

Center for the Study of Ethics



FIVE-YEAR REPORT

2020-24



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Sgt. Jeremy Jamison accepts the 2020 Excellence in Ethics Award. Below, Patricia Jones receives the 2021 Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award.



CONTEXT & MISSION

The Center for the Study of Ethics (CSE) is pleased to report on its activities from 2020 through 2024. We remain committed to the strong tradition of ethics education at UVU and to serving our campus through quality programming for students and faculty.

The center was established in 1992 and has been an active participant in the academic culture of UVU and in the broader development of ethics education.

CSE is a non-partisan, 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.

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 the human experience.

Brian D. Birch
Director



“We prepare students for professional and civic life and provide a forum for dialogue on the ethical dimensions of the human experience.”



Key Developments

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the center successfully adapted to online programming and continued to provide content to students, faculty, and the general public. This prompted the center to shift its focus toward permanent online access and storage. With the easing of pandemic restrictions, we now offer fully integrated events with both in-person and live-stream options. This provides broad access and longevity through recordings that can be viewed anytime on our YouTube channel.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The Center for the Study of Ethics orients its programming around existing strengths on our campus. This includes a focus on four Areas of Emphasis: Ethics Across the Curriculum, Ethics in Public Life, Environmental Sustainability, and Religious Diversity. Each area includes engagement with UVU faculty and community

partners who assist in developing opportunities for students. Though our primary focus remains supporting students and faculty across campus, our areas of emphasis help us prioritize resources and advance these important areas of inquiry.

“Our primary focus lies in supporting students and faculty from a variety of disciplines and perspectives.”



**Ethics Across
the Curriculum**

**Ethics in
Public Life**

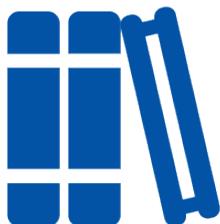


**Environmental
Sustainability**

**Religious
Diversity**



ETHICS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM



CSE supports annual events to engage students and faculty from across campus. We work closely with our Faculty Advisory Board to extend our reach to all areas of campus. Each of our seven colleges and schools is represented on the board along with the Honors Program and other centers and institutes. Below is a brief description of our recurring ethics across the curriculum programs.

Ethics Awareness Week

Held annually during the last week of September, Ethics Awareness Week orients around a common theme designed to include all UVU students. The week contains a keynote address, panel discussions, film screenings, workshops, and the presentation of our annual Excellence in Ethics Award.

2020

Pluralisms: Ethical, Racial & Religious Diversity

2022

Ethics, Education & Democracy

2021

Ethical Dimensions of Civic Life

2023

Ethics in Global Contexts



"The Seductions of Clarity: Conspiracy Theories, Echo Chambers, and the Gamification of Social Media," Thi Nguyen, 2019 Ethics Awareness Week Keynote Address



Communication faculty discuss "The Marketplace of Ideas: Misinformation, Ethics & Social Media," Panel Discussion, 2021 Ethics Awareness Week.

ETHICS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Ethics Center Student Fellow

The CSE supports student fellows to provide consultation, input, and leadership among students in ethics education projects. Fellows assist in the development of student-led projects, event preparation and publicity, undergraduate research, and the UVU Ethics Bowl Program.

Faculty Summer Seminar

Each June, faculty from across campus participate in a multi-day seminar designed to explore an interdisciplinary topic with a renowned visiting scholar. Participants may apply for funding to connect seminar content with one or more of their courses.

Faculty Fellows

The CSE supports three faculty fellows to provide leadership and support for our programs. At present, we have fellows to support student engagement, environmental ethics, and ethics across the curriculum.



President Astrid Tuminez presents the 2020 Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award to Scott Smith, Co-Founder of Qualtrics.

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award

With support from the Englehardt Family Foundation, we are honored to present the annual Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award to individuals who “display exemplary ethics in their professional and personal lives.” These individuals demonstrate a sustained commitment to integrity and humanity in business and other related pursuits.

