



# Fordham University

## Master of Arts in Ethics and Society





# Master of Arts in Ethics and Society: *Integrity in Action*

- From bioethics to business, from the courtroom to the classroom, the need for ethical decision-making has never been greater.
- Our programs provide students tools for engaging critically and compassionately with the most pressing ethical issues of our time.



# M.A. in Ethics and Society



## Program Basics

- **10-course** curriculum
- Can be completed in **one year** on a full-time basis
- **Part-time** study & **evening** classes available
- Opportunities to **tailor curriculum** and align electives to your interests and goals
- Bring your education to real-world settings with **practicum** opportunities throughout NYC

# Accelerated M.A. Program

**Available only to Fordham undergraduate students.**

- Apply in Spring of **Junior year** (**extended deadline: June 15, 2020**)
  - Minimum G.P.A. of 3.2 and completion of 90 credits to apply
- Take **up to three M.A. courses** (of 10 required) during Senior year
  - Count toward both undergraduate and M.A. degree
  - Included in undergraduate tuition



# M.A. Program Highlights



- Optional **areas of specialization** to reflect students' current interests and future career goals
  - Bioethics & Health Sciences
  - Environmental Ethics
  - Globalization & Human Rights
  - Ethics, Law, & Policy
  - Race, Gender, & Class
- Opportunities for hands-on **practicum** that allows you to shadow professionals involved in ethical decision-making
- Contribute to the ***Ethics & Society*** blog on ethics-related news, events, scholarship, and contemporary issues
- Opportunity to **network** with faculty, alumni, and ethics professionals
- Exposure to leaders in ethics theory and practice through Center **events**

# Interdisciplinary, 10-Course Curriculum

- Team-Taught Cross-Disciplinary Ethics & Society Courses

**CEED 5050: Ethics & Society: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives** (Required)

**CEED 6100: Theories and Applications in Contemporary Ethics** (Required)

- Moral Philosophy (2 courses)
- Moral Theology (2 courses)
- Social and/or Natural Sciences (2 courses)
- Practicum and/or electives tailored to students' goals/interests (2 courses)



# Classes in Diverse Fields

Anthropology

Biological  
Sciences

Business

Economics

Law

Philosophy

Political  
Science

Public Media

Psychology

Social Work

Sociology

Theology

# Areas of Specialization and Sample Courses

## Bioethics and Health Sciences

- THEO 7736 - Bioethics
- CEED 5250 - Bioethics Analysis of Case Studies
- CEED/PSYC 6290 - Health Disparities and Social Inequalities

## Environmental Ethics

- THEO 6735 - Ecological Ethics
- BISC 5511 - Conservation Law and Policy
- PMMA 5103 - Environment and the Media

## Globalization and Human Rights

- SWGS 6040 - Human Rights and Social Justice
- PHIL 7760 - Dimensions of Political Justice
- ECON 5450 - Crises, Adjustment and Poverty

## Ethics, Law, and Policy

- POSC 5100 - American Political Behavior
- PHIL 5003/CEED 6322 - Natural Law: the Nature, Foundations, and Content of Justice
- THEO 5500 - Religion and American Public Life

## Race, Gender, and Class

- THEO 6676 - Sexual Ethics
- PSYC 6310 - Culture, Ethnicity, and Race
- PMMA 5106 - Race, Gender, and Digital Media



# Featured Online/In-Person Courses for Fall 2020

**Ethics & Society: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives (CEED 5050)**: This introductory course will present methods of ethical inquiry from different disciplines and will demonstrate how these disciplines interactively and independently apply these methods to issues of contemporary social import. Relevant moral and ethical frameworks will be introduced, along with background on issues of current social importance. The intent of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the knowledge and critical thinking skills that will enable them to identify and understanding the ethical decisions that affect the welfare of individuals and society and the integrity of their professions.

**Special Topics in Ethics & Society (CEED 5600)**: This course will provide students with interdisciplinary perspectives on contemporary issues in ethics and society by supplementing foundational ethics knowledge with topics that are highly specialized and not represented in the main curriculum. Students will apply ethical principles and decision-making in various areas of study including the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

**Sexual Ethics (THEO 6675)**: An in-depth examination and critical appraisal of current discussions in Christian theological reflection relating to human sexuality. Specific attention will be given to emerging paradigms for the ethical evaluation of sexual behaviors, identities, and relationships being advanced in light of developments in social mores and ecclesial consciousness.

