

## THE BRENNAN LECTURE

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Joseph B. Brennan, a noted authority on tax and administrative law, graduated from Georgetown's College of Arts and Sciences in 1925. He served as president of the Georgetown University Alumni Association and member of the Association's Board of Governors. The Brennan legacy continued with his son, John Charles Brennan, who graduated from Georgetown in 1956. John's son, Christopher, graduated in 1989.

Previous Brennan Lectures have included:

❖❖ 2002, March, "Our Technology Must Not Exceed Our Humanity: Ethical Issues Raised by The Human Genome Project," by Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute;

❖❖ 2002, October, "Bioterrorism: A Clear and Present Danger," by Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, The National Institutes of Health;

❖❖ 2004, "The Future of Medicare and Medicaid," Thomas A. Scully, J.D., former Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;

❖❖ 2006, "Biotechnology and Social Order: The Challenge of Regenerative Medicine," Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., Chairman, President's Council on Bioethics, Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Ethics, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University;

❖❖ 2007, "Less Safe, Less Free: Why We Are Losing the War on Terrorism," David Cole, J.D., Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.

## THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL JOSEPH B. BRENNAN LECTURE

### "Four Decades of Bioethics and Genetics: How Have We Done?"

by

Robert Cook-Deegan, M.D.

Director

Center for Genome Ethics, Law & Policy

Research Professor of Public Policy & Biology

Duke University



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Riggs Library

3rd Floor, Healy Hall

Georgetown University

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# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Madison Powers, J.D., D.Phil.  
Director, Kennedy Institute of Ethics  
Georgetown University

Introduction of the Speaker

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Question and Answer Period

**Robert Cook-Deegan, M.D.**, became Director of the IGSP's Center for Genome Ethics, Law & Policy in July 2002. He was previously director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship program (2000-2002) at the Institute of Medicine (IOM), National Academy of Sciences, a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Investigator at Georgetown University (1999-2002), and a seminar leader at Stanford-in-Washington (1996-2003). He worked at The National Academies in various capacities from 1991 until going to Duke.

He is the author of *The Gene Wars: Science, Politics, and the Human Genome* (New York: Norton, 1994; paperback 1996; tr. Korean 1995, Japanese 1996) and an author on over 200 articles. Dr. Cook-Deegan was a member of the Board of Directors, Physicians for Human Rights, 1988-1996, with whom he has participated in human rights missions to Turkey, Iraq and Panama.

In 1996, Dr. Cook-Deegan was a Cecil and Ida Green Fellow at the University of Texas, Dallas, following his work for the report "Allocating Federal Funds for Science and Technology" (the "Press Report"). From 1991-1994, he directed IOM's Division of Biobehavioral Sciences and Mental Disorders. He worked for the National Center for Human Genome Research 1989-1990, after serving as Acting Executive Director of the Biomedical Ethics Advisory Committee of the U.S. Congress 1988-1989. Dr. Cook-Deegan was an AAAS Congressional Science & Engineering Fellow 1982-1983 and spent six years at the congressional Office of Technology Assessment. This followed two years of postdoctoral research on the molecular biology of oncogenes with Lasker Award scientist Raymond L. Erikson, after completing his internship in pathology at the University of Colorado. He received his medical degree from the University of Colorado in 1979 and his bachelor's degree in chemistry, magna cum laude, in 1975 from Harvard College. He grew up in Denver.