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Graduate/Early Career Session Speakers
Laura Capitaine  PhD student, University of Ghent, Belgium
Stephen Barrie  Education Officer, Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and
MPhi/PhD student, King’s College London
Dr Laura Manrique  Postdoctoral researcher, Institute of Philosophical Investigation, Autonomic University of Mexico (UNAM).

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Upcoming events:
Tuesday 22nd February   Anscombe Centre Research Seminar, 17 Beaumont Street, Oxford: Relationships, Care and Medical Law Jonathan Herring (Exeter College). RSVP director@bioethics.org.uk

Tuesday 1st March at 5pm Abortion – the Philosophical Arguments. A Lecture by Prof Christopher Kaczor (Loyola Marymount College, Los Angeles) at Blackfriars, followed by a reception. RSVP regent@bfriars.ox.ac.uk

Tuesday 15th March   Anscombe Centre Research Seminar, 17 Beaumont Street, Jewish Perspectives on Organ Donation Prof. David Katz (UCL). RSVP director@bioethics.org.uk

Tuesday 12th April   Anscombe Centre Research Seminar Taming the 'Wild West' in Biomedicine: preventing without prescribing harm Dr Helen Watt (Anscombe Centre). RSVP director@bioethics.org.uk

Monday 16th May   Professor John Keown (Georgetown), the Anscombe Centre’s second Visiting Research Fellow for 2011, will speak at the House of Lords on The provision of palliative care: an ethical and legal duty? The following day Professor Keown will speak at Gray’s Inn on The sanctity of life: academic and judicial confusion. These events have been generously sponsored by Baroness Ilora Finlay and Lord Daniel Brennan respectively. For more information please contact director@bioethics.org.uk

Exploring Double Effect
Saturday 19th February 9.30 - 5.30
Blackfriars Permanent Private Hall
St Giles, Oxford

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Programme

**Morning Session 0930 GMT - 1230 GMT**

**Introduction** - Professor Luke Gormally

**Professor Timothy Chappell “What have I done?”**

**Keynote: Professor Joseph Boyle “Moral Absolutism and the Principle of the Side Effect”**

1100 - 1130 break for tea/coffee (in the cloister)

1130 - 1230 Panel Discussion.
   Chair: Dr David Albert Jones
   Participants: Prof Timothy Chappell, Prof Joseph Boyle, Prof Nigel Biggar, Prof Sir Anthony Kenny.

**Lunch and Graduate/Early Career Session**

1230 – 1430 Buffet Lunch (in the cloister and tutorial room)
1300 – 1430 Graduate/Early Career Papers (in the Aula)
   Chair: Rev Dr Vivian Boland OP
   Laura Capitaine, Stephen Barrie, Dr Laura Manrique.

**Afternoon Session 1430 - 1730 GMT**

**Professor John Wyatt “The Double Effect Principle in Clinical Practice”**

**Dr Joseph Shaw on “Double Effect and the Problem of Closeness”**

1600 - 1630 break for tea/coffee (in the cloister)

1630 - 1730 Panel Discussion:
   Chair: Prof Thomas Pink
   Participants: Prof John Wyatt, Dr Joseph Shaw, Prof John Finnis, Dr Helen Watt.

Notes on the Speakers/Panellists

**Prof Luke Gormally** - Governor of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. Research Professor Emeritus of the Ave Maria School of Law, Ann Arbor Michigan, and Director Emeritus of the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics.

**Prof Timothy Chappell** - Professor of Philosophy and Director of The Open University Ethics Centre.

**Prof Joseph Boyle** - Professor of Philosophy at The University of Toronto and Visiting Research Fellow of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre.

**Dr David Albert Jones** - Director of the Anscombe Centre, Research Fellow in Bioethics at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, Visiting Professor at St Mary's University College, Twickenham and Vice Chair of the Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee.

**Prof Nigel Biggar** - Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Christ Church College, Oxford.

**Prof Sir Anthony Kenny** - former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Master of Balliol College and President of the British Academy.

**Rev Dr Vivian Boland OP** - Director of the Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars.

**Prof John Wyatt** - Professor of Ethics and Perinatology at UCL. He is lead for the Clinical Ethics network at UCLH, and a member of the ethics committees of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

**Dr Joseph Shaw** - Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy for St Benet's Hall, Oxford.

**Prof Thomas Pink** - Professor of Philosophy, King’s College London.

**Prof John Finnis** - Professor Emeritus of Law and Legal Philosophy, University of Oxford. Biolchini Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

**Dr Helen Watt** - Senior Research Fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre.