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Climbing Up or Down the Slippery Slope? The Moral Paradoxes of Genetic Screening

A free lecture sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania Forum for Religion and Science

Featured speaker: Dr. Ruth Schwartz Cowan, Janice and Julian Bers Professor of the History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

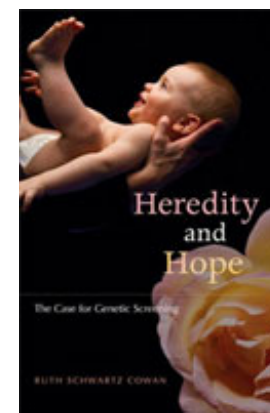


Some people regard genetic testing and screening as aspects of a brave, new and wonderful world; other people regard the new genetics as a reversion to the horrors of the Nazi past. This lecture will use the history of the mandated genetic screening programs for Beta-thalassemia on the island of Cyprus (initiated in the 1980s) as a case study, exploring the possibility that neither the proponents of nor the objectors to genetic testing and screening have got it quite right.

Tuesday, 30 November 2010, at 7:00 pm

Location: Hostetter Chapel Sanctuary, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. Directions and a campus map are at <http://www.messiah.edu/visitors/direction.html>.

Ruth Schwartz Cowan is Janice and Julian Bers Professor of the History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. She is an historian of science, technology and medicine. The most recent of her five books is *Heredity and Hope: The Case for Genetic Screening* (Harvard University Press, 2008), from which this lecture is drawn.



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