

PRESS RELEASE

Drs. James Giordano and Roland Benedikter together win Klaus Reichert Award Karlsruhe, Germany

Prof. Dr. James Giordano (53) of Georgetown University, and Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich Germany, who also serves as director of the Center for Neurotechnology Studies of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a Washington DC think tank, and Stanford University's Europe Center scholar Dr. Roland Benedikter (47), have together won the Klaus Reichert Award for Medical Philosophy 2012. Giordano is 2011-2012 JW Fulbright Visiting Professor of Neuroscience, Neurotechnology and Ethics at the Generation Research Program–Bad Tölz, of the Human Science Center, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Germany, and William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer Visiting Professor at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC. Giordano and Benedikter's work focuses upon progress in neuroscience and its technologies, and the ethical and social impact of these developments across generations.

Giordano and Benedikter are long-time colleagues with numerous joint publications that have appeared in the international peer-reviewed literature and popular media that reflect their ongoing work at Georgetown University, the Center for Neurotechnology of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Washington DC, the Human Science Center of Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, and other venues.

The award is given by the Center for Medical Philosophy in Karlsruhe, Germany, and has been awarded to Giordano and Benedikter in honor of their outstanding contribution to biomedical ethics, through "...advancing the debate on issues about the future of the human being in times of "transhumanism" and "hyper-technologization" that lie at the intersection of contemporary science, medicine, ethics, society, and politics".

The award is the most highly regarded academic award of this genre in Germany. The award ceremony is to be held on October 6, 2012 in Karlsruhe, Germany, and Giordano and Benedikter will present their work through Klaus Reichert Lecture Series in both the US and Germany over the coming year.

Giordano lives in Alexandria, Virginia, USA and Bad Tölz, Germany with his wife, Sherry, an editor and naturalist; Benedikter resides in Stanford California, USA and Bosen-Bolzano, Süd Tirol with his wife Judith, an educator, and daughter Adriane;