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ETHICS UPDATE

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“The Baby Business: How Markets are Changing the Future of Birth”

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Debora L. Spar, author

Professor Debora Spar, a senior Associate Dean and Director of Research at Harvard Business School, will be speaking about her research on the subject of infertility. Professor Spar is a political economist who became intrigued by the issues associated with reproductive technologies: should we pay women for eggs? How much? Is an “Ivy League Egg” worth more than others? Should insurance cover these costs? What do people look for in sperm donors? Should the process be regulated? What are the ethics of producing a baby through new treatments that can run well over \$50,000?

Please join us for an intriguing discussion about babies, choice and privilege – who does this technology serve?

**Monday, February 5, 2007
4:00 P.M.**

**Haldeman Centers Building, Room 041
27 North Main Street**

Free and open to the public.

ETHICS AND FILM

Ethics through Film - An Ethics Institute Program - 2007 Schedule

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, with light refreshments being 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>

Schedule of films to be shown:

Feb. 15th - *Sleeper*

May 4th - *Matrix*

May 16th - *Koyaanisqatsi*

Invitation for Faculty

Fourth Annual Seminar for “Ethics Across the Curriculum”

The Ethics Institute is pleased to offer a faculty seminar that has as its goal the integration of ethics into every discipline and department at Dartmouth College. The EATC program has been generously funded by Skip Battle ('66), Gerry Phillips ('47) and Stacey Phillips ('83). The seminar is limited to 15 participants, so please register early for a spot in the class by calling the Ethics Institute at 646-1299.

January 25th (Thur.): 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

Introduction to the concept of EATC. Participants will be given a folder with some readings (short articles) and a very slim volume on ethical theory that will serve as a basis for some of the discussions. What do we mean by “ethics” and what is its role in a liberal arts curriculum? How is the role of the professor one of moral agency? Case study as a pedagogical device for integrating ethics into the curriculum: What is it, how does it work? What makes a good case, or a bad one; and, how to lead a discussion when you aren't an “expert” on ethics?

February 1st (Thurs.): 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

What do we mean by “human nature” and how does that perception affect the way that human beings make moral choices? This session will focus on contemporary issues of moral psychology, especially in young adults.

February 8th (Thurs.): 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

Ethical theory – Aristotle's “virtue”

February 13th (Tues.) 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

Ethical theory – deontology; the ethics of “duty”

February 20th (Tues.): 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

Ethical theory – consequentialism

March 1st (Thurs.): 6-9:00PM; Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center

What role does religion play in moral decision-making, if any? And how does the role of religion affect the decision-making process of the typical college-aged student?



Photo - Joe Mehling '69

Left to right in the photo are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haldeman, Mrs. Betty Jane Haldeman, and President and Mrs. James Wright in the Haldeman Center Russo Gallery on Nov. 4th.

November 4, 2006 marked the official dedication of the new Haldeman Centers Building. The state of the art building houses three of the College's academic centers, and provides much needed conference space for academic gatherings. The inaugural conference held in the space was the "Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum" annual conference, November 11-13, 2006. Participants from colleges and universities throughout the world met for two and a half days to present research on emerging trends and practices in ethics education.

SEAC Conference keynote address, "Moral Leadership in Higher Education"



Left to right in photo: Stephen Scheuer '07, Nikhil Jain '09, Ezra Tzfadya '07 and Mary Katherine Flanigan '09

The Dartmouth Ethics Society sponsored a team for the 3rd annual regional Ethics Bowl, held at Williams College on November 11, 2006. The day-long event pitted college teams against each other in debate-style arguments that responded to ethical dilemmas.

Graduate Ethics Program

The seminars for the Graduate Ethics Program will be held at the Ethics Institute Conference/Library, Room 252, on the following dates:

Jan. 29th 3 to 5 p.m.
 Feb. 5th 2 to 4 p.m.
 Feb. 12th 3 to 5 p.m.
 Feb. 19th 3 to 5 p.m.

For further information, please contact: Kerry Landers, 646-1743 or email:

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"Who's Cheating in College? Current Trends and Future Implications"

Professor Don McCabe
 Rutgers University



Tuesday, January 30, 2007
4:00P.M., Haldeman 041

Don McCabe is a founding board member of the Center for Academic Integrity, which is dedicated to promoting integrity in higher education. Professor McCabe has done extensive research on the subject of cheating on college campuses and his findings include some disturbing trends: 70% of students admit to cheating, and more than half of those admit to "serious" cheating. Professor McCabe's lecture will explore the root cause of these trends and intervention strategies for restoring a climate of trust and integrity in the classroom.

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

**JAN. 30TH – LECTURE, DON McCABE, 4:00 P.M.
HALDEMAN CTR. BUILDING, ROOM 041**

**FEB. 5TH – LECTURE, DEBORA L. SPAR, 4:00 P.M.
HALDEMAN CTR. BUILDING, ROOM 041**

"Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right."

-Isaac Asimov



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