Student Ethics Symposium

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

2021

Open Theme

2022

Conspiracy Theories
and Their Social Implications

2023

Media Ethics in the Digital Age

2024

Ethical Dimensions
of Artificial Intelligence

ETHICS IN PUBLIC LIFE



The CSE is committed to the enhancement of our democratic culture and civic life. From 2017-22, we organized The Appomattox Project, an effort designed to focus on the ethical dimensions of civil discourse, public policy, and the sustainability of public institutions. The project aimed to engage critical issues in our public life and to explore how ethical principles and practices shape civil society. The project closed after hosting 70+ events, and we continue to work in this area under the Ethics in Public Life designation.

Noteworthy Events (2020-24)

“Finding Common Ground: The Importance of Community Policing”
Sgt. Jeremy Jamison, Orem Police Mental Health Team (April 15, 2020)

“Civil Liberties & Civic Virtues”
Brittney Nystrom, Executive Director, ACLU of Utah, September 29, 2021

“Social Peace in a Divided Time”
Yuval Levin, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (September 29, 2021)

“American Civil Society: Lessons from Northern Ireland”
Duncan Morrow, Ulster University, Belfast (March 31, 2022)

“Defining Race: An American Dilemma”
Robert Goldberg, Director, Tanner Humanities Center (April 20, 2022)

“Justice for Animals: Practical Progress through Philosophical Theory”
Martha Nussbaum, Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago (September 21, 2023)



Evan McMullin delivers remarks at the 2020 Appomattox Project Spring Lecture entitled “Civility & Democracy”



Princeton University’s Julian Zelizer addresses students for an Appomattox Project lecture entitled “Truth and Lies in Modern Politics: Can We Restore Trust in the Public Square?”

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, we have hosted an annual Environmental Ethics Symposium to explore the complex relations between human beings and the natural world. We also partner with programs across campus in support of Sustainability Week, the UVU Environmental Studies Program, and the David R. Keller Prize in Sustainability.



David R. Keller Prize in Sustainability



In memory of our colleague, the center supports the David R. Keller Prize in Sustainability given to organizations in our region to support of exceptional innovation and leadership on sustainability issues.

2020

Environmental Ethics for U/VU

This symposium took the form of podcasts for students and the public. Topics ranged from environmental justice to outdoor recreation.

2021

Women, Gender, and the Environment

This symposium focused on women working in environmental activism, policy, and research. Topics included youth activism, water science, and indigenous rights.

2022

Mending Torn Relations: The Ethics of Environmental Restoration

This symposium explored the ethical dimensions of ecological restoration and human obligations to sustain and improve ecosystems.

2023

Environmentalisms: Perspectives on Nature

This event showcased how the natural environment presents itself differently to diverse individuals and cultures.

RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY



For the past thirty years, UVU has supported 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 community engagement. Our work is closely connected to the campus-wide Interreligious Engagement Initiative designed to support academic research, student activities, and community outreach.



UVU Interfaith Student Council at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City where they met with Rabbi Burton Visotzky and other scholars working on interreligious studies.

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. Topics include Christian Nationalism, Interreligious Dialogue, and the role of race in religious identity.

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 a variety of community partners.

“[UVU’s Interreligious Engagement Initiative] is jewel in the crown around the country. So I come here in a spirit of humility and gratitude for you guys, for what you have pulled off and what you have shown is possible.” - Eboo Patel

From the “Religious Diversity and American Civic Culture” lecture, February 5, 2019



Eboo Patel at the Reflection Center Ribbon Cutting. A man stands to ask a question to the speaker. Elaine Englehardt introduces the recipient of the 2020 Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award.



