



# LEARNING FROM A PANDEMIC: BIOETHICS AND THE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE

## BIOETHICS AND HEALTHCARE ETHICS ANNUAL LECTURE 2020

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With a response by Margaret Somerville, Professor of Bioethics, Notre Dame Australia

**Thursday 29th October, 12-1pm | Zoom** (*Link confirmed on registration*)

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised a myriad of ethical issues. One of the most troubling has been, at least in some jurisdictions, the way vulnerable persons such as the elderly in care homes and persons with disabilities have been de-prioritized in societal responses to COVID as well as in resource allocation policy proposals. In this talk, Dr Scott Kim will review these events and policies and reflect on what lessons bioethics might draw from them.

**Scott Kim** is a Senior Investigator in the Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, USA. Prior to joining NIH, he was Professor of Psychiatry and Co-Director of the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine at the University of Michigan. Dr Kim received his MD from Harvard and PhD in moral philosophy from the University of Chicago, and trained in adult psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He is author of *Evaluation of Capacity to Consent to Treatment and Research* (Oxford, 2010). More information on Dr Kim can be found at [scottkimbioethics.org](http://scottkimbioethics.org)



**Margaret Somerville** will give a response to Dr Kim's lecture. Margo Somerville is Professor of Bioethics in the Sydney School of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame Australia and an affiliate of the Institute for Ethics & Society.

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