

About the Eudaimonia Institute

The mission of the Eudaimonia Institute is to study the nature of human flourishing and the institutions that support that flourishing. We chose eudaimonia—Aristotle’s word for “flourishing”—to indicate that we are exploring a concept much deeper than simply “happiness” as that term is used in everyday conversation. The Eudaimonia Institute supports research and teaching that investigates all aspects of eudaimonia from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

Eudaimonia (pronounced you-die-mo-NEE-uh) is Aristotle’s word for the ultimate end or goal in human life, the end for the sake of which we do everything else. Broadly speaking, it represents cognizance of a life well and fully lived, a life of meaning and purpose in the service of ends worthy of serving.

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Eudaimonia Institute (EDMNI)

Stakeholder(s):

Wake Forest University :

The Eudaimonia Institute grew out of research and teaching interests of Wake Forest University faculty who believed that studying eudaimonia was important and would benefit from the creation of a cross-disciplinary intellectual home. Like other major initiatives of Wake Forest University, the proposal for the creation of the Eudaimonia Institute was evaluated according to the University's standard procedures and approved on its merits after due consideration.

Eudaimonia Institute Faculty Advisory Board

Derrick Boone :

WFU School of Business — Prior to joining the faculty at Wake Forest, Dr. Boone taught courses in marketing and entrepreneurship at Duke University and worked in sales and marketing for Merck Pharmaceutical Company. He also served 26 years of combined active and reserve military service as a naval flight officer and surface warfare officer, and holds the rank of Captain, United States Navy (Retired). Dr. Boone is a member of numerous professional organizations and serves as board president for several non-profit civic organizations.

Benjamin Graves :

Wake Forest Baptist Health / WFU School of Medicine — Dr. Benjamin Graves is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Wake Forest Baptist Health / Wake Forest School of Medicine, specializing in hand and upper extremity surgery. He is a Board-Certified Orthopedic surgeon with dual fellowship-training in Sports Medicine / Arthroscopy and Hand / Upper Extremity. He holds an academic appointment as Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital and Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Dan Hammond :

Scholar in Residence — Dan Hammond joined the Eudaimonia Institute as Scholar in Residence in July 2019. Dan is a Wake Forest alumnus. He did his Ph.D. work at the University of Virginia and joined the Wake Forest University Department of Economics faculty in 1978 where he was named Hultquist Family Professor in 1995. Dan's scholarly work is in intellectual history, with a focus on the Chicago School of Milton Friedman, George J. Stigler and others. He also writes on how modern conceptions of scientific method limit our understanding of human nature and behavior. Dan served as President of the History of Economics Society in 2001-02. He has collaborated with the Intercollegiate Studies Institute in developing their program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. He also serves on the Advisory Board for Cluny Media.

Simeon Ilesanmi :

WFU Department of Religion — Simeon Ilesanmi received his PhD from Southern Methodist University and his JD from Wake Forest University School of Law. He teaches courses in comparative ethics, international human rights, religion and law, ethics of war and peace, and African religions. He is an Associate Editor of Journal of Religious Ethics and serves on the editorial boards of several other learned journals. His current and ongoing research interests focus on human rights, ethics of war, and religion, law and politics in Africa.

Ana Iltis :

WFU Department of Philosophy — Dr. Ana Iltis is Director of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society and Associate Professor of Philosophy at WFU. She holds a PhD in Philosophy from Rice University. Prior to joining Wake Forest University, she was Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics and PhD Program Director in the Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University and held an appointment in the Department of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis where she taught research ethics.

Scott Klein :

WFU Department of English — Scott Klein is Professor of English at WFU. He is the author of *The Fictions of James Joyce and Wyndham Lewis: Monsters of Nature and Design* (Cambridge University Press) the editor of the Oxford World's Classics edition of the 1928 edition of Wyndham Lewis's *Tarr*, with Mark Antliff, the editor of the essay collection *Vorticism: New Perspectives* (Oxford University Press), and with Michael Valdez Moses the editor of the forthcoming essay collection *A Modernist Cinema* (Oxford University Press). He has published essays in such journals as *ELH*, *Modernist Cultures*, *Twentieth Century Literature*, *The James Joyce Quarterly*, and *The Journal of Wyndham Lewis Studies*, and is the Artistic Director of the *Secret Artists Series*, the performing arts series at WFU.

