

# DeVos Medical Ethics Colloquy

## "Ethics of Healthcare Access"

### Speaker Bios



**Larry S. Temkin, Ph.D. is Distinguished Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Rutgers University.** He graduated first in his class from the University of Wisconsin/Madison (B.A. Honors Degree, 1975), before pursuing graduate studies at Oxford University (1978-79), and Princeton (Ph.D., 1983). Temkin's book *Inequality* (Oxford University Press, 1993), was hailed by critics as "brilliant and fascinating," "an extraordinary achievement," and as "one of the most important six or seven contributions to analytical political philosophy in the ... whole of [the twentieth] century." His book *Rethinking the Good: Moral Ideals and the Nature of Practical Reasoning* (Oxford University Press, 2012) has been described as a "tour de force," "a genuinely awe-inspiring achievement," and "an utterly original work of philosophy, almost breathtakingly so." Temkin has lectured extensively worldwide, including delivering Oxford University's 2017 Uehiro Lectures, and lecturing for the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (funded by the Gates Foundation). Temkin's individualistic approach to inequality has been adopted by the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation in their measurements of the Global Burden of Disease. Temkin has received fellowships from Harvard University's Safra Foundation Center for Ethics, All Souls College Oxford, the National Institutes of Health, the Australian National University, the National Humanities Center, the Danforth Foundation, Corpus Christi College Oxford, and Princeton University's Center for Human Values, where he was the Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching. He is also the recipient of eight major teaching awards.



**T. R. Reid is an author, journalist, and documentary filmmaker.** He has become one of the nation's best-known reporters through his books and articles, his documentary films, his reporting for the Washington Post, and his light-hearted commentaries on NPR's Morning Edition. T. R. Reid majored in classics at Princeton University and subsequently worked as a Naval officer during the Vietnam War, a lawyer, a teacher, and assorted other jobs. At The Washington Post, he covered Congress and four presidential campaigns. He served as the paper's bureau chief in Tokyo and London. Reid has reported from 4 dozen countries on five continents. T. R. Reid has written ten books in English and three in Japanese, and translated one book from the Japanese. His 2009 book "The Healing of America" became a national best-seller. PBS Frontline made two documentaries, "Sick Around the World" and "India--A Second Opinion" following Reid as he did the reporting for that book. Reid wrote a chapter of the recent Japanese best-seller "Nippon no Mirai ni tsuite." T. R. Reid's book: "A Fine Mess -- A Global Quest for a Fairer, Simpler, and More Efficient Tax Code" was published in April, 2017. It suggested what the U.S. should and should not do as Congress was embarking on a major

effort at reforming the federal tax system. T. R. Reid has made documentary films for National Geographic Television, PBS, and the A&E Network. His latest PBS film was "U.S. Health Care: The Good News," which is being broadcast by PBS affiliates around the country. Reid is Chair of the Board of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, a \$54 million operation that serves tens of thousands of Coloradans who are down on their luck. He has served as Kai-cho, or President, of the Japan-America Society of Colorado. He is Chairman of the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, the state-wide citizens' campaign working for universal health care coverage. He has served on the boards of Princeton University and several other community and national organizations.



**Carl E. Ver Beek, J.D. is a former partner and currently Of Counsel to Varnum Law in Grand Rapids.** His practice has focused on various aspects of labor and employment relations and dispute resolution. He has mediated and arbitrated hundreds of cases for the National Center for Dispute Settlement, Michigan Employment Relations Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), The Dispute Resource Center of West Michigan, and the National Arbitration Forum. Ver Beek is a frequent speaker at the Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and American and State Bar meetings on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and at Labor Arbitration Institute forums. He serves on many nonprofit, professional and business boards. Ver Beek has represented several hospitals and nursing homes during his career. He chaired the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Health and Human Resources Committee for 20 years. He has also chaired the Holland Home, Health Net of West Michigan, Jellema House, and Bethany Christian Services Boards. He serves on the Grand Valley State University Vice Provost for Health's Advisory Board. Ver Beek is a graduate of Hope College (A.B) and received his Juris Doctorate with honors from Indiana University School of Law.