EVENTS

2020-2024

Fall 2019

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (September 18th, 2019)

“Shouting at Each Other: The Need for Critical Listening in Public Discourse”
Maria Blevins & Jessica Pauly, Department of Communication, UVU

Ethics Awareness Week (September 30th - October 4th, 2019)

Theme: “Ethics, Technology & Society”

Keynote Address: Thi Nguyen, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UVU

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Keno Jo Mathews, Community Services Manager, City of Orem

Number of Sessions: 17

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Eileen Amari-Vaught, Maureen Andrade, Anne Arendt, Pam Becker, Heidi Condie, Ruthann Cunningham, Matthew Draper, Elaine Englehardt, Leslie Francis, Seth Gurell, Ron Hammond, Cheryl Hanewicz, Michael Harper, Joel Helquist, Joshua Hilst, Jeremy Knee, Skyler Meeks, Patrick Milligan, Ben Moulton, Thi Nguyen, Jeffrey Nielsen, Melissa Noble, Luke Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Jacque Preston, Sue Smith Jackson, Keith Snedegar, Susan Thackeray, Craig Thulin, Ryan Vogel, Sandie Waters, and Jon Westover

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October 28th, 2019)

Theme: “Environmental Literacy: The Role of Museums, Zoos, and Natural Spaces”

Keynote Address: Steve Burns, President & Chief Executive Officer, Hogle Zoo

Number of Sessions: 4

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Maria Blevins, Steve Burns, Joseph Ceradini, Renea Dietrich, Ellen Eiriksson, Kevin Eyraud, Louise Haven, Hilary Hungerford, Sarah Knee, Katy Knight, Michelle Mileham, and Scott Williams

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (November 13th, 2019)

“Deaf Culture and Health Care: Ethical Considerations in Serving the Deaf Population”

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Jared Allebest, Michael Ballard, Sarah Hall, Dan Mathis, Janelle Nielsen, and McKenzi Smith

Spring 2020

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (January 22nd, 2020)

“Conservatism in the Age of Trump”

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Derek Monson, Representative Candice Pierucci, and Phill Wright

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (February 25th, 2020)

“Voices Made Inchoate,” Dancer Performance

Monica Campbell, Associate Professor, Department of Dance, UVU

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (February 27th, 2020)

Recipient: Scott M. Smith, Co-founder, Qualtrics, UVU Board of Trustees Member
“Business Ethics in the Information Age”

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (March 4th, 2020)

“Joseph Smith’s Kingdom of Nauvoo: A Crucial Episode in Understanding American Religious and Political History”, Benjamin E. Park, Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State University

EVENTS

2020-2024

Appomattox Spring Lecture (March 11th, 2020)

“Civility & Democracy”

Evan McMullin, Executive Director, Stand Up Republic

2019-20 Participation Total = 3,310 attendees

Notable Events

Ethics Awareness Week: 1,430

Environmental Ethics Symposium: 226

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture: 320

Fall 2020

Ethics Awareness Week (September 28th - October 2nd, 2020)

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Sgt. Jeremy Jamison, Mental Health Response Team, Orem City Police

Theme: “Pluralisms: Engaging Ethical, Racial & Religious Diversity”

Number of Sessions: 11

Special thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Maureen Andrade, Kim Bennion, Brian Birch, Benton Brown, Eddy Cadet, Fern Caka, Peter Coviello, Mohamed Eftin, Michael Goode, Melanie Griffin, Lauren Guerrero, Sarah Hall, Cheryl Hanewicz, Jaron Harvey, Israel Herring, Hilary Hungerford, Sue Jackson, Sgt. Jeremy Jamison, Benjamin Johnson, David Keller, Breanna Lambert, Michael Minch, Arvin Mitchell, Mi Ok Kang, Mike Patch, Destiny Perkins, Jeff Peterson, Joshua Premo, Karen Preston, David Ragland, KayKay Renfro, Angela Schill, David Ssjinja, Susan Thackeray, Lynn Thackeray, Laurie Toro, Bryan Waite, Weihong Wang, Jon Westover, and Britt Wyatt.

