

Center for the Study of Ethics

FIVE-YEAR REPORT
2014-19



UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

CONTEXT & MISSION

The Center for the Study of Ethics (CSE) is pleased to report on its activities from 2014 through 2019. We are committed to advancing the strong tradition of ethics education at UVU and serving our campus through quality programming for students and faculty. The center serves the entire campus and supports a variety of events and programs.

The center was established in 1992 to advance interdisciplinary ethics education at then Utah Valley Community College. At the time the center's formation, UVU had established national reputation for its strong Ethics Across the Curriculum program-

ming centered in the Ethics & Values course—which serves as the core humanities requirement in UVU's General Education Program.

The CSE has been an active participant in the academic development of the university and sponsors a variety of programs in support of the mission and core themes of the institution. The center is also active in the national and international development of ethics education and was honored to receive the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Undergraduate Teaching & Learning in 2001. We served as a founding partner in the formation of the Society for Ethics Across the

Mission

“The Center for the Study of Ethics supports and facilitates the interdisciplinary engagement of ethics in theoretical and practical contexts. We seek to strengthen ethical understanding and leadership by providing students, faculty, and our community with opportunities for scholarship and dialogue to assist in navigating moral complexities in professional, civic, and personal contexts.”

Key Developments (2014-19)

- » *realignment with university mission and Core Themes*
- » *identified Areas of Emphasis*
- » *restructured Faculty Advisory Board*
- » *developed partnerships with colleges & schools*
- » *support for High School & Intercollegiate Ethics Bowls*
- » *developed the Appomattox Project*

Curriculum and was the home to the society's journal *Teaching Ethics* from 2001 to 2015.

The CSE is a non-advocacy organization committed to the inclusion of diverse perspectives and practices. Its programs are designed to leverage the strengths of our campus and serve the needs of our region. Since 2014, we have been focused on aligning the center's activities with the university's mission and Core Themes. This has involved concentrating our efforts in relation to five Areas of Emphasis. We have also added more student-centered programming to provide greater opportunity for undergrad-

uate research and other forms of engaged learning. Finally, we have reached across campus to develop stronger partnerships that serve our students and advance the interdisciplinary mission of our center.

The pages that follow provide further details about our programming. We welcome input and conversation in our ongoing effort to 1) prepare students for professional and civic life and 2) provide a forum for dialogue on the ethical dimensions of human life.

Brian D. Birch
Director

Areas of Emphasis

- » *Ethics Across the Curriculum*
- » *Ethics in Public Life (Appomattox Project)*
- » *Environmental Sustainability*
- » *Religious Diversity*
- » *Intercultural Ethics*



ETHICS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

The Center for the Study of Ethics was founded to promote ethics across the curriculum programming at Utah Valley University. Since 1992, the center has been a national leader in developing ethics in higher education. The center has developed a variety of programs to serve UVU students and faculty in a

variety of disciplines and through diverse methodologies. Below are the programs that support our primary Area of Emphasis. We work closely with our Faculty Advisory Board to extend our reach to all areas of campus.

Ethics Awareness Week

Held annually during the last week of September, Ethics Awareness Week explores the moral dimensions of numerous disciplines and topics through a series of panel discussions and other events. The week contains a keynote address, addresses of the Faculty Fellows in Ethics, the Excellence in Ethics Award, film screenings, panels, and workshops.

Faculty Fellowship Programs

The CSE supports high quality scholarship through our Faculty Fellowship programs. One program supports faculty and student research teams to explore interdisciplinary ethics related to their scholarly interests and expertise. A second program supports individual faculty scholarship in connection with student undergraduate research.

Ethics Bowl Competitions

UVU provides regional leadership in supporting high school and intercollegiate ethics bowls for students. UVU students compete across the region and nation debating ethical case studies with their peers.

Faculty Workshops

Periodic workshops provide faculty a forum to share resources and best practices for teaching Ethics & Values along with ethics related courses across campus. The CSE works with colleges and departments to identify the most effective form of training, collaboration, and support.



*Championship Round
2015 High School Ethics Bowl*



*Gabriel Toscano presents on the International Criminal Court
2017 Student Ethics Symposium*

ETHICS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

EAC Faculty Summer Seminar

During the second week of May, faculty from across UVU participate in a five-day seminar designed to explore an interdisciplinary ethics topic with a renowned visiting scholar. Participants may apply for funding to support the incorporation of the seminar content into one or more of their courses.

