential. However, this book reveals that color is critical in diagnostic and therapeutic practices and that it subconsciously influences moral interpretations in bioethics. From 'feeling blue' to seeing the world in 'black and white', color conveys complex messages that inform our perceptions of health, morality, and identity.

## AI ETHICS

**Tricia Griffin** (participant in the 2024 Bioethics Colloquium) recently defended her doctoral dissertation at Maastricht University (The Netherlands): *A showing of hands: making visible the ethical agency of AI developers*. To obtain a copy, email [t.griffin@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:t.griffin@maastrichtuniversity.nl). Other St. André Center friends involved in the event included her principal dissertation supervisor, **Jos Welie** (St. André Center president), **Bert Gordijn** (St. André Center board member), and **Brian Green** from Santa Clara University, all of whom also spoke at the subsequent St. André workshop on "Education in the Age of AI: Ethics in Practice", hosted by University College Maastricht, on June 25.

[Jos Welie, Tricia Griffin, and Brian Green \(June 24, 2025 @ Maastricht University\)](#) ➡



## SALZBURGER BIOETHIK-DIALOGUE

**Jos Welie** (President of the St. André Center) gave two lectures at the annual Bioethics Dialogue, held in Salzburg, Austria. The Nov. 2024 conference was entitled: "Zwischen Leben und Tod: Grenzentscheidungen in der Medizin". To listen to the recorded lectures, go to: <https://www.bioethik-dialoge.at/>

Editorial team: **Jos Welie & Linda Scheirton**. Please send information about your activities in ethics that you would like to share with other friends of the St. André Center to: [info@chateausaintandre.center](mailto:info@chateausaintandre.center)



## EVALUATION OF THE COVID PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The Irish government has appointed an Evaluation Panel to examine Ireland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, identify lessons learned for the health and social care system, and recommend guiding principles and processes to guide future decision-making in similar circumstances.

The ethics expert on the five-member panel is **Bert Gordijn** (St. André Center board member and speaker at the 2023 Ethics Teacher Workshop). More info at <https://covid19evaluation.ie>



## NEW MENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS CENTER

Bioethicist and licensed mental health counselor **Leslie Delaney** (participant in the 2024 Bioethics Colloquium) has launched a new Center for Mental Health Ethics, located in south Florida, USA. More info at: <http://centerformentalhealthethics.org>.



## AMA COUNCIL ON ETHICAL & JUDICIAL AFFAIRS (CEJA)

**Kelsey Mumford** (participant in the 2023 Bioethics Colloquium), who is working as GYN/OB Resident Physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been appointed to the CEJA for a four-year term (2024-2027). More info about the CEJA at: <https://www.ama-assn.org/councils/council-ethical-judicial-affairs-ceja>

## 2025 SEMINAR ON THE ETHICS OF END-OF-LIFE CARE (ROME, ITALY)

In February of 2025, the Saint André International Center organized its second offering of the intensive seminar on the **Ethics of End-of-Life Care: Contributions from the Arts and Humanities**. Health care practitioners, ethicists, lawyers, social scientists and still other professionals, as well as one graduate student, participated, as did invited speakers **Alberto Gomez, Therese Lysaught, Joseph Tham** and **Henk ten Have**. It was our most international seminar yet with representation from Canada, China, France, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the USA



← Final Seminar session, also attended by the students and professors from Snow College (see below)





## STUDY-ABROAD BIOETHICS SEMINAR

In March of 2025, the Chateau Saint André Center organized its first study-abroad bioethics seminar. Fourteen students, accompanied by four professors from Snow College in Utah, USA, traveled to Rome. During their 8 days in Italy, they attended part of the annual conference of the Pontifical Academy for Life, engaged with international bioethics experts, explored relevant cultural sites in the city of Rome and Castelgandolfo, and reflected on all of the insights gained during their stay at the stunningly beautiful Villa Palazzola on Lake Albano.

Back home, they presented their findings at the annual conference of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters. They all received lots of kudos and the poster from **Miranda Slusser and Savanna Thompson** entitled “Body Worlds: Issues of Corpses & Human Dignity, Insights from Rome,” was selected as the top poster at the conference. The seminar was co-directed by **Jos Welie** (President of the St. André Center) and **Greg Wright** (Snow professor and 2023 participant in the Ethics Educators Workshop), assisted therein by **Sander Welie** (health lawyer and psychologist from The Netherlands).

If you are a university-based academic and interested in organizing with the Chateau Saint André Center a **study-abroad opportunity for your own students** in Europe, please contact us. We will work closely with you to create a program that meets the needs of your institution, whether a traditional two-week summer course, a one-week intensive embedded into an existing course as described above, or a combination of onsite in Europe and online preparation/reflection.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 11-15, 2026: Ethics of End-of-Life Care: Contributions from the Arts and Humanities, Rome, Italy.** This will be the third offering of this intensive seminar, organized by the St. André International Center with assistance of the Pontifical Academy for Life at the Vatican. Seminar participants can also attend the annual conference of the Academy which takes place in Rome immediately afterwards (Feb. 16-17). More info and registration at: <https://saintandre.org>.

**June 19-23, 2026: Biannual Colloquium of the International Association of Catholic Bioethics.** The Chateau Saint André Center will host this Colloquium, which will take place in France at the Sanctuaire Notre Dame in Rochefort-du-Gard (near Avignon). More information will soon be available at the <https://chateausaintandre.center> as well as at <https://iacb.ca>.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

*Please send us your publications from the past year so we can include them here in the next newsletter. It's a great way to get to know what topics people are working on.*

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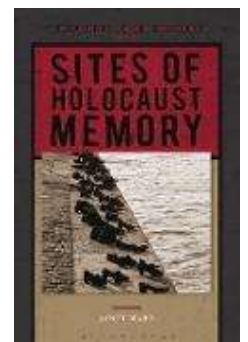
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Rosales, M.R., Johnson, L.P. & **Rödlach, A.** (2024): *Research as accompaniment: Solidarity and community partnerships for transformative action*. Taylor & Francis. More info at: [www.routledge.com/Research-as-Accompaniment-Solidarity-and-Community-Partnerships-for-Transformative-Action/RenzoRosales-Johnson-Rodlach/p/book/9781032414942](http://www.routledge.com/Research-as-Accompaniment-Solidarity-and-Community-Partnerships-for-Transformative-Action/RenzoRosales-Johnson-Rodlach/p/book/9781032414942)



**Ward, J.** (2025 - forthcoming). *Sites of Holocaust Memory*. Bloomsbury Academic. More information at: [www.schulthess.com/buchshop/detail/ISBN-9781472535504/Ward-Janet](http://www.schulthess.com/buchshop/detail/ISBN-9781472535504/Ward-Janet)



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