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October 21st, 2020)

Theme: “Environmental Ethics for U/VU”

Number of Sessions: 6

Special Thanks to all the Lecturers and Presenters: Angela Banchemo-Kelleher, Cassie Bingham, Maria Blevins, Thomas Bretz, Marissa Getts, Hilary Hungerford, and Betsy Lindley

David R. Keller Sustainability Prize (October 21st, 2020)

Recipient: Bike Utah, a non-profit organization dedicated to making Utah safer to ride bikes

Mormonism and the Challenges of Whiteness (December 1st, 2020)

Virtual Speaker Series

“A Law Written in the Heart of our Race” Polygamy and the Degeneration of Whiteness”

W. Paul Reeve, Simmons Professor of Mormon Studies, University of Utah

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (December 7th, 2020)

“Lies, Incivility, and the 2020 Election: The Politics of Rage and Misinformation”

Sam Rhodes. Professor of Political Science, Utah Valley University

EVENTS

2020-2024

Spring 2021

Mormonism and the Challenges of Whiteness (March 1st, 2021)

Virtual Speaker Series

"The Identity Developments of an American Faith' Latter-day saints, White Supremacy, and Black Lives Matter," LaShawn Williams, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Utah Valley University

Appomattox Project Spring Lecture (March 3rd, 2021)

"The Divided States of America? Reasons for Hope in a Fractured Nation" Shaylyn Romney Garrett, Author of "The Upswing" (with Robert Putnam)

Mormonism and the Challenges of Whiteness (April 1st, 2021)

Virtual Speaker Series

"Innocent as Donny Osmond: Thinking through Mormon Conceptions of Sin and White Supremacy" Joanna Brooks, Professor of English & Comparative Literature, San Diego State University

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (April 1st, 2021)

Recipient: Patricia Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Leadership Institute

Appomattox Project Brownbag Discussion (April 9th, 2021)

"Partisanship & the Public Good"

Gary Herbert, Former Governor, State of Utah, Ben McAdams, former congressman, 4th Congressional District, State of Utah; Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University (moderator)

Interfaith Student Council Spring Keynote Interfaith Forum (April 21st, 2021)

"White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity" Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Institute, CEO

Mormonism and the Challenges of Whiteness (April 22nd, 2021)

Speaker Roundtable Discussion

Special thanks to all the lecturers and pesenters: Peter Coviello, W. Paul Reeve, and LaShawn Williams

Summer Faculty Seminar (May 11-14, 2021)

"The Future of Higher Education"

Dr. Randall Curren, Professor of Philosophy, University of Rochester

2020-21 Participation Total = 3,588 attendees

Notable Events

Ethics Awareness Week: 2,063

AP Brownbag Discussion, "Lies, Incivility and the 2020 Election": 480

AP Brownbag Discussion, "The Divided States of America?": 400

EVENTS

2020-2024

Fall 2021

Ethics Awareness Week (September 28th - October 1st, 2021)

Theme: "Ethical Dimensions of Civic Life"

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Brittney Nystrom, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Utah

Keynote Address: Yuval Levin, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute & Editor-in-Chief, National Affairs

Number of Sessions: 12

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Christian Anderson, Richard Cho, Dale Cox, Kalee Crandall, Jay DeSart, Lynn England, Allison Ensign, Pauline Fonua, Michael Goode, Chris Goslin, Sarah Hall, Leandra, Hernandez, Greg Jackson, Jill Jaspersen, Francine Jensen, Benjamin Johnson, Yuval Levin, Diane McAdams-Jones, Derek Monson, Stevie Munz, Brittney Nystrom, Jennie Olson, Jeff Peterson, Axel Ramirez, Barbara Schaffer Bacon, Angela Schill, David Szejnija, Heather Thiesset, Ryan Vogel, David W. Scott, Bryan Waite, Jon Westover, and Kevin Wolfe

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October 20th, 2021)

Keynote Address: Sen. Luz Escamilla, Utah State Senator, District 1, "Women in Leadership: Planting for the Future"

Theme: "Women, Gender, and the Environment"

Number of Sessions: 6

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Maria Blevins, Thomas Bretz, Michelle Brown, Hilary Hungerford, Chloe Loveland, Sara Porterfield, Julie Ramos, Melissa Stamp, Aarushi Verma, Muskan Walia, Weihong Wang, and Michael Weeks

Spring 2022

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (March 24th, 2022)

Recipients: Keith and Melisa Nellesen, Melisa Nellesen Center for Autism

Healing Conversations Conference & Workshops (March 30th - 31st, 2022)

Theme: "Toward Bridging Social and Political Divisions"

Hosted eight day-long workshops with invited K-12 teachers, religious leaders, students, community activists, and political leaders.

