

# **Institute of Practical Philosophy**

## **2015-16 Report**

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Founded by Bob Lane, the Institute promotes innovative ways of exploring contemporary social and political problems. The Institute has, for example, hosted a conference on B.C.'s new health care consent and representation agreement legislation, offered an upper level course in health care ethics at NRGH, developed a clinical case consultation workshop, and hosted several symposia on such topics as genetically modified foods, environmental ethics, and social and political issues in Latin America. The Institute also publishes a chapbook series on a number of topics including health care ethics and effective social responses to crime.

In the fall of 2015, the IPP hosted a public lecture on epidemics by Laura Shanner: *Measles, Ebola and You: Ethics in the Age of Traveling Illnesses*. In the spring of 2016, it hosted a two-part lecture series on doctor assisted suicide (DAS). The first part consisted of a debate on the ethics of DAS, with Paul Kamill arguing in favor, Oscar Clemotte arguing against, and Laura Shanner moderating. The second part consisted of a talk by Laura Shanner on issues in moving forward with legislation allowing DAS. Over the 2015-16 academic year, the IPP started compiling and editing papers for a new chap book, *Justice in the Justice System? Essays on Crime and Punishment in Canada* – set for completion in the fall of 2016.

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