

Please join us for an informal **Neuroethics Seminar** with **Dr. Matthew S. Lebowitz**:

**When:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017

**Time:** 10:30AM – 11:30AM

**Where:** Neuroethics Canada, Koerner Pavilion [S117, 2211 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver](#) (UBC Hospital).

**Topic:** Ethical and social implications of neurobiological explanations for mental disorders

**Bio:**

Dr. Matthew S. Lebowitz is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Center for Research on Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Psychiatric, Neurologic and Behavioral Genetics at Columbia University. Dr. Lebowitz completed his Ph.D. in the Department of Psychology at Yale University, where he was a member of the Thinking Lab. His research primarily concerns the ways in which attitudes and beliefs—about mental disorders and other health conditions, as well as about behavior more broadly—are affected by causal reasoning and related psychological processes. In light of recent trends that favor conceptualizing mental disorders (as well as other health conditions, such as obesity) as biomedical diseases, Dr. Lebowitz has been particularly interested in how these kinds of causal explanations affect attitudes and beliefs among symptomatic individuals, clinicians, and members of the general public. He is also interested more broadly in understanding the implications of biological explanations for behavior and identity.