Number of Conference Sessions: 10

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Sara Cook, Ben Cook, Lynn England, Brandyn Keating, Rae Kyritsi, Michael Minch, Astrid S. Tuminez, Luis Miranda, Duncan Morrow, and Carl Stauffer

Student Ethics Symposium (April 18th, 2022)

Theme: "Conspiracy Theories and Their Social Implications"

Number of Sessions: 9

"Conspiracy Thinking- Student Seminar" led by Robert Goldberg, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Utah

Special Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Alaina Sapp, Amadeus Pendrey, Caleb Olmore, Elise Bennett, Katie Lowe, Kiona Wilson, Sydney Creer, and Tyson Gunther

EVENTS

2020-2024

Appomattox Project Spring Lecture (April 20th, 2022)

“Defining Race: An American Dilemma”

Robert Goldberg, Professor of History Emeritus University of Utah

Appomattox Project Partnership with the Utah 3Rs Project (March - June, 2022)

The Appomattox Project partnered with the 3Rs Project to provide K-12 teacher training workshops and community forums to address questions of religious diversity and how to utilize First Amendment principles in civic education and community building.

2021-22 Participation Total = 4,357 attendees

Notable Events

Ethics Awareness Week: 2,172

Environmental Ethics Symposium: 803

Student Ethics Symposium: 354

Fall 2022

Ethics Awareness Week (September 26th-30th, 2023)

Theme: “Ethics, Education and Democracy”

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Robert Austin, Humanities Team Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education

Keynote Address: Deborah Mower, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hume Bryant Associate Professor of Ethics, University of Mississippi

Number of Sessions: 15

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Pauli Alin, Anne Arendt, Carrie Ashcraft, Robert Austin, Laurie Bowen, Robert Burton, Anthea Butler, Monica Campbell, Jane Carlson, Silvia Clark, Caleb Clegg, Sean Crossland, Jay DeSart, Lynn England, Dan Fairbanks, Frederick Mark Gedicks, Melissa Girod, Philip Gordon, Seth Gurrell, Hilary Hungerford, Megan Hyre, Jill Jaspersen, Jamie Johnson, Aaron Lettman, Michael Minch, Dana Oaks, Heath Ogden, Alexis Palmer, Jeff Peterson, Axel Ramirez, Robert Rhien, Devin Robare, Kaitlyn Russell, Alaina Sapp, Ezgi Sertler, Christa St. John, Michelle Stone, Eleesha Tucker, Lindsay Vader, Wayne Vaught, Joseph Vogel, Bryan Waite, and Jon Westover

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October 26th, 2022)

Theme: “Ethics and Ecological Restoration: From Faking Nature to Relational Repair”

Keynote Address: Dr. Marion Hourdequin, Professor of Philosophy, Colorado College

Number of Sessions: 6

Special thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Dr. Ben Abbott, Dusty Jansen, Dr. Joshua Lenart, Mary Murdock Meyer, Meg Singer, and Michael Stevens

David R. Keller Sustainability Prize (October 26th, 2022)

Recipient: The Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah), and organization that promotes renewable energy and clean air and protects public health and the environment from dirty, toxic, and nuclear energy threats.

EVENTS

2020-2024

Community Interfaith Breakfast (December 1st, 2023)

Remarks: Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Alexis Palmer, J. O'Day, Lizzy Jensen, and Kena Mathews

Spring 2023

Religion, Culture & Diversity Symposium (March 16th-17th, 2023)

Keynote Address: Kevin Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University

Theme: "Religious Diversity & Democratic Culture"

Number of Sessions: 5

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Robert Burton, Danny Drysdale, Frederick Mark Gedicks, Michael Goode, Samuel Hill, Charles Randall Paul, Alaina Sapp, Chris Stevenson, Eleesha Tucker, Christian Van Dyke, and Kevin Wolfe

Symposium on Shared Governance (March 29th, 2023)

