Ethicist Arthur Caplan to discuss cloning Sept. 9

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Arthur L. Caplan, an internationally recognized ethicist, will deliver the Third Annual Raymond W. Waggoner Lectureship on Ethics and Values in Medicine, discussing "What Is Wrong with Human Cloning? The Ethics of Technological Reproduction" at 4 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Maternal and Child Health Center Auditorium.

The author or editor of numerous books and articles on ethical issues, Caplan is director of the Center for Bioethics and Trustee Professor of Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania Health System.

With research interests focusing on medical ethics, health policy, ethical issues in science and technology, and the history and philosophy of medicine and the life sciences, Caplan also is chief of the Division of Bioethics at Pennsylvania and has served as associate director of the Hastings Center and Director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Minnesota.

In *Due Consideration: Controversy in the Age of Medical Miracles* (John Wiley and Sons, 1998), Caplan outlines the newest technologies and developments in medical research and then sorts out the potential ethical, legal and social repercussions, touching on such sensitive subjects as cloning, abortion, assisted suicide and needle exchange programs.


The Waggoner Lectureship is sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry, each year bringing a national or international expert to campus to explore cutting-edge issues related to ethics and values in medicine. It recognizes Waggoner’s contributions to the Medical Center and to the profession, and serves as a means of furthering his interest in medical ethics.

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