



ETHICS UPDATE

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ETHICS THROUGH FILM

The Ethics Institute is pleased to offer a year-long film series that will highlight the ethical issues within a theme of “freedom and technology”. The films will be shown in the new conference/library room of the Ethics Institute at Haldeman Center, 27 N. Main St., Hanover. Light refreshments will be served. The films are **free and open to the public**. Each film will be shown at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion. A current listing of the selected films scheduled for the Fall, Winter, and Spring semesters can also be seen on our website at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ethics/events.html>



Ezra Tzafadya, '07, Prof. Aine Donovan, Tatyana Liskovich, '08, Emily Ghods-Esfahani, '09, Samantha Mandel, '10, and Nikhil Jain, '09

DES TEAM WINS FIRST TIME ENTRY IN LOS ANGELES COMPETITION



Photo: Eliza Grinnell

Harry R. Lewis

(Former Dean of Harvard College)

Speaker at Ethics Institute

Fall Dinner Discussion

October 12, 2007

Harry Lewis entered Harvard College in the fall of 1964. Having made no great progress despite his efforts in mathematics, physics, drama, and lacrosse, he stumbled upon computer programming through a part-time job, and fell in love with the emerging field. Lewis's undergraduate thesis, written under the direction of computer graphics pioneer Ivan Sutherland, was on handwriting recognition, parsing handwritten mathematical notation, and their use in experimental mathematics. Lewis graduated from Harvard in 1968, *summa cum laude* in Applied Mathematics.

During the Vietnam War, Harry Lewis served for two years as a commissioned officer of the US Public Health Service. He served at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, doing work on image processing and on systems and application programming. He spent the academic year 1970-71 in Europe as Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellow of Harvard University. Lewis returned to Harvard to begin his graduate study in the fall of 1971 and was awarded the PhD in Applied Mathematics in 1974. His PhD thesis was written under the direction of philosophy professor Burton Dreben, on the subject of computational unsolvability in mathematical logic.

Lewis joined the Harvard faculty in the fall of 1974, and became Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science in 1981. In 2003 he was honored with the title of Harvard College Professor in honor of his teaching excellence.

Lewis is the author of five books and numerous articles on various aspects of computer science. Over his more than thirty years of teaching he has helped launch thousands of Harvard undergraduates into careers in computer science. His book about higher education, *Excellence Without a Soul: Does Liberal Education Have a Future?* has appeared in a paperback edition (Public Affairs, 2007). The hardcover edition was a Boston Globe best-seller and the subject of favorable reviews in both the *Boston Globe* and the *Wall Street Journal*. A book on the origins and public consequences of the digital information flood, coauthored with Hal Abelson and Ken Ledeen, will appear in 2008 (Prentice Hall).

From 1995-2003 Lewis served as Dean of Harvard College. In this capacity he oversaw the undergraduate experience, including residential life, career services, public service, academic and personal advising, athletic policy, and intercultural and race relations. He is a long time member of the College's Admissions Committee.

Lewis has been married since 1968 to Marlyn McGrath. They live in Brookline, Massachusetts and Bigfork, Montana and have two daughters, Elizabeth and Anne. Lewis is a graduate and a Trustee of the Roxbury Latin School, the oldest school in continuous existence in North America (founded 1645). When he is not worrying about the state of American education or the unforeseen consequences of digital technology, he worries instead about the Red Sox.

PHILLIPS FAMILY ESSAY AWARD - SPRING 2007



**Tatyana Liskovich, '08
2007 Winner Phillips Essay Award**

Career Services Reception for DMS Students

A reception hosted by the Ethics Institute and the Career Services Department was held at the Ethics Institute on March 28, 2007 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. All medical students were invited to this event. Career Services had their representative, Maria Patri Miranda, available to help students with information about services available to them during their studies at Dartmouth. Pizza and refreshments were served.



DORSETT FELLOW SPRING TERM 2007

SAYLES RESEARCH

The Thomas Sayles ('54) Research Fund offers full-time Dartmouth faculty and undergraduates monetary awards for research in fields that have direct ethical concerns. For further information and application procedures, please visit our website:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ethics/research.html>
or call the Ethics Institute office at 603-646-1263.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLEASE VISIT:

WWW.DARTMOUTH.EDU/~ETHICS/EVENTS.HTML
FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS

"There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true."

-- Sir Winston Churchill (British statesman and prime minister, 1874-1965)



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