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2013-14

Brownbag Dates

Feb 13, 2014
Mar 13, 2014
Apr 10, 2014

2014-15

Brownbag Dates

Sept 11, October 9, Nov 6, 2014
Jan 22, Feb 22, Mar 12, Apr 9, 2015

*Ribbons of Excellence
Events: Caring for
Humanity and the World*



Next MCF candidate presentation

March 13, 2014

Kayla Penner

MCF Case Study Brown Bag

The Institute for Ethics is proud to have our first solo student presentation by **Megan Vanderkerkhove**. On February 13, 2014 at 12:05 in Knight Auditorium.

As part of the Michigan College Foundation Ethics Certification program, applicants are required to conduct a case study in ethics.

Megan's case study addresses the ethical issues related to a drug company's expansion into new foreign markets. She raises the issues of justice and fairness both for the company and for the potential drug recipients. She will also discuss the process she went through in securing certification in ethics from the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

Presenters Wanted 2014-15

We are looking for people who are able to do a presentation on the **ethical issues that confront various departments, major fields of study, and professions**. You are not expected to be an ethicist – that is the job of the Institute.

What we do ask of you is to present the issues with some examples so that we can generate good discussion on



the issues and perhaps bring in a little bit of formal ethical analysis by the Institute Director or others specifically trained in ethics.

Every presenter receives an **honorarium of \$200**.

In addition to Faculty presenters we have expanded our Brown bags to include community and student presentations. We welcome your ideas and participation.

Brown Bag Presentations count towards Ribbons of Excellence Co-Curricular credit. These are great opportunities to earn points throughout the year!



ROE ENDORSED
EVENT

Choosing Our Next Forum

Our request for forum ideas have led to several suggestions we are considering for Fall.

If you are interesting in being a part of a panel on one of these subjects, know of individuals who would be good panelists, or just have a real interest in our pursuing of one of these subjects in particular, please contact us.

1. Education: Standardized testing and evaluation
 2. Medical: Patients diagnosed with “brain death”
 3. Economics: Wage stagnation and Income Inequality
 4. Athletics: “League of Denial” concussion crisis in sports.
 5. Social Media: Internet, social media and truth
- Due to significant budget cuts, we have been forced to reduce our forum offerings to one per year. Please don't let this impact your desire to suggest forum topics as we are looking for forums which will best impact our campus and community.

Ribbons of Excellence - New Award Opportunities



RIBBONS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

New opportunities to incorporate an ethical component into your presentation... and now more awards for doing so!

The Institute for Ethics offers three prizes for the best ROE presentation with analysis of an ethical problem: **First Prize: \$100, Second Prize: \$50, Third Prize: \$25**

We will now also offer three prizes for the best ROE presentation which raises the best ethical issue: **First Prize: \$100, Second Prize: \$50, Third Prize: \$25***

Students wishing to compete for the prize should notify the Institute at least *one week* before the presentation through e-mail at ethics@adrian.edu. The institute director is available for consultation with students and/or their advisors to help them develop the presentation.

General Process:

- ◆ Become familiar with key terms in ethics: “fairness,” “virtue,” “duties,” “rights,” “justice,” etc.
- ◆ Identify an ethical question or problem: What is the ethical issue?
- ◆ Take a stand: What *should* be done?
- ◆ Defend the stand: Why should it be done?
- ◆ Explore consequences: What difference would it make?

* Best ethical issue prize incorporates the first two above listed processes.

Ethical Question of the Month - February

The Institute for Ethics offers a new option for students to investigate ethical issues related to their fields of study and issues in current events. An ethical question will be posed in our newsletter, on Facebook and on our web page <http://ethics.adrian.edu>. Students can submit their answers directly via the webpage or via email to ethics@adrian.edu. This is a contest where the winning submission will offer the student an opportunity to present their case publicly, a reward of recognition and add an impressive line item to add to their resume.

Social Science Research

You are a researcher conducting a set of focus groups with fraternity and sorority members at your university. The focus groups discuss their views of the negative stereotypes of their and other Greek organizations on campus. You ask participants to describe the most common Greek stereotypes, the accuracy of those stereotypes, and which one(s) they think are most damaging for their organizations. The mid-sized university you work for requires researchers to report any violations of university policy, as well as illegal activities; precisely the types of activities that come up in your focus group discussions of Greek system stereotypes. Participants discuss perceptions of and actual instances of hazing, underage drinking, and drug use.

How do you balance the need to comply with university policy and the desire to not get participants in trouble for the behaviors they report?

GUIDELINES

The submission should be no more than 300 words. It should contain proper grammar, spelling, etc. It should be submitted on line via the Institute for Ethics Webpage (ethics.adrian.edu) or via email to ethics@adrian.edu

It will be due by Friday, December 6, 2013. The winning entry will be announced in the January Ethics Institute Newsletter.

Ethics in the Community: High School Ethics Bowl

On Sunday February 9, **Dr. Fritz Detwiler** and **Dr. James Spence** acted as judges for the first ever Michigan High School Ethics Bowl in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Greenhills High School, Pioneer High School, Saline High School, and represent-

ed the five competing teams. Congratulations to Greenhills High School whose team were crowned the first State Champions.

The event was sponsored by A2ethics.org an Ann Arbor

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based nonprofit organization “dedicated to promoting ethics through education, social networking and collaborative events.” The Institute for Ethics enjoyed this opportunity to collaborate with this group to help promote ethics for students in our communi-