After weeks of preparation, intense discussions over many pizzas, the Dartmouth Ethics Bowl team was ready to compete in the 2010 Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl is a debate-style competition sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. This year’s Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl, hosted by the Ethics Institute, drew 20 teams representing seventeen schools from across the northeast ranging from Maryland to Montreal. Teams of undergraduates faced off in front of a panel of judges to debate a variety of ethical issues. The level of volunteerism for judges, moderators, score keepers, was amazing. Professors, local business leaders, graduate students, physicians, all gave an entire day to help make this regional ethics bowl one of the very best ever.

The Dartmouth team had a very successful morning. The eloquence of their arguments and thoroughness of their preparation enabled them to win all three of their morning rounds, only one other team achieved this, and placed them in first at the start of the afternoon.

The afternoon proceeded much the same as the morning, though emotions ran higher and competition was fierce. Dartmouth won their Quarter Final round and their Semi Final round. It was only in the Final round against Stevens Institute of Technology that they realized they had met their match. Both teams performed admirably. The final scores- Dartmouth: 151 and Stevens: 153, making Stevens the Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl Champions.

The top four teams from the regional competition are invited to the National Ethics Bowl, held in March during the national conference of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics. The conference will be held in Cincinnati, OH. The teams heading to the national competition are Dartmouth, Stevens Institute of Technology, Colgate University and Manhattan College.
A bumper sticker I spotted a few years ago carried a simple statement that sums up life in New Hampshire: “20 below keeps the riff-raff out”. What may seem like an exaggeration to those outside of Northern New England, has been a reality for us during this very cold winter of 2011. The blue skies and bright winter light belie the bitter temperatures that have students and faculty happily hunkered down in the library with a research project, or clustered together over a cup of coffee discussing issues of the day. Perhaps, like our most celebrated neighbor, J.D. Salinger, another great American novelist is emerging during the long winter quiet; or in our case, another ethics bowl championship!

The 2010-2011 academic year will bring a close to the work that Ron Green has provided to the Ethics Institute for over twenty years. Ron will step down as the faculty director and return to his duties as a professor in the religion department. He leaves behind a legacy that cannot be easily captured, his dedication to ethics and the growth of Dartmouth’s Ethics Institute is simply immeasurable. Upon Ron’s decision to return to the religion department full time, I worked with the Provost and the Advisory Board to determine how the future of the institute could best be staffed. We are delighted to announce that the structure of the Institute will be modified to include a “faculty fellow” position, rather than a "faculty director". The appointment allows a Dartmouth faculty member to work on a project that has a strong ethics component, as well as conduct faculty working groups and student discussion groups. The search committee spent the fall term reviewing applications from a wide range of extremely qualified faculty and, in the end, chose Government Department Professor Russ Muirhead as the Ethics Institute Faculty Fellow for the 2011-2012 academic year. Russ brings a vibrant interest in ethics to the institute, and we are thrilled to have him join us!

Winter term is busy: the ethics across the curriculum seminar is in full swing, graduate ethics training begins in February, ethics minors are preparing their senior projects, and the undergraduate “ethics bowl” team is preparing for the national competition in early March. During the spring break I will be heading to Oxford, where I have been invited to serve as a visiting scholar; I will live in C.S. Lewis’ Oxford home, The Kilns, and work on a research project with colleagues at Oxford. After nearly ten years at Dartmouth this will be my first extended absence from campus, but a much needed period for deep concentration on a worthy project. I will return at the end of March and resume the full schedule of activities that we have planned for the term.

Best wishes,
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**From the Executive Director**

**Spring 2011**

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May 10th, 2011

More information to follow
2011-2012 Faculty Fellow:
Dr. Russell Muirhead

The Ethics Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Russell Muirhead, Robert Clements Associate Professor of Democracy and Politics, as the 2011-2012 Ethics Institute Faculty Fellow. Professor Muirhead received his A.B. (1988) and Ph.D. (1997) in government from Harvard University. In 1990, he earned a second bachelor’s degree at Oxford University in philosophy, politics and economics as a Rhodes Scholar. He has also received research funding from the Mellon Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

At the University of Texas, Muirhead has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of political thought and themes in contemporary politics – including ethics, partisanship, philosophy, and morality. He is the author of Just Work (Harvard University Press, 2004) and numerous publications including "Respectable Partisanship" (The Arts of Rule, 2008) and "A Defense of Party Spirit" (Perspectives on Politics, 2006). He is currently working on a third book, Party Spirit, which explores how partisan commitments convey the ideal of good citizenship in a democracy.

The Faculty Fellow contributes to the Ethics Institute through his or her own research and publication activity in applied and professional ethics. He works collaboratively with the Director to develop and implement a research agenda for the academic year consistent with the Institute's mission: to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research in applied and professional ethics at Dartmouth College.

2010-2011 Ethics Across the Curriculum Faculty Seminar

EATC is an annual faculty seminar with the goal of helping faculty members to integrate ethics into their teaching and research. This year’s EATC participants represent all branches of the college: Thayer School of Engineering, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth Medical School, and the Arts and Sciences. The kick-off event for the 2010-2011 EATC program was a public lecture by Andrew Delbanco, Professor of American Studies at Columbia. Professor Delbanco’s lecture was based on his new book, College: What it Was, Is, and Should Be. He is the author of many books including Death of Satan, Puritans in America, and Melville: His World and Works, and was named by Time Magazine as “America’s Best Social Critic.”