Ethics Center Student Fellows

The CSE supports student fellows to provide consultation, input, and leadership among students in relation to ethics education projects. Fellows will assist in the development of student clubs, event publicity, and maintenance of social media.

Ethics Awareness Week

- » *keynote address*
- » *panel discussions (sponsored by colleges & schools)*
- » *film screenings*
- » *Excellence in Ethics Award*
- » *Ethics & Values Faculty Workshop*



*Robert Grow presents on
2016 Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award*



*Syrkh Sutter and Danny Horns
2017 Environmental Ethics Symposium*

ETHICS IN PUBLIC LIFE

As the newest Area of Emphasis, the CSE is committed to the enhancement of our democratic culture and civic life. Toward this end, the CSE has developed the **Appomattox Project**, a multi-year effort designed to focus on the ethical dimensions of democratic societies, civil discourse, public policy, and

the sustainability of shared institutions. The project includes a variety of events and activities including workshops, public lectures, undergraduate research projects, panel discussions, and community engagement.

Undergraduate Research Teams

The Appomattox Project supports undergraduate research teams assembled to explore the ethical dimensions of current public policy debates. Students will select legislation or public initiatives to examine specifically for its ethical content and implications.

Curriculum Modules

Participating departments and programs team up to create customized modules for targeted classes across campus. Faculty are invited to incorporate the material into their classes and be provided additional resources to engage their students beyond the classroom.

Community Engagement

The Appomattox Project is led in close consultation with a Community Advisory Board comprised of business, civic, and political leaders from across the region. Partnering institutions include Utah Humanities, Orem Public Library, Salt Lake County, and the Salt Lake Civil Network.

Campus Partnerships

The Center for the Study of Ethics partners with a variety of campus organizations including the Department of History & Political Science, the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, the Center for Constitutional Studies, the Peace & Justice Studies Program, the Honors Program, the Center for Social Impact, and the Office of New Urban Mechanics.



*Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox addresses white supremacy
2017 Ethics Awareness Week*



*Deni Elliott leads discussion of media ethics
2017 Faculty Summer Seminar*

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Center for the Study of Ethics has a longstanding tradition of supporting environmental ethics and related issues. For the past twenty-five years, the center has hosted an annual Environmental Ethics Symposium to explore the complex relations between human beings and the natural world. Our events have addressed a variety of issues including energy alternatives

in the twenty-first century, ethics and ecosystems, and the value of wilderness. Guest scholars have included J. Baird Callicott, David Rothenberg, Terry Tempest Williams, Tom Zeller, Jr., Chip Ward, Syrukh Sutter, Robert Solomon, and many others across a range of scientific and humanities disciplines.

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium

For the past twenty-eight years, the center has hosted the annual Environmental Ethics Symposium to explore the complex relations between human beings and the natural world. Recent symposia have addressed “Climate Refugees,” “Clean Air, Clean Energy,” and “Desert Water.”

UVU Sustainability Day

The center has begun to have an active presence at the annual UVU Sustainability Day. This is an opportunity for students to collaborate and be exposed to best practices in institutional sustainability. It also provides a forum for the CSE to work with others across campus to publicize related projects and events.

David R. Keller Prize in Sustainability

In memory of our colleague, the center supports the David R. Keller Sustainability Prize given to organizations in our region in support of exceptional innovation and leadership on sustainability issues. These may include governmental, non-profit, and for-profit organizations.



2015 David R. Keller Sustainability Prize awarded to the City of Fort Collins, Colorado



Diane Ackerman delivers keynote address 2015 Environmental Ethics Symposium

RELIGION & CULTURE

For the past twenty years, UVU has cultivated the academic exploration of religious diversity and intercultural dialogue. Our location and mission provide a unique opportunity to engage religious communities and provide a forum for scholarship and service learning. Our work is closely connected to the

campus-wide Interreligious Engagement Initiative designed to support academic engagement, student activities, and community outreach. We have recently added Intercultural Ethics as an Area of Emphasis to support broader conversation across ethical and ideological lines.

Annual Symposium on Religion, Culture & Diversity

The Annual Symposium on Religion, Culture & Diversity is designed to address the intersections of religious studies, ethics, and civic engagement. These events aim to cultivate deeper understanding of the varieties of religious devotion and the impact of diversity in community, national, and global contexts. The symposium began in 1996 and was renamed in 2017 from the Religion and the Humanities Conference.

