

Symposium

Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Medical, Legal, Religious, and Multicultural Implications

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9:00-3:30

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\$20 registration; \$10 students (includes lunch)

Keynote speakers

David Colquhoun, an eminent UK scientist and noted skeptic. David Colquhoun, is a professor of pharmacology at University College London, fellow of the Royal Society and blogger (Improbable Science).

Michael H. Cohen, a lawyer and professor at Harvard School of Public Health, is the author of many books on legal, regulatory, and ethical problems arising from complementary and alternative medicine (CAM).

Katherine K. Young is James McGill Professor in the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University. She publishes in the areas of Hinduism, comparative religion, comparative ethics, and gender.

Program

- 9:00-9:15** Introduction to Symposium: Dean Ellen Aitken
- 9:15-10:15** **Katherine Young**, "Alternative Medicine, Religion, and Spirituality: The Mayo Clinic as a Case Study"
- 10:30-11:30** **David Colquhoun**, "The Ethics of Alternative Medicine: Truth, Falsehood, and the Placebo Effect"
- 11:30-12:30** **Michael Cohen**, "Healing at the Borderland of Medicine and Religion: Legal Implications"
- 12:30-1:00** Lunch
- 1:00-2:00** **Panel one** (Arvind Sharma, Michael Cohen, Victor Hori, Patricia O'Rourke)
- 2:00-3:00** **Panel two** (David Colquhoun, Joe Schwarcz, Allan Young, Maurice Boutin)
- 3:00-3:30** Open discussion
- 3:30** Concluding comments: Katherine Young



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