Roberta Morosini :

Professor of Italian — Roberta Morosini received her Ph.D. from McGill University. She has been vice-president of the American Boccaccio Association, fellow of the "Villa I Tatti", the Harvard Center of Renaissance Studies in Florence, the "Liguria Study Center" in Bogliasco, and a fellow scholar of the 2012 NEH Mediterranean Summer Institute, "Networks and Knowledge: Synthesis and Innovation in the Muslim-Christian-Jewish Medieval Mediterranean" in Barcelona. Her research is centered around Medieval Italy in and of the Mediterranean. She has translated Marie de France's *Fables* (Carocci, 2006) from Old French into Italian, and she is the

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author of *Per difetto reintegrare* (Longo 2004), a study on rhetoric, modalities of narration and authorship.

Randy Rogan :

WFU Department of Communications — Randall G. Rogan, Professor of Communication, has been at Wake Forest since 1990. Prior to July, 2010, he served as faculty member in the Department of Communication, departmental chair, and Associate Dean for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Wake Forest. He teaches courses in relational communication, communication and conflict, research methods, and communication, terrorism and hostage negotiation. He is an internationally recognized authority in crisis and hostage negotiation and communication of terrorism, having spoken at many national and international venues.

Michael Sloan :

WFU Department of Classical Languages — Dr. Sloan graduated from Baylor University with a double major in Classics and Economics. He then received a Masters in Classical Literature and another Masters in Theology before receiving his PhD in Classics at St Andrews University in Scotland. He has published widely in his field, including articles on authors such as Aristotle, Augustine, Cicero, Homer, Horace, Euripides, Erasmus, Orosius and others. His first book was on Sedulius Scottus, a poet and scholar in the age of Charlemagne. Wake Forest has awarded Dr. Sloan the Kenyon Family Faculty Fellowship for his excellence in teaching and scholarship, and he has also won the “Reid-Doyle Excellence in Teaching Award”, as well as the Teaching and Learning Collaborative “Innovative Teaching Award”. Dr. Sloan is an active advocate for the Humanities and Liberal Arts, publishing opinion pieces in both local and international news journals. He has been interviewed and quoted in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and other international media outlets for his expertise in classical literature and higher education.

Charles "Will" Walldorf :

Department of Politics & International Affairs — Dr. Walldorf is an Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University. He is the author of *Just Politics: Human Rights and the Foreign Policy of Great Powers* (Cornell University Press), which won the 2010 International Studies Association ISSS Award for the best book on international security. He has published on the topics of human rights, United States foreign policy, sanctions, and alliance politics in *Security Studies*, *The European Journal of International Relations*, and *Political Science Quarterly*. He is also co-editor of the *Oxford Companion to American Politics*. Will is currently working on three research projects. The first explores the role of broad collective beliefs, or master narratives, in explaining patterns of forceful regime change in U.S. foreign policy from 1900-2011. The second focuses on the conditions under which sanctions compel authoritarian regimes to democratize. The third project assesses the ideational sources of the rise and fall of great powers. Will received his BA from Bowdoin College and his MA and PhD in Politics from the University of Virginia. He has held postdoctoral fellowships at Dartmouth College and the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia. He taught at Gordon College, Dartmouth College, the University of Virginia, and Auburn University before coming to Wake Forest.

Robert Whaples :

WFU Department of Economics — Dr. Whaples graduated from the University of Maryland in 1983 with BA's in economics and history and earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990. Robert's research deals primarily with the history of American labor markets and consensus among economists. He is editor of *The Independent Review* and book review editor for *EH.Net* (economic history). He regularly teaches *Introduction to Economics*, *Natural Resource and Environmental Economics* and the *Economics of Entrepreneurship*, and is the coach of the Wake Forest Quiz Bowl Team.