Interreligious Engagement Initiative

The CSE works in close partnership with the Religious Studies Program and the Dean of Students to support the Interreligious Engagement Initiative. This includes a variety of activities in connection with the UVU Interfaith Student Council, the Reflection Center, and our community partners. Recent events have included “Core Beliefs & Civil Dialogue,” “Judaism & Anti-Semitism,” and “Religious Diversity: America’s Strength & Challenge.”

Intercultural Ethics

The CSE works across campus to in support of ethical engagement across cultures. This includes a focused collaboration with our Peace and Justice Studies Program on issues related to conflict transformation. Students have engaged the complexities of ethics and culture from Northern Ireland, the Balkans, and China to more regional contexts including native populations and our growing refugee population.



Ethics Center hosts 2016 delegation of Imams from Sudan on American religious diversity



George Lopez from the United States Institutes of Peace 2015 Faculty Summer Seminar guest scholar

FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The CSE Faculty Fellowship Program is designed to support faculty inquiry and scholarship through the interdisciplinary study of ethics. Projects may address issues in a variety of areas and employ the methods and best practices related the recipient's field of study. The program supports an *Individual*

Research Fellowship and an *Interdisciplinary Group Fellowship*. These teams work closely with students on undergraduate research projects and serve as mentors in the effort to enhance their educational experience. This may take the form of co-authored publications, presentations, or other activities.

2014 Faculty Fellowship Recipients

Individual: Nancy Peterson, School of Education, "The Responsive Classroom"

2015 Faculty Fellowship Recipients

Individual: *Suzy Cox*, School of Education, "The Digital Divide in Utah"

Interdisciplinary: *Michael Minch*, *Jeff Johnson*, *Erin McClure*, "Summit Knowledge & Action"

2016 Faculty Fellowship Recipients

Individual: *Benjamin Johnson*, University College, "The Ethics of Fundraising at Public Universities"

Interdisciplinary: *Luke Peterson*, *David Connelly*, *Jim Fisher*, "Civic Capital Project"

2017 Faculty Fellowship Recipients

Individual: *Monica Campbell*, Department of Dance, "Peacebuilding Through the Arts "

Interdisciplinary: *Jon Westover*, *Teresa Cardon*, *Norman Wright*, *Ronald Miller* "Ethical Considerations in Autism Accommodations"

2018 Faculty Fellowship Recipients

Individual: *Keith Snedegar*, Department of History & Political Science, "Public Monuments"

Interdisciplinary: *Pierre Chesnais*, *Veronica Dean-Reginato*, *Luke Peterson*, "The Shared Sentence"



Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
2014 Presidential Lecture & Reflection Center Ribbon Cutting



Benjamin Johnson
2016 Faculty Fellow



Suzy Cox
2015 Faculty Fellow

ANNUAL PROGRAMMING

The Center for the Study of Ethics has been hosting a regular lineup of annual events since its founding in 1992. These events serve as our core programming and are supplemented by a variety of addition-

al events that emerge in collaboration with campus and community partners. Though Ethics Awareness Week is fixed during the last full week of September, other dates may vary.

Ethics Awareness Week (September)

Held each September, Ethics Awareness Week explores the ethical dimensions of variety of issues through panel discussions, film screenings, workshops, lectures, and the Excellence in Ethics Award. Each college and school is involved by organizing panel discussions related to their disciplines. All events are free and open to the public.

Symposium on Religion, Culture & Diversity (October)

UVU has a tradition of cultivating the academic exploration of religious diversity and diplomacy. This annual conference is designed to bring scholars and practitioners together to discuss how religion operates across traditions and cultures and how to work together in an increasingly complex cultural landscape. The symposium was renamed in 2017 from the Religion and the Humanities Conference.

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October)

The center hosts the annual David R. Keller Environment Ethics Symposium to explore the complex ethical relations between human beings and the natural world. Topics have included energy alternatives, climate refugees, the concept of wilderness, and public lands.



*Reverend France Davis
2014 Excellence in Ethics Award*



*Cherise Udell receives 2015 Excellence in Ethics Award
Utah Moms for Clean Air*

Ethics Bowl Competitions (January)

The center supports both high school and university student ethics bowls in partnership with the Department of Philosophy & Humanities. UVU students compete in regional and, if successful, the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl held in conjunction with the National Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award (March)

The annual Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award honors a Utah businessperson who demonstrates outstanding leadership through the integration of ethics into business practice. The event is co-sponsored by the Woodbury School of Business and is part of their Executive Lecture Series.

