

SYMPOSIUM ON BIOETHICS

Part I

Cynthia E. Lynch, Editor
Assistant Professor
Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
Southern University and A & M College

We begin the fifth year of the Global Virtue Ethics Review with a two part symposium on bioethics. Dr. James S. Taylor from the Philosophy and Religion department at Louisiana State University is the guest editor for the next two issues. This Symposium is a representative sample of papers submitted to the first annual *International Mardi Gras Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Ethics* held at Louisiana State University (LSU) February 27th-March 1st, 2003. The symposium had a non-exclusive focus on medical ethics and featured James Childress and Thomas Magnell as keynote speakers. More than forty distinguished scholars and practitioners from the United States, Canada and Europe participated in the conference. Eight papers were selected and peer reviewed for publication in the Global Virtue Ethics Review. Volume 5, number 1 presents the first four articles as Part I of the symposium and volume 5, number 2 or Part II, the balance.

The second annual *International Mardi Gras Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Ethics* will take place at LSU, February 19th -21st and will again feature the leading voices in the field. The conference will continue the non-exclusive theme of medical ethics. Thomas Magnell and Margaret "Peggy" Battin will be the keynote speakers.

Considering the number of corporations and financial institutions that have found themselves in the newspaper headlines for various ethical violations lately, Dr. Jenny Tripses gives a timely review of *Multinational Corporations in Political Environments: Ethics, Values and Strategies* by Usha V. Haley in the Book Mark Section of the journal.