

ETHICS AND THE 2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES LECTURE SERIES

DISMISSING THE 'DIS' IN DISABILITY



In these modern times, what is the value of drawing the distinction between able-bodied and disabled athletes? Do the disability categories of the Paralympics level the playing field for participants and allow them to showcase their abilities or does it discriminate against them by conveying the message that they cannot participate in the 'real' Olympics?

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009, 7:00 pm
Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC

Moderator: Prof. Judy Illes, Ph.D.
Director, National Core for Neuroethics

Featuring:

Dr. Gary Birch, O.C., Ph.D., P.Eng.
Executive Director, Neil Squire Society

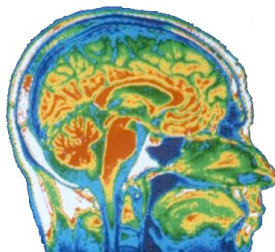
Dr. Andrei Krassioukov, MD, Ph.D.
Clinical Associate Director, ICORD

Ms. Peggy Assinck
Captain, Women's Ice Sledge Hockey Team, Canada



BACK OR BAN BOOSTERS FOR THE BODY AND BRAIN?

How should society react to the booming availability of performance-enhancing technologies? Should we welcome these innovations? Should we resign ourselves to their inevitable appearance or their development and widespread adoption?



Thursday, January 21st, 2010, 7:00 pm
UBC Robson Square

Moderator: Prof. Susan M. Cox, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics

Featuring:

Dr. James Rupert, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, School of Human Kinetics, UBC

Mr. Dan Eisenhardt
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Olympic or Paralympic Athlete (TBD)