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DARTMOUTH ETHICS SOCIETY

The DES once again participated in the annual *Ethics Bowl* competition. Ten students travelled to Villanova University in November to compete in the regional competition. With twenty competing schools, Dartmouth emerged as the first place winner and is now poised to compete in the national competition in San Antonio, TX on Feb 21st. The group will also compete in two newly organized ethics bowls: a bioethics bowl held at Union College in April, and, also in April, a business ethics bowl at Loyola Marymount in LA. The students meet twice a week for intense practice sessions. The cases for this year's competition are posted on the Ethics Institute website.

Several members of the DES are also active in Aporia, a philosophy department student club. The Ethics Institute will help in sponsoring the first student-run undergraduate philosophy conference, held on April 4th and 5th in the Haldeman Center. The students have invited Harry Frankfurt as the keynote speaker. For further information contact: Tatyana.Liskovich@Dartmouth.edu

ETHICS UPDATE

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2008 DORSETT FELLOW BARBARA EHRENREICH

The Ethics Institute, in collaboration with the Dartmouth Centers Forum, is hosting Barbara Ehrenreich as the 2008 Dorsett Fellow on February 25th and 26th. Ms. Ehrenreich is an award winning journalist with 19 books and many essays that explore various issues in American society from the military, to the erosion of the middle class, to the search for joy. Her book "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America" (2001) will serve as the basis for her lecture on Monday, February 25th, 4:40 in Cook Auditorium: "Working for Change".

Book Signing: February 25 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Dartmouth Bookstore

Public Lecture: February 25 4:30 p.m. Cook Auditorium

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.

On February 12th at 12:30 two recipients of the Sayles Research Fund for undergraduates will give a lunch-time presentation on their experiences at the National Institutes of Health. If you would like to attend this event please RSVP to: Ethics.Institute@Dartmouth.EDU by **Friday, Feb. 8th** so that we can provide lunch for all attendees.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please visit: www.dartmouth.edu/~ethics/events.html for complete information on these events

Feb. 7 Rebecca Meyers, PhD Candidate, Brown University, "Living In-Between the Lines: The Politics and Ethics of (Il)legality on the Mexico-Guatemala Border"
Ethics Institute Conference Room, Haldeman Center Room 252
12:15 p.m.

Preview Description of Lecture on February 7:

On a section of the Mexico-Guatemala border, a clandestine three mile road connects Chiapas, Mexico to Huehuetenango, Guatemala. While in the past this border passage was officially monitored, since the mid-1990s five small cross-border communities along this road began to assert their ownership over the route. These communities prohibit the entrance of state authorities, and assert their own rights to charge tolls, or what they call "taxes." In contrast to corrupt state officials, the residents here proclaim themselves the rightful and ethical border authorities. Yet the communities must negotiate their authority to control the border with officials from both states, as well as with cross-border smugglers, migrants, social organizations, farmers, consumers, and national and international companies. This presentation examines how border residents in their interactions with other border actors, at times reproduce, contest, or reconfigure the border and state powers. It challenges the uncritical conflation of legality and ethics at an international border crossing, highlighting the politics and competing views that underlie the construction of legality and morality there. Legality is revealed as a fluid, relational concept that provides a lens through which to examine how nationality, class, community, and notions of ethics and rights are constructed at the border.

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