The year-long seminar explores moral psychology, moral theory, and pedagogical strategies for integrating ethics into every aspect of the Dartmouth curriculum. This program is made possible by the generous donation of A. George “Skip” Battle ('66) and support from the Provost Office.

16th Annual Pediatric Ethics Conference
May 10-11th, 2011
**Ethics Camp for Secondary School Educators**

Following on the success of the faculty seminar for integrating ethics into the Dartmouth curriculum, the first annual Ethics Camp for Secondary School Educators seminar was held in July of 2010. This seminar was designed to help middle school and high school educators learn how to integrate ethics into their curriculum. Educators from NH, VT, MA, NY, NJ and China, representing disciplines from Social Studies to Mathematics, attended the 3-day seminar.

The positive response to the offering has led us to consider this a worthy yearly event. The 2nd Annual Ethics Camp for Secondary School Educators will be offered in July 2011.

**2010-2011 Presidential Scholar**

Congratulations to Matthew Jorgensen ’12 for qualifying as a 2010-2011 Presidential Scholar. Jorgensen will be working with Professor Aine Donovan on a business ethics research project.

The Presidential Scholars program was established in 1988 at the initiative of James O. Freedman, the 16th President of Dartmouth College. J. Launny Steffens ’63, endowed the program in 1997, and at his request, the program was renamed the James O. Freedman Presidential Scholars program in 2007. This program aims to provide students with an opportunity to work closely with a professor on a project and gain experience that will be useful when doing an Honors Thesis.

**Page Grant**

Aine Donovan was named a Page Legacy Scholar for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Arthur W. Page Center at the Penn State College of Communication awards grants to support scholars and professionals making important contributions to knowledge, practice, or public understanding of ethics and responsibility in corporate communication and other forms of public communication. Donovan’s research project is titled “Recalling Integrity” and focuses on the recent Toyota recall.

**E. Rosenstock-Huessy Conference**

The conference was formally titled, “The Moral Equivalent of War. From William James to Camp Williams James and Beyond: Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy and the Social Representation of Truth.” The conference commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the publication of Williams James’s famous essay, “The Moral Equivalent of War.” Professor Rosenstock-Huessy found so much value in James’s essay that he and a group of young men formed a work camp in Vermont in 1940 named Camp William James. The concerns of the camp were not only to eliminate war, but also with soil conservation and forestry, community revitalization, land re-settlement, leadership, the integration of incompatible social and economic classes, education for all, and more. Though the camp lasted little more than two years the ideals it strove towards are still ones that we strive for today. Professor Rosenstock-Huessy had one theme that he held to until his death in 1973, namely that in order to achieve a better future for humankind, men and women, the individual and the community, must be actively engaged in creating that future.

The conference was made possible by the Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy Society, the Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy Fund, the William Jewett Tucker Foundation, the Ethics Institute, and by generous donations from Paul Lee, Theodore Weymouth, and others.
**Conflict and Reconciliation Retreat**

The spots for this retreat filled up fast as undergraduates scrambled to participate in this unique opportunity. Co-sponsored by the Dickey Center, the Ethics Institute, and the Dean of the College, the retreat focused on building negotiation and conflict resolution skills—practical skills that students could use in their daily lives and also to help students see how the skills play out in international conflict situations.

Sean Nolon, Director of the Dispute Resolution Program at Vermont Law School, Mary Childers, Conflict Resolution Consultant & Dartmouth Ombudsperson, Daryl Press, Government Professor at Dartmouth College, and Aine Donovan served as facilitators for the weekend retreat. This project was generously supported by the Phillips/Holliday Family Fund.

**Character Education**

The Ethics Institute has been working with Character Education Partnership (CEP) to foster character education in New Hampshire. The Ethics Institute, with support from the NH Department of Education and CEP, manages the annual State Schools of Character awards program which recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate an outstanding character education that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. State winners advance to compete in the National Schools of Character awards program, conducted by CEP.

As part of their initiative to improve character education nationwide, CEP sponsors an annual conference. This year the 17th National Forum on Character Education was held in beautiful San Francisco. The conference brought together individuals from more than 40 states and 20 countries who all shared a common goal: to improve character education in our schools. Guest speakers included Rafe Esquith, an award-winning teacher, Cathy Berger Kaye, a service learning expert, Larry Nucci, a noted researcher, Byron Garrett, CEO of National PTA, and Michele Borba, an educational psychologist. The breakout sessions were engaging, the award ceremonies were inspirational, but most rewarding was the chance to connect with others and share ideas and experiences in character education.

In the words of one participant: "It is impossible to summarize three glorious days of workshops from some of the most prominent speakers in educational leadership. Of the dozens upon dozens of conferences I’ve attended, this conference stands out among my top three, because of the heartwarming success stories of people who are transforming the lives of children because of their commitment to character development."

To view all upcoming events, please visit our Events Calendar: [http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ethics/events/](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ethics/events/)