Jennifer Averill :

Eudaimonia Institute Affiliate — WFU Athletic Department — Jennifer Averill has made the Wake Forest field hockey team a national power in her 24 seasons with the program. In Averill's time in Winston-Salem, the Demon Deacons have gone 351-166-3 (.678) and have won four ACC championships, reached 15 NCAA Tournaments and taken home three national titles. The 2010 NFCA Hall of Fame inductee has been named the ACC Coach of the Year seven times and has three National Coach of the Year honors to her name.

Eudaimonia Institute Staff**Mona Ahmadiani :**

Research Associate — Mona Ahmadiani specializes in the economics of happiness, environmental economics, and applied econometrics. She holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Georgia. She performs research on topics in the economics of happiness with an emphasis on identifying economic, environmental, and cultural determinants of subjective well-being. She studies various sub-components of subjective well-being including measures of life evaluation and eudaimonic well-being in relation to theories of decision making in economics and behavioral science and uses quantitative research methods to demonstrate how the integration of these distinct measures with various conventional economic measures serves to inform policy. Using quasi-experimental methods, she also analyzes the heterogeneous impacts of exogenous shocks such as natural disasters and national policy changes on subjective assessments of well-being and mental health outcomes of affected communities...

Fengyu Wu :

Research Associate — Fengyu Wu is a Research Associate at the Eudaimonia Institute, Wake Forest University. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of Southern California and a BS in economics from the Singapore Management University. Her research centers on the economics of happiness, health economics, development economics, and political economy. She studies the determinants of subjective well-being in populations around the world, in particular, the effects of both economic and social conditions, including among others: income, consumption, interpersonal comparisons, supportive relationships, and social capital. She also investigates the factors that influence individuals' socioeconomic attitudes and political preferences, with special attention on identifying and explaining differences between men and women. Her website can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/view/fengyuwu>

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Lisa Wilkinson :

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Visiting Research Scholars**Neera Badhwar :**

2019-2020 Academic Year — Neera Badhwar is Professor Emerita of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma and is currently affiliated with the Departments of Philosophy and Economics at George Mason University. She is the author of *Well-Being: Happiness in a Worthwhile Life* (2014), as well as many articles on friendship, virtue, self-interest, market societies, and other topics in ethics and social political philosophy. Dr. Badhwar is also the editor of *Friendship: A Philosophical Reader* (1993).

Craig Gundersen :

2019-2020 Academic Year — Craig Gundersen is the ACES Distinguished Professor and Director of Undergrad Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Dr Gundersen informs policymakers and program administrators who are seeking paths to reduce food insecurity and its consequences. Over 40 million Americans live in food insecure households and, due to serious health consequences, food insecurity has become one of the leading health care crises in the United States. Using data from multiple nationally representative data sets, he analyzes the causes and consequences of food insecurity and evaluates food assistance programs, with a particular emphasis on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Rachel Ferguson :

2019-2020 Academic Year — Rachel Ferguson is a professor of managerial philosophy at the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. She is also the director of the Liberty and Ethics Center at the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise. Her research focuses on Hume's classical liberalism, the philosophy of economics, and Aristotelian virtue theory. Dr. Ferguson received her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Lindenwood University (1999), and her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Saint Louis University (2008).

David Rose :

2019-2020 Academic Year — David Rose is a Professor of Economics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He has served as the Department Director of Graduate Studies and as

the Department Chair. He received his Ph.D. in Economics in 1987 from the University of Virginia. His primary area of research interests are behavioral economics, political economy, and organization theory. He has published scholarly articles in a wide range of areas. His work has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the HFL Foundation, the Earhart Foundation, and the Templeton Foundation. He is currently in his second term on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. In 2008, he received the St. Louis Business Journal's Economic Educator of the Year award. His latest paper is "On the Evolution of Rationality and Economic Behavior" for The Oxford Handbook on Ethics and Economics (2019). His book The Moral Foundation of Economic Behavior (Oxford University Press, 2011) was selected one of CHOICE's outstanding titles of 2012. His latest book is Why Culture Matters Most (Oxford University Press, 2019). He frequently contributes to policy debates through radio and television interviews as well as in op-eds in outlets like the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, The Word on Business, The School Choice Advocate, Forbes, The Washington Times, and The Christian Science Monitor on topics ranging from social security to monetary policy, fiscal policy, judicial philosophy, education reform, and healthcare reform.

