

About the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society

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Vision

Pressing public problems are solved

Mission

To bring ethical reflection to bear on important social problems

Values

Ethics:

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Research

Teaching

Community

Engagement

Public Problems

Develop initiatives with ethical dimensions that relate to pressing public problems

Drawing on the established strengths of Stanford's interdisciplinary faculty, the Center develops initiatives with ethical dimensions that relate to pressing public problems. A bridge to the undergraduate Stanford community, the Center houses the Undergraduate Program in Ethics in Society in addition to these current initiatives:

1. Events

Public events, including the Tanner, Wesson and Arrow lectures, and multi-year themed lecture series

2. Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

A Postdoctoral Fellowship Program to promote teaching and research in ethics in society

3. Undergraduate Program

An Undergraduate Program that supports an honors thesis option and the opportunity to minor in Ethics in Society for students in every major

4. Conferences, Seminars & Workshops

Conferences, seminars and workshops in partnership with other departments across campus

5. Curriculum

Curriculum development around the undergraduate Ethical Reasoning breadth requirement

6. Humanities

Teach a course in the humanities to the residents of Hope House

The Hope House Scholars Program in which Stanford faculty, postdocs, or graduate students teach a course in the humanities to the residents of Hope House, a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility for women, many of whom have recently been incarcerated

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Hope House Scholars Program

7. Blog

The Buzz blog, which features the voices of Stanford students and freelance writers on happenings at the Ethics Center

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