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Nuclear Weapons and Power

In October, the Institute for Ethics will host two Brown Bag Lectures. The sessions will be held on Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium of Valade Hall.



Dr. James Hanley, Political Science



Dr. Michael Claus, Chemistry

On October 13th, 2011 Dr. James Hanley and Dr. Michael Claus will discuss how some of the leading scientists involved in the Manhattan Project opposed the use of nuclear weapons on Japan on ethical grounds, and during the Cold War a chorus of critics opposed America's ever-growing arsenal of weapons of mass destruc-

tion. But strategic considerations vis-a-vis the Soviet Union were paramount for most military and political leaders. We will review the ethical and strategic concerns, and show how they joined to constrain further use of nuclear weapons by the U.S.

Understanding the Nuances of Apologizing

On October 27th, Dr. Joanna Schultz will present *Understanding the Nuances of Apologizing*. The speech act of apologizing has evolved over the past few decades to include several permutations including the classic apology, the non-apologetic apology, and the apology of regret. Some cultures value the ritual apology more than others but this does not necessarily equate with genuine remorse or regret. Regardless, the apology remains one of the most complex forms of communication.



Dr. Joanna Schultz, Communication Arts and Sciences

The Institute for Ethics is sponsoring Adrian College students to attend the Upper Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl on December 3, 2011

Students

Elie Wiesel 2012 Prize in Ethics Essay Contest.

From the Elie Weisel Foundation: "The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay, now in its 23rd year; challenges college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking essays that raise questions, single out

issues and are rational arguments for ethical action.

Eligibility: Registered undergraduate, full-time Juniors and Seniors

For online entry & detailed guidelines visit their website at www.ethicsprize.org.

Deadline online by December 5, 2011 5PM PST

Ethics Bowl

Open to all majors, the Ethics Bowl offers students the opportunity to compete with other colleges on ethics related cases. The competitions are held in Fall. For more information, please contact Dr. James Spence (Philosophy/Religion) at jspence@adrian.edu ext. 3854.

Institute Support to Speakers Campus-wide

As part of our mission to promote ethical discourse on campus, the Institute for Ethics can provide financial support up to \$200 for speakers invited by faculty to address classes or give public presentations on ethical issues related to the disciplines. Faculty interested in this opportunity should contact Fritz Detwiler, Institute Director, via email (fdetwiler@adrian.edu or ethics@adrian.edu) or by phone (x5025). The presentation need not be

focused exclusively on ethics but should incorporate the topic into the presentation in a substantive way.

In addition, all supported presentations will be listed in the Institute for Ethics newsletters, on our Facebook page and on our web site. Look for the "Guest Speaker" image for listings of Institute sponsored and supported events.



Fall Brown Bag Schedule

Brown Bags 2011 - 2012

October 13

Nuclear Weapons and Power, Dr. James Hanley and Dr. Michael Claus

October 27

Understanding the Nuances of Apologizing, Dr. Joanna Schultz

November 10

Ethical Issues in Sports Medicine, Dr. Tina Claiborne

The final presentation of the Fall series on November 10, is *Ethical issues in Sports Medicine* presented by Dr. Tina Claiborne.

Medical ethics is a tradition that dates back to the 5th Century starting with the Hippocratic Oath. More recently, the historical "ethical duty" of healthcare providers has been defined as "codes of ethics" by organizations such as the American Medical Association. In modern times, patient autonomy and malfeasance are only a couple examples of the ethical



Dr. Jennifer Ellsworth Brown Bag presentation 9/15/11

dilemmas facing medical professionals. Today's presentation will explore common ethical problems experienced by patients and their providers in the field of sports medicine. The audience will consid-

er scenarios commonly experienced in the field of sports medicine, and participate in a discussion on how these problems could be approached or solved.

Time: 12:05—12:45 Twenty minute presentation. Fifteen minute Q&A.

Place: Knight Auditorium, Valade Hall

Students and Community - Special Guest Speaker Charlotte Black Elk



A large crowd of about 200 people jammed the Caine Student Center on the evening of Friday, September 16, to hear a presentation by Charlotte Black Elk, a Lakota attorney and activist, talk about "What the Constitution means for Native Americans." Her presentation, in recognition of Constitution Day, focused on the unique relationship between the United States government and Native American peoples. The evening began with welcoming remarks by Dean Agnes Caldwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and an honor song by the Leh-Nah-Weh Native American Organization singers and drum. We were honored to have Ms. Black Elk visit our campus. Thanks to Prof. Nathan Goetting, Director of the Romney Institute for Law & Public Policy for bringing her to campus. The Institute for Ethics and the Office of Multicultural Programs also contributed to making this program possible.

Conferences

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community!

The Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum holds an annual meeting in which faculty members from a wide range of academic institutions gather to discuss strategies for promoting ethical reflection on their campuses. Contributors also give presentations of their original research in the area of pedagogy and applied ethics. Drs. James Spence and Fritz Detwiler will be attending this year's meeting in St. Louis, Nov. 3-5. Adrian College faculty members interested in learning more about the society and opportunities for future presentations should contact the Adrian College Institute for Ethics (ethics@adrian.edu; or x5025) or visit the Society's webpage (<http://www.rit.edu/cla/ethics/seac/>). The Society also publishes the journal *Teaching Ethics*.

Society for
Ethics Across the Curriculum



RIBBONS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Institute for Ethics offers three prizes for the best ROE presentation incorporating ethical reflection:

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?