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Dean Stansel :

2019-2020 Academic Year — Dean Stansel is a Senior Research Fellow at the O'neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom. Before entering academia, Stansel worked for seven years at the Cato Institute, a public policy research organization in Washington, D.C. where he produced over 60 publications on fiscal policy issues. He is primary author of the *Economic Freedom of North America* annual report, which provides an economic freedom index for states and provinces in North America, and sole author of an economic freedom index for U.S. metropolitan areas. Stansel's academic publications have appeared in the *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Public Finance Review*, *Journal of Housing Research*, *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, *Review of Law and Economics*, *Cato Journal*, among others, and has been cited in numerous publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. His op-eds have appeared in *Investor's Business Daily*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and many other local newspapers. Stansel earned his PhD and MA in economics from George Mason University and

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his BA in economics (with honors) and politics from Wake Forest University.

Lawrence White :

2019-2020 Academic Year — Lawrence White specializes in the theory and history of banking and money. He previously taught at New York University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Professor White is the author of *The Clash of Economic Ideas* (2012), *The Theory of Monetary Institutions* (1999), *Free Banking in Britain* (2nd ed., 1995), and *Competition and Currency* (1989). He is the editor of *The History of Gold Review*, the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, and other leading professional journals. In 2014 he received the Adam Smith Award of the Association for Private Enterprise Education. He has been a visiting research fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research, a visiting lecturer at the Swiss National Bank, and a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Professor White is co-editor of *Econ Journal Watch* and a member of the board of associate editors of the *Review of Austrian Economics*. He is a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, and a senior scholar of the Cato Institute for Monetary and Financial Alternatives.

David Beito :

2018-2019 Academic Year — David Beito is a historian and professor of history at the University of Alabama. His research covers a wide range of topics in American history including race, tax revolts, the private provision of infrastructure, mutual aid, and the political philosophies of Zora Neale Hurston, Rose Wilder Lane, and Isabel Patterson. He writes frequently on current controversies related to academic freedom and academic standards and has published in the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Southern History*, and *Journal of Urban History* among other scholarly journals. He has received fellowships from the Earhart Foundation, the Olin Foundation, and the Institute for Humane Studies. He is the author of *T.R.M. Howard: Doctor, Entrepreneur, Civil Rights Pioneer* (2018) which was co-authored by Professor Linda Royster Beito of Stillman College.

Thomas Cushman :

2018-2019 Academic Year — Thomas Cushman is the Deffenbaugh de Hoyos Carlson Professor in the Social Sciences and Professor of Sociology at Wellesley College. In 2012, he founded *The Freedom Project* at Wellesley College, which aims to foster intellectual pluralism, debate, tolerance, and diversity of viewpoints at the College and served as its first director until 2018. His publications include *Notes from Underground: Rock Music Counterculture in Russia*, which was named as one of *Choice's* Outstanding Academic Books in 1995; *George Orwell: Into the 21st Century*, with John Rodden (Paradigm, 2005); *A Matter of Principle: Humanitarian Arguments for War in Iraq*, editor (University of California Press, 2005); *Terror, Iraq and the Left: Christopher Hitchens and His Critics*, with Simon Cottee (New York University Press, 2008); and *The Religious in Responses to Mass Atrocity*, edited with Thomas Brudholm (Cambridge University Press, 2009). He is the editor of *The Routledge Handbook of Human Rights* (2011), a standard reference work, which presents 60 original essays from leading scholars across the world and across the disciplines on all areas of human rights. His current book project is entitled

Why Freedom of Expression Matters. Please visit the Wellesley College website for more information.

Jeremy Jackson :

2018-2019 Academic Year — Dr. Jeremy Jackson is the director of the NDSU Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise (PCPE) and an associate professor in the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the areas of microeconomics, public economics, and game theory and strategy. His research covers diverse topics, including public choice and the political economy; the social consequences of economic freedom; happiness and well-being; and philanthropy and nonprofits. His research has been published in *Applied Economics*, *The Independent Review*, *Public Choice*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, and other refereed and non-refereed sources. He is a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network, American Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Omnicron Delta Epsilon, Public Choice Society, and Association for Public Economic Theory. You can visit his faculty page on the North Dakota website.

