



## Top student essays on ethical issues in brain science selected in the Neuroethics Essay Contest

September 10, 2020 – The International Neuroethics Society (INS) and International Youth Neuroscience Association (IYNA) have selected **Sarah R. Zinn, Eddie Jacobs** and **Cherie Fernandes** as the winning authors of the Neuroethics Essay Contest in 2020.

The contest aims to promote interest in neuroethics among students in high school, university, and early career training programs. Neuroethics is a scientific discipline that explores issues involving brain research, emerging technologies, ethics, policy, and law.

Each winner received a 1-year membership to the INS, a \$250 cash prize, and a free registration to participate in the virtual [2020 INS Annual Meeting](#), October 22-23, 2020. The winning essays are available for viewing on the INS website or are currently being considered for publication on the Dana Foundation website or with other publishers. A selection of top submissions to the high school category will be published in upcoming issues of the *IYNA Journal*.

The following authors were selected as winners for their outstanding submissions in the respective essay categories:

- *Academic*: Sarah R. Zinn, University of Chicago (United States) – Obesity, Cognition, and Society: Ethical Warnings from the Sordid History of Eugenics and Scientific Racism
- *General Audience*: Eddie Jacobs, University of Oxford (United Kingdom) – God, Politics, and Death: How a New Medicine Raises Age-Old Questions
- *High School*: Cherie Fernandes (United States) – Redefining Justice: Updating Criminal Law to Reflect a New Understanding of the Mind

For the first time, due to unprecedented volume of excellent scholarship submitted to the contest in its seventh year, several essays from each category were named as honorable mentions. Authors receiving an honorable mention include:

- *Academic*: Isobel Butorac, King's College London (United Kingdom), Asad Beck, University of Washington (United States), Justin Wong, Harvard University (United States), Anna Elizabeth Ulrey, University of Alabama at Birmingham (United States);
- *General Audience*: Inchara M., Christ University (India), Laure Tabouy, University of Paris-Saclay (France), Connie Y. Lu, Harvard Medical School (United States);
- *High School*: Yuanmeng Zhang (United States), Yashwanth Gokarakonda (United States), Angelina Xu (United States).

Information about the winning authors and each of the winning and honorable mention essays are available on the [Neuroethics Essay Contest](#) webpage.

The contest is organized annually by the members of the INS [Student/Postdoc Committee](#) and editors of the *IYNA Journal* and has been supported each year by Dr. Michael Patterson, former editor of the *Kopf Carrier* and long-time supporter of neuroethics.

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