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BIO

Tyler Tate, MD, MA, is a pediatrician, palliative care physician, and ethicist at Stanford. His academic interests include suffering and flourishing, love and emotions, religion and bioethics, pediatric ethics, and the medical humanities. He practices pediatric palliative care and serves as a clinical ethicist at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. He is also core faculty in the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics (SCBE). Prior to coming to Stanford he was an assistant professor at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Hospice and Palliative Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatrics
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Greenwall Faculty Scholar, Greenwall Foundation (2024-2027)
- Hastings Center Cunniff-Dixon Early-Career Physician Award, Cunniff-Dixon Foundation (2024)
- Portland Top Doctor, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Portland Monthly (2021–2024)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship, Duke University , Hospice & Palliative Medicine (2018)
- Fellowship, University of Washington/Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics , Clinical Ethics (2017)
- Residency, University of Washington/Seattle Children's Hospital , Pediatrics (2015)
- MA, University of Washington , Bioethics (2017)
- MD, UAB Heersink School of Medicine , Medicine (2012)
- BS, Maryville University of St. Louis , Molecular Biology and Philosophy (2008)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Medical Ethics I: PEDS 251A (Win)

2024-25

- Medical Ethics I: PEDS 251A (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Pain and suffering in history.** *Pain*
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- **Why Pediatric Ethics Needs a Theory of Goodness.** *The Hastings Center report*
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- **Addressing Disability Bias in Neuroprognostication.** *Pediatrics*
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- **Suffering Is Not Useless.** *The American journal of bioethics : AJOB*
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- **Still Waiting for St. Benedict: Christianity and Bioethics in Matthew Vest's Ethics Lost in Modernity** *CHRISTIAN BIOETHICS*
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- **In Defense of Thinking and Talking in Bioethics and Shared Decision-Making.** *The American journal of bioethics : AJOB*
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- **Objective Suffering: What is it? What Could it be?** *Cambridge quarterly of healthcare ethics : CQ : the international journal of healthcare ethics committees*
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- **"Control Freaks": Evaluating Concerns of Ableism in the Perinatal Environment.** *Perspectives in biology and medicine*
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- **From Sickness unto Life: How Community and Belonging Can Bolster Wellbeing During Serious Illness and End-of-Life Care** *Narratives of Wellbeing*
Tate, T.
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- **Tyler Tate replies.** *The Hastings Center report*
Tate, T.
2023; 53 (4): 46-47
- **Maternal-fetal surgery as part of pediatric palliative care.** *Seminars in fetal & neonatal medicine*
De Bie, F. R., Tate, T., Antiel, R. M.
2023; 28 (3): 101440
- **Love Your Patient as Yourself: On Reviving the Broken Heart of American Medical Ethics.** *The Hastings Center report*
Tate, T., Clair, J.
2023; 53 (2): 12-25
- **"More than conquerors": a qualitative analysis of war metaphors for patients with cancer.** *Supportive care in cancer : official journal of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer*
Bodd, M. H., Daniels, N. C., Amonoo, H. L., Tate, T., Herring, K. W., LeBlanc, T. W.
2022; 31 (1): 87
- **"A Shell of My Former Self": Using Figurative Language to Promote Communication About Patient Suffering.** *Narrative inquiry in bioethics*
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- **What we talk about when we talk about pediatric suffering** *THEORETICAL MEDICINE AND BIOETHICS*
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- **When Following the Rules Feels Wrong.** *The Hastings Center report*
Tate, T.
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- **Ethical issues in palliative care research** *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine, 6 edn*
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- **Your Father's a Fighter; Your Daughter's a Vegetable: A Critical Analysis of the Use of Metaphor in Clinical Practice.** *The Hastings Center report*
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- **Philosophical investigations into the essence of pediatric suffering.** *Theoretical medicine and bioethics*
Tate, T.
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- **Pediatric Suffering and the Burden of Proof.** *Pediatrics*
Tate, T.
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- **What We Mean When We Talk About Suffering-and Why Eric Cassell Should Not Have the Last Word.** *Perspectives in biology and medicine*
Tate, T., Pearlman, R.
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- **Empathetic Practice: The Struggle and Virtue of Empathizing with a Patient's Suffering.** *The Hastings Center report*
Campelia, G., Tate, T.
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- **Listen to Me.** *Journal of palliative medicine*
Lalani, H. S., Tate, T.
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- **The Liminal Space: A Lamentation on Faith, Nihilism, and the Senseless Death of a Child.** *Journal of palliative medicine*
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- **"I'm Not a Spiritual Person." How Hope Might Facilitate Conversations About Spirituality Among Teens and Young Adults With Cancer.** *Journal of pain and symptom management*
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- **Controversy About Dialysis for an Adolescent.** *Pediatrics*
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- **The Church, the State, and Vaccine Policy.** *The American journal of bioethics : AJOB*
Bednarczyk, R. A., Tate, T., Opel, D. J., Omer, S. B.
2017; 17 (4): 50-52
- **The Clue.** *The Hastings Center report*
Tate, T.
2017; 47 (2): 3-4
- **Military Metaphors in Health Care: Who Are We Actually Trying to Help?** *The American journal of bioethics : AJOB*
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2016; 16 (10): 15-7
- **How Should Clinicians Treat Patients Who Might Be Undocumented?** *AMA journal of ethics*
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