

Biographies

Prof. Edward M. Gomeau is an adjunct professor in the Department of Philosophy at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, where he teaches courses in ancient, medieval, and modern philosophy. He has a master's in philosophy from Fordham University in New York, a master's in international relations from Boston University, and a bachelor's in journalism and international relations from Boston University. He served as a John M. Olin Fellow at the Center for Defense Journalism at Boston University, a research assistant and administrator at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and an adjunct professor in the philosophy departments of Manhattan College and Long Island University in New York. Mr. Gomeau also taught U.S. foreign policy in the history department of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dr. Jeffrey Klass received his doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree from the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon. He has had experience treating Lyme Disease patients for over 15 years. Dr. Klass has served as an instructor at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine and is a member of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians and the Connecticut Society of Naturopathic Physicians. He plays an active role on legislative committees focusing on naturopathic medicine at both the state and national levels. He has lectured at universities and medical symposiums on alternative medicine and biological terrain. Dr. Klass maintains a private practice in Guilford, Connecticut where he incorporates VEGA testing and darkfield analysis and is a certified Biological Terrain instructor.

Dr. Kirby Stafford is a medical-veterinary entomologist whose research focuses on the ecology and control of the tick, *Ixodes scapularis*, that transmits the agents of Lyme Disease, human babesiosis, and human ehrlichiosis. He works in the biological control of fly pests of livestock and poultry pest management. Dr. Stafford works for the Department of Forestry and Horticulture Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Stafford received his Ph.D in Medical Veterinary Entomology at Texas A&M University.

Gerard "Gerry" Feeney is a retired Professor of English. He has been an educator for forty years and has taught in schools and colleges across the nation. For his final twenty years he served as Department Head of Humanities at Thames Valley State Technical College in Norwich, Connecticut. He is an author of short stories and poetry. His work has appeared in *Writer's Digest* and *Connecticut River Review*. In 2003 he established the River Writers, a consortium of professional and amateur writers who meet in the Deep River Library. Professor Feeney resides in Chester, Connecticut.

Ms. Lynnea Mahlke is a communication professional and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Cornell University. Her company, Impact-e English Training, provides management skills and English as a Second Language (ESL) training for foreign-born professionals. She has over a decade of experience in international communication skills, as well as presentation, negotiation and facilitation expertise. Ms. Mahlke has been an active leader in Toastmasters for six years, serving as past president of the Niantic Toastmasters. She is an area governor and also gives speeches and implements training sessions at the district level, serving clubs in Connecticut, Eastern New York and Western Massachusetts. Ms. Mahlke holds honored designations of a Competent Communicator and Competent Leader from Toastmasters.

Ms. Eva Menon, a registered nurse for 32 years, received her nursing degree from Temple University. She has worked in cardiac, med-surge, and home care nursing with a focus on teaching and rehabilitation. Ms. Menon has been an active volunteer for the RED Cross for 25 years where she teaches First Aid and CPR and is involved in disaster planning, training and assessments. She has been an instructor and facilitator for the American Lung Association Smoking Cessation Programs. Ms. Menon is a trained Community Conversation Moderator by the Connecticut League of Women Voters. Ms. Menon holds an honored designation of Competent Communicator from Toastmasters. She is President of Niantic Toastmasters.

Ms. Becky McClain is a scientific professional with 23 years laboratory research experience in the academic and pharmaceutical industries. She has engaged in animal and human medical research using molecular experimental skills to develop technologies, including embryonic stem cell technologies, human molecular genetics, neurobiology, developmental biology, vaccine design, target validation and quality control drug development. Ms. McClain has a Bachelor's from Indiana University and a Master of Science from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. Her interest in bioethics stems from her broad experience in science and biotechnology. She is founder and director of CPAB.

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CPAB presents its first public forum

Human Dignity, Medicine, and Lyme Disease

featuring

Under Our Skin

a documentary about Lyme Disease

November 15, 2008

1:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Deep River Auditorium
174 Main Street
Deep River, CT

After the film, an open discussion on bioethics and Lyme Disease.

Public awareness in Bioethics for protection and promotion of human dignity, rights, and well being.

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Moderator's Guide

Public Discussion of *Under Our Skin*

The purpose of this community discussion is to promote an open and responsible forum for the exchange of views and opinions regarding the scientific, medical, and bioethical issues surrounding Lyme Disease.

Objectives

- ◆ To clarify what is known and agreed upon within medical and scientific communities about Lyme Disease and its diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.
- ◆ To clarify important disagreements and lack of consensus about Lyme Disease within medical and scientific communities. (It is not our purpose to argue these points but to note they exist.)
- ◆ To clarify bioethical concerns within the Lyme Disease debate.
- ◆ To clarify how these concerns may affect human dignity, rights, and well being.
- ◆ To clarify where Lyme Disease patients can seek help within the medical and Lyme Disease communities.

Conversation Guidelines

- ◆ Speak for yourself not hearsay; participate as equals.
- ◆ Listen carefully and with respect: one person speaks at a time.
- ◆ Respect others' opinions.
- ◆ Agree to disagree; disagree with ideas not with people.
- ◆ Everyone has an opportunity to speak.
- ◆ Stay focused on the objectives.
- ◆ This is not a forum for personal health issues.
- ◆ Audience questions will be limited to 1 minute.

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PROGRAM

Welcome

Becky McClain, CPAB Director
Eva Menon, Toastmaster MC
Gerard Feeney, poet: "The Season"
Edward M. Gomeau, philosopher: "Human Dignity and Reason"

Film

Under Our Skin

Break

Panel Discussion

Lynnea Mahlke, Moderator, Niantic Toastmasters Club
Dr. Jeffrey Klass
Dr. Kirby Stafford
Edward M. Gomeau