Student Ethics Symposium (April)

The Student Ethics Symposium is convened each spring to showcase undergraduate research in ethics related scholarship. Papers are selected on a competitive basis from across campus and students present their work to each other in an atmosphere designed to promote dialogue and critical feedback.

Faculty Summer Seminar (May)

Faculty from across UVU participate in a four-day seminar designed to explore an interdisciplinary ethics topic with a renowned visiting scholar. Topics have included media ethics, technology and society, religious diversity, global peace, climate change, etc.

Faculty Fellowship Programs (July-June)

The CSE Faculty Fellowship Program is designed to facilitate faculty inquiry and scholarship in interdisciplinary ethics. Projects may address ethical issues in a variety of disciplines and fields of



2017 Ethics Awareness Week



*Senator Orrin Hatch & Elaine Englehardt
Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration of Ethics & Values*

EVENTS (2014-19)

2014-15

Reflection Center Ribbon Cutting & Presidential Lecture (September 3, 2014)

“Changing the World Through Interfaith Cooperation”
Eboo Patel, Founder & President, Interfaith Youth Core

Ethics Awareness Week (September 22-26, 2014)

Keynote Speaker: Spencer J. Cox, Lt. Governor, State of Utah
Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: France Davis, Calvary Baptist Church
Number of Sessions: 19

Marriage Equality: Our Story (November 15, 2014)

With Professor Laurie Wood & Kody Partridge
(co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Humanities)

High School Ethics Bowl (January 10, 2015)

Participating Schools: 8

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (March 5, 2015)

Recipients: Peter and Nicole Mouskondis, Nicholas and Company
(co-sponsored by the Woodbury School of Business)

Ethics in the Workplace Panel (March 5, 2015)

Panelists: Ruth Todd, Richard Beach, Todd Christensen

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium (March 18-19, 2015)

Keynote Speaker: Diane Ackerman, author of *The Human Age: The World Shaped by Us*
(co-sponsored by the Honors Program & Utah Valley Earth Forum)

Ethics Across the Curriculum Faculty Summer Seminar (May 5-8, 2015)

Theme: “Conflict Transformation”
Guest Scholar: George Lopez, United States Institutes of Peace

2015-16

Ethics Awareness Week (September 21-24, 2015)

Keynote Speaker: John Hooker, Case Western Reserve University
Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Cherise Udell, Utah Moms for Clean Air
Number of Sessions: 17

Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (November 14, 2015)

Participating schools: 9

High School Ethics Bowl (January 9, 2016)

Participating schools: 8

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (February 4, 2016)

Recipient: Robert Grow, Envision Utah
(co-sponsored by the Woodbury School of Business)

Student Ethics Symposium (February 26, 2016)

Number of Sessions: 3

Guest Lecture & Panel: “Islam & Religious Understanding” (March 29, 2016)

Bradley J. Cook, Provost, Southern Utah University
(co-sponsored with the Religious Studies Program)

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium (March 3, 2016)

“Desert Water: The Future of Utah’s Water Resources”

Ethics Across the Curriculum Faculty Summer Seminar (May 3-6, 2016)

Theme: “Intersections of Science, Religion & Ethics”
Guest Scholar: Michael Ruse, Florida State University

2016-17

Ethics Awareness Week &

Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration of Ethics & Values (September 26-30, 2016)

Keynote Speaker: Orrin G. Hatch, United States Senate
Number of Sessions: 23

Eighteenth International Annual Conference

Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (October 6-8, 2016)

Marriott Hotel, Salt Lake City

High School Ethics Bowl - February 4th, 2017

Participating schools: 8

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (March 2, 2017)

Recipient: Tim Ballard, Operation Underground Railroad
(co-sponsored by the Woodbury School of Business)

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium (March 3, 2017)

“Climate Refugees: A New Era of Environmental Migrants”
Number of Sessions: 7

Appomattox Project Panel: “Ethics in the Age of Trump” (March 29, 2017)

Charles Cannon, Derek Monson, Loren Washburn
(moderated by Courtney Davis)

Student Ethics Symposium (April 7, 2017)

Number of Presentations: 9

Ethics Across the Curriculum Faculty Summer Seminar (May 9-12, 2017)

Theme: “Ethics, Media & the Public Good”
Guest Scholar: Deni Elliott, University of South Florida

EVENTS (2014-19)

2017-18

Ethics Awareness Week (September 26-29, 2017)

“Ethics in Public Life”

Keynote Speaker: “John C. Curtis, Mayor of Provo

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Karen Hale, Salt Lake County

