

Fall 2018

Bioethics Lecture Series

Sponsored by Dr. Redfield and Mrs. Carol Ann Bryan

LECTURE 1:

Defending Adam After Darwin: The Origin of Sapiens as a Natural Kind

- What does genetic research say about the origins of the human species? What do the Bible and the Church teach?
- Is it still reasonable to claim that we are descended from a pair of original human beings?

October 4 at 5:30 p.m.; Reception to follow

LECTURE 2:

Human Genome Editing with CRISPR: Ethical Considerations from a Catholic Perspective.

- What is CRISPR-Cas9 Technology?
- What are the good uses of this technology? Can it be used for therapeutic purposes? What about enhancement?

October 5 at 9:15 a.m.; Light breakfast will be served

*Free and open
to the Public!*

Location for Thursday, Oct. 4th:
FranU Biological Learning and
Research Building
5222 Brittany Drive, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Location for Friday, Oct. 5th:
FranU Administration Bldg.
Multipurpose Room
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