

Why Bioethics?

PRIMUM NON TACERE: FIRST, BE NOT SILENT

<http://students.brown.edu/bioethics/>

Who we are

The **Brown Bioethics Society** was founded in the fall of 2005 in response to the **impending demise** of the thirty-year-old Biomedical Ethics undergraduate concentration at Brown.

We've decided to persist as a student organization beyond the scheduled removal of our **academic feeding tube**. In so doing, we hope not only to **spark lively discussion** on bioethics topics, but to **shed light** on the crucial role the discipline plays in protecting the public interest and ensuring the integrity of scientific institutions. Brown was one of the first major players in the discipline of bioethics; it still has the potential to be one of the best.

Why it matters

From Terri Schiavo to therapeutic cloning, bioethical issues rank among today's most **pressing areas of inquiry**. As a society, we can ill afford to ignore the ethical dimensions of medicine and biological research and development

Bioethics helps bring much-needed clarity to a **complex moral, political, and scientific discussion**. And in an era of increasing scientific collaboration between universities and private industry, we believe Brown can only stand to gain from bioethics' **critical lens**.

Intrigued? Want more?

Attend—or even better, **get involved** with organizing—the second installment of our spring lecture series:

A Lecture by Brown University Professor, **Ken Miller**

On the Social Implications of the Intelligent Design vs. Evolution Debate

Thursday, April 13th, Time and Location TBA

Got something to share? **Spark something** at the Brown Bioethics Society blog:

<http://bioethics-society.blogspot.com/>