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## Discussion series examines physician-assisted suicide

Using the theatre as a forum for discussing one of today's most emotionally charged and divisive subjects, **Meadow Brook Theatre** and Oakland University present "To Be or Not To Be: End-of-Life Issues in Our Time," a discussion series on the issues of physician-assisted suicide raised in the **Meadow Brook Theatre** world-premiere drama "Killing Time."

Speakers for the series include Dr. Jack Kevorkian's attorneys, a respected religious leader and members of the Oakland University faculty. The discussions, a part of Meadow Brook Theatre's extensive education and outreach programs, are being produced in conjunction with Oakland University's **Honors College**.

Karim Alrawi's play, "Killing Time," examines physician-assisted suicide and the questions it raises for patients, health care professionals, families and the community. Performances run from February 14 through March 11 at **Meadow Brook Theatre**, Michigan's largest professional theatre company based at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

The series of discussions being held in conjunction with the play are free and open to the public.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's former attorneys, Geoffrey Fieger and Michael Schwartz, will speak February 14 at noon in the Oakland Center Gold Room on "Legal and Ethical Issues: Right to Life, Right to Death?"

Professor Charles Mabee, who is OU's Protestant chaplain and a professor of Religious Studies, will speak March 6 at noon in the **Honors College**, 112 Vandenberg Hall, on "Death and Life: A Religious Perspective."

The series wraps up with a panel discussion on March 8 at noon on the **Meadow Brook Theatre** stage, with the topic being "From the Theatre to the Death Bed -- The Issues in Review." The moderator will be OU Chemistry Professor Gottfried Brieger, with the panelists being Professor Henry Hastings, OU School of Business Administration, and Professor Frances Jackson, OU School of Nursing.

For tickets to "Killing Time" (press opening February 17 at 6 p.m.) or for more information, call (248) 377-3300. Group discount tickets are available at (248) 370-3316.

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