Number of Sessions: 16

Appomattox Project Kickoff Event (October 26, 2017)

“The President vs. the Media: Lincoln & The Press”

Harold Holzer, Hunter College

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (November 3, 2017)

“The New Center in American Politics”

Bill Kristol, founder & Editor-at-Large, The Weekly Standard

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (November 15, 2017)

“Social Media & Free Speech”

David W. Scott, UVU Department of Communication

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (January 23, 2018)

“Trickle Down Racism”

Darlene McDonald, former Democratic candidate, Fourth Congressional District

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (February 4, 2018)

“The Business of Public Safety: The Ethos of Customer Service in Community Protection”

Rodger Broome, Assistant Professor of Emergency Services

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium (March 8-9, 2018)

“The Ethics of Utah Lake Conservation”

(co-sponsored by the College of Science)

Number of sessions: 5

Symposium on Religion, Culture & Diversity (March 29-30, 2018)

“Religious Pluralism & Democracy”

(partnership with UVU Peace & Justice Studies & the UVU Center for Constitutional Studies)

Student Ethics Symposium (April 6, 2018)

Number of Presentations: 10

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (April 19, 2018)

Recipient: Gail Miller, The Miller Group

(co-sponsored with the Woodbury School of Business)

Interfaith Leadership Lab (April 20-21, 2018)

“Developing Interfaith Leadership in the Intermountain West”

(in partnership with the Interfaith Youth Core)

Faculty Summer Seminar (May 8-11, 2018)

Theme: “Things that Matter: Obstacles and Pathways to Ethics in the Real World”

Guest Scholars: Elaine Englehardt & Michael Pritchard, UVU & Western Michigan University

2018-19

Ethics Awareness Week (September 24-28, 2018)

“Truth and Misinformation”

Keynote Speaker: Julian Zelizer, Malcolm Stevenson Forbes Professor of History, Princeton University

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: John Kesler, Salt Lake Civil Network

Number of Sessions: 19

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (September 4, 2018)

“Moral Courage”

Alex Wubbels, Registered Nurse, University of Utah Hospital

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (October 11, 2018)

“The Kaipernick Effect: Employer Reputation vs. Personal Expression”

Jeff Peterson, Department of Organizational Leadership, Utah Valley University

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (November 7, 2018)

“Encircling our LGBTQ+ Youth, Families and Community with Love”

Stephenie Larsen, Founder & CEO, Encircle: LGBTQ+ Family and Youth Resource Center

High School Ethics Bowl - February 2, 2019

Participating schools: 4

Appomattox Project Spring Lecture (February 5, 2019)

“Religious Diversity and American Civic Culture”

Eboo Patel, Founder & President, Interfaith Youth Core

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (February 20, 2019)

“Talking Conspiracy in the Age of Trump”

Robert A. Goldberg, Director, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (March 5, 2019)

“Diversity Issues in Classical Music”

Tom Keck, Director of Bands, Utah Valley University

David R. Keller Environmental Ethics Symposium (March 28-29, 2019)

“The Air We Breathe: Ethical Dimensions of Pollution”

(co-sponsored by the College of Science)

Number of sessions: 5

Appomattox Project Year-End Luncheon (April 9, 2019)

Scholar’s Talk: “The Appomattox Moment: Race and Reconciliation in American History”

Michael Goode, Associate Professor of History, Utah Valley University

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (April 25, 2019)

Recipient: A. Scott Anderson, President & CEO, Zions Bank

(co-sponsored with the Woodbury School of Business)

EVENTS (2014-19)

Student Ethics Symposium (March 1, 2019)

Number of Presentations: 8

Ethics Center Guest Lecture (March 27, 2019)

“Understanding Being Transgender”

Kelli Dee Potter, Professor of Philosophy, Utah Valley University
(co-sponsored with the Department of Philosophy & Humanities)

Faculty Summer Seminar (May 7-10, 2019)

Theme: “Civility in an Outrage Culture”

Guest Scholar: Deborah Mower, Alfred Hume Bryant Professor of Ethics, University of Mississippi

** some co-sponsored events not listed*

Participation in CSE events

2014-15

Ethics Awareness Week: 1130

Total Event Participation: 2345

2015-16

Ethics Awareness Week: 1508

Total Event Participation: 2523

2016-17

Ethics Awareness Week: 1650

Total Event Participation: 3028

2017-18

Ethics Awareness Week: 1730

Total Event Participation: 3190

2018-19

Ethics Awareness Week: 1272

Total Event Participation: 3037

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