Keynote Address: Irene Mulvey, President of the American Association of University Professors

Number of Sessions: 7

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Scott Abbott, Anne Arendt, Brad Asay, Sean Crossland, Wioleta Fedeczko, Steven Graham, Hilary Hungerford, Lydia Kerr, David Knowlton, Rick McDonald, Kristopher G. Phillips, Lindsey Roper, Clifton Sanders, Craig Thulin, Astrid Tuminez, and Wayne Vaught

Healing Conversations Conference (March 30th, 2023)

Keynote Address: Clayton Long, Bilingual Education Director, San Juan School District

Theme: "Toward Bridging Social and Political Divisions"

Number of Sessions: 5

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Joel Briscoe, Robert Burton, Matthew Chandler, Sara Cook, Ben Cook, Nijmie Zakkiyyah Dzurinko, Gary R. Herbert, John T. Kesler, Rae Kyritsi, Darlene McDonald, Michael Minch, Astrid Tuminez, Susan Pulsipher, and Carl Stauffer

Student Ethics Symposium (April 3rd, 2023)

Theme: "Media Ethics in the Digital Age"

Number of Sessions: 6

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Katie Barker, Hash Brown, Camille Bruner, Adam Cook, Zealand Despain, Matthew Dickie, Matthew Drachman, Rowan Hadlock, Leandra Hernandez, Tyre B. Hilton, Halen Hubbard, Anne Jensen, Lydia Kerr, Leslie Larson, Sabrina Larson, Claire Montgomery, Stevie Munz, Kelsi Parker, Cellene Robinson, Hannah Rowntree, Kaitlyn Russel, Richard Sagendorf, Alaina Sapp, David W. Scott, Timberlynn Shaw, Audrey Stratton, Chloe Tam, and Gabriel Toscano

2022-23 Participation Total = 3,370

Notable Events

Ethics Awareness Week: 1,554

Environmental Ethics Symposium: 715

Student Ethics Symposium: 427

EVENTS

2020-2024

Fall 2023

Ethics Awareness Week (September 21st - 29th, 2023)

Theme: "Ethics in Global Contexts"

Excellence in Ethics Award Recipient: Elaine E. Englehardt, UVU Distinguished Professor of Ethics

Keynote Addresses: Felipe Queipo, United Nations Department of Communications; Martha Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago

Number of Sessions: 15

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Felipe Queipo, Martha Nussbaum, Emily Hedrick, Dan Sutliff, Anne Arendt, Annie Isael Fukushima, Ezgi Sertler, Silvia Clark, Angela Schill, Yang Huo, Maureen Andrade, Jon Westover, Jeff Peterson, Lehua Estrada, Natosha Washington, Eileen Rojas, Nichole Ortega, Krista Ruggles, Mike Patch, Trevor Warburton, Bryan Waite, Hash Brown, Claire Montgomery, Elaine Englehardt, Ana Ferreyro, David Castillo, Vincent Lee, Tala Alnasser, Alaina Sapp, Maria Blevins, Meghana Rawat, Jessica Robinson, Stevie Munz, Sarah Hall, Lynley Murphy, Sean Sevy, Katy Jones, Victoria Ekpoma, Cheryl Hanewicz, Hilary Hungerford, Thomas Bretz, Janet Colvin, Rasha Qudisat, Lynn England, Jenna Nigro, David Ssejinja, David Knowlton, Kaitlyn Russell, Alex Zhou, and Jeff Nielsen

Environmental Ethics Symposium (October 25th, 2023)

Theme: "Environmentalisms: Perspectives on Nature"

Keynote Address: Danielle Edras, Professor of Communication, University of Utah

Number of Sessions: 6

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Thomas Bretz, Danielle Edras, Kristina Gibby, George Handley, Hilary Hungerford, Brock Jones, Chad Linebaugh, Ben Stireman, Kerry Soper, and Michael Stevens

David R. Keller Sustainability Prize (October 25th, 2023)