Mark LeBar :

2018-2019 Academic Year — Mark LeBar is a Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University. He works in moral, social, and political philosophy. Mark has a Ph.D in Philosophy from the University of Arizona, an MA in Philosophy from the University of Washington, and an MBA from Pepperdine University. He received his bachelor's degree in Philosophy and English from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. His book, *The Value of Living Well* (Oxford University Press, 2013) is a development of contemporary eudaimonist moral theory. He is now working on extending that account of eudaimonism to questions about the nature and origin of norms of justice. He has also co-edited *Equality and Public Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2014). Mark is the Editor of *Social Theory and Practice*, and has published in journals including *Ethics*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, and *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.

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Fernando Teson :

2018-2019 Academic Year — Fernando Tesón, the Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar at Florida State University, is the leading authority on humanitarian intervention and the philos-

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ophy of international law. In addition, he has written on diverse topics such as immigration and political rhetoric. Originally from Buenos Aires, Professor Tesón has dual US and Argentine citizenship. He has authored several books, including *Debating Humanitarian Intervention: Should We Try to Save Strangers?* (Oxford University Press, 2017) (with Bas van Der Vossen); *Justice at a Distance: Extending Freedom Globally* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) (with Loren Lomasky); *Rational Choice and Political Deliberation* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) (with Guido Pincione), and *Humanitarian Intervention: An Inquiry into Law and Morality* (Transnational, 2005), considered the classic treatise in the field. He has also published dozens of articles in law, philosophy and international relations journals and collections of essays Professor Tesón has served as visiting professor at Cornell Law School, Indiana University School of Law, University of California Hastings College of Law, the Oxford-George Washington International Human Rights Program, and Universidad Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Christopher Tollefson :

2017-2018 Academic Year — Dr. Chris Tollefson is the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Department Chair at the University of South Carolina. His research interests include natural law ethics, practical ethics, and the ethics of false assertion. He has twice been a visiting fellow in the James Madison program at Princeton University. He is the author, co-author, or editor of six books, including most recently *Lying and Christian Ethics* (2014), and is a frequent contributor to *Public Discourse*. Tollefson received his PhD from Emory University in 1995.

Vision

Lives well and fully lived

Mission

To study the nature of human flourishing and the institutions that support that flourishing

Values

Human Flourishing

Integrity: The Eudaimonia Institute has a four-layered protection of its academic freedom and integrity.

Academic Freedom: First is Wake Forest University's longstanding institutional commitment to academic freedom and diversity of thought.

Diversity of Thought

Independence: Second is the Institute's Declaration of Research Independence, which provides a firewall between donors to the University or to the Institute, and the research and activities of the Institute.

Oversight: Third is the oversight provided by the independent Faculty Advisory Board, made up of faculty members and staff from across the University.

Policies: Finally, the existing policies and practices of our academic units apply when reviewing faculty appointments and the teaching, research, and service contributions of faculty members affiliated with the institute.

Practices

Liberal Arts: As befits a liberal arts institution of higher education and Wake Forest University's mission and tradition, the Eudaimonia Institute supports academic freedom, free and open inquiry, free speech, and the unimpeded search for truth.

Inquiry

Free Speech

Truth

Evaluation: It is institutionally committed to evaluation and assessment of ideas, arguments, and evidence, as well as research and scholarship, on their merits, without regard to their origin or source.

Assessment

Ideas

Arguments

Evidence

Research

Scholarship

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1. Speakers & Conferences

Host and support speakers and conferences

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2. Faculty

Host and support visiting and regular faculty

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3. Research

Host and support independent research projects

The Eudaimonia Institute welcomes partnership and research proposals from any discipline and any perspective that furthers the understanding of the nature of and institutions that support eudaimonia.

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4. Workshops

Host and support faculty workshops

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5. Reading Groups

Host and support teaching, student and faculty reading groups

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6. Scholarship

Host and support scholarship connected with eudaimonia in all its facets

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