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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Cedarville University's Center for Bioethics and Center for Political Studies will hold the Clinical Ethics and Conscience Rights Conference June 6-8. Cost for the event, which will take place in the Stevens Student Center, is \$50.

Princeton University political philosopher Dr. Robert George will keynote the opening session. He is the McCormick professor of jurisprudence and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton and has served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. George has served as chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and as a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The conference will address the rights of health care workers who object to medications or procedures due to religious or moral convictions. There will be three keynote presentations and nine breakout sessions led by physicians, philosophers, nurses, chaplains, ethicists and lawyers.

"Conscience rights should be respected and protected by law, but patients have a right to legal treatments and may not be abandoned by the health care system," said Dr. Dennis Sullivan, Cedarville University professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Center for Bio-ethics. "This debate centers on certain highly controversial matters: abortion, sterilization, contraception, assisted suicide, gender-transitioning drugs and many others."

The opening session with George will be June 6 at 7 p.m. This session is free to the public but requires advance registration available at the door.

The Clinical Ethics and Conscience Rights Conference is sponsored by the Cedarville University Center for Bioethics, Center for Political Studies, the Northern Plains Ethics Institute at North Dakota State University, and the International Academy of Medical Ethics.

More details and online registration are available at www.cedarville.edu/clinicaethics.

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