Recipient: Utah Youth Environmental Solutions. The David R. Keller Sustainability Prize funded their annual Environmental Justice Training Program that educates students about climate change and equips them to catalyze solutions in their communities

Community Interfaith Breakfast (December 1st, 2023)

Remarks: Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Alexis Palmer, J. O'Day, Lizzy Jensen, and Kena Mathews

Lecture and Film Screening (October 25th, 2023)

"Murdered, Missing, Unheard"

Sponsored in partnership with the UVU Department of Philosophy and Humanities. Thanks to Michelle Brown, Chair, Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women

Number of Sessions: 2

EVENTS

2020-2024

Spring 2024

Kirk Englehardt Business Ethics Award & Lecture (February 7th, 2024)

Recipients: Sara Jones, Chief Executive Officer, InclusionPro

Symposium on Environmental Humanities (March 19th, 2024)

Keynote Address: Terry Tempest Williams, "Wild Mercy"

Number of Sessions: 5

Sponsored in partnership with the Department of Philosophy & Humanities. Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Ben Abbott, Thomas Bretz, Kaymee Buell, Alex Caldiero, Matthew Durrant, Kristina Gibby, Frank McEntire, Michaela Giesenkirchen Sawyer, Steven Peck, Sam Rushforth, Leslie Simon, Brittney Weiland, Brooke Williams, Terry Tempest Williams, and Maddalena Willis

Healing Conversations Conference & Workshops (March 27th-28th, 2024)

Keynote Address: Sara Cook, Personal Narratives in Peace Processes: Using Storytelling to Transform Intractable Conflict

Theme: "Toward Bridging Social & Political Divisions"

Number of Sessions: 10

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Sara Cook, Rae Kyritsi, Eleesha Tucker, Carl Stauffer, Astrid Tuminez, and Bryan Waite

Student Ethics Symposium (April 1st, 2024)

Theme: "Ethical Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence"

Keynote Address: Gabriel Toscano, "Hostile Epistemology: AI Ethics in the New Gilded Age"

Number of Sessions: 6

Special Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Gabriel Toscano, Alaina Sapp, Connor White, Dave Loper, McKay Brooks, Hash Brown, Cael Crosby, Cellene Einai, Joseph Holt, Leslie Larson, Brynn Bohlander, Sabrina Larson, Emilie Marcello, Claire Montgomery, Josue Paepke, Kelsi Parker, Calvin Suder, Sienna Galvez, Stephanie Jackson, Jessica Alsop, Cole Driggs, Makayla Vest, and Jessica Craig

EVENTS

2020-2024

Religion, Culture & Diversity Symposium (April 12th, 2024)

Theme: "The Challenge of Christian Nationalism"

Keynote Address: Anthea Butler, "White Christian Nationalism"

Number of Sessions: 5

Thanks to all the lecturers and presenters: Anthea Butler, Bradley Onishi, Lauren Griffin, Benjamin Park, and Dan Partland

Conversation Series on Civics, Ethics & the Good Life (April 8, 2024)

Theme: "Universities in the Public Square"

Guest Scholars: Jennifer Ruth, Keith Whittington

Number of Sessions: 2

Sponsored in partnership with the Civic Thought & Leadership Initiative

Faculty Summer Seminar (May 28-29, 2024)

Theme: "Media Ethics"

Guest Scholars: Elaine Englehardt, Distinguished Professor of Ethics, UVU

Number of Sessions: 2

Thanks to all the participants: Elaine Englehardt, Stevie Munz, Jessica Robinson, Meaghan McKasy, Matt Comi, David Scott, Benjamin Johnson, Yin Yin, and Richard Cho

2023-24 Participation Total = 5204

Notable Events

Ethics Awareness Week: 1899

Environmental Ethics Symposium: 635

Student Ethics Symposium: 402

Religion, Culture & Diversity: 1236

Conversation Series: 302

OUR TEAM

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Distinguished
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Research Assistant



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Thomas Bretz
Faculty Fellow



Jeff Nielsen
Faculty Fellow



Stevie Munz
Faculty Fellow

A special thanks to Jon Westover and Nichole Ortega for their service as faculty fellows.

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