**Freedom of Expression (PMMA 5101)**: This course examines the history and theory of freedom of expression in the United States. We will trace the philosophical and political origins of free speech, examining key assumptions about human nature, individual liberty, and the role of government in a Democracy underlying the First Amendment. By studying the application of First Amendment theory to various situations, such as flag burning, hate speech, restrictions on public protests, leaks of classified material and dissent during wartime, we will explore just how much freedom we actually have, and how much we really want to have

**Health Psychology (PSYC 6020)**: An introduction to the study of psychological factors in health and illness, which examines the major models, research methods, interventions, and issues in health psychology/behavioral medicine. Topics include stress-illness, compliance, psychoimmunology, social support, and coping in disorders such as cardiovascular disease, pain, cancer, gastrointestinal disorders, diabetes, and obesity.



# Opportunities with Distinguished Professors



**Fr. Bryan Massingale, STD, Theology**

"The BEST professor I've ever had at Fordham. Hands down...He does an excellent job conveying the social, religious, and political intricacies of racial justice and injustice. Wish I could take him again!"



**Elizabeth Yuko, PhD, Communication**

"She is kind, knowledgeable, hilarious, and it was just a pleasure to be in her class every day. She made ethics interesting and incorporated relevant pop culture clips to analyze in class."



**Meiping Sun, PhD, Economics**

"She is a great professor. She is fair, teaches well, and keeps the class engaged."



**Michael Baur, PhD, JD, Philosophy & Law**

"Great professor! One of the best I've seen so far. Cares about his students. Gives interesting and helpful lectures to help the material studies."

*Featuring comments from students on*

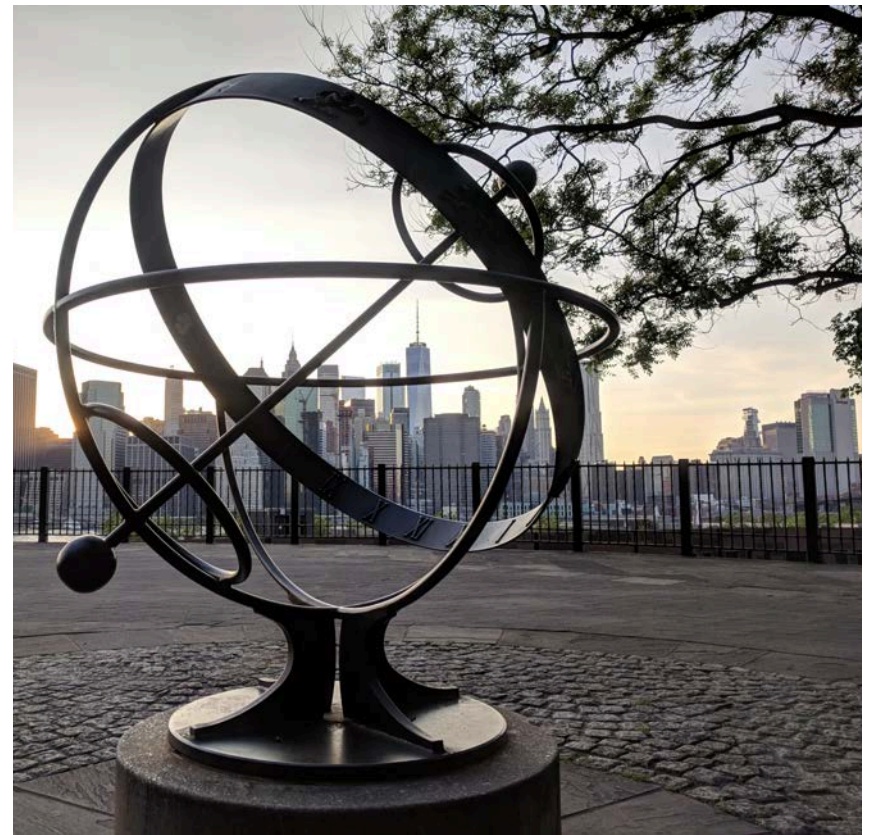
**RATE MY PROFESSORS**

# Experiential Education in NYC

**Optional practicum** provides opportunity for experiential ethics education, shadowing ethics professionals or participating in projects involving substantial ethical decision-making.

## Past Practicum Community Partners

- Global Bioethics Initiative
- Saint Barnabas Hospital
- Generation Citizen
- Harlem United
- Families & Work Institute
- National Jewish Center For Learning and Leadership
- Fordham University Institutional Review Board (IRB)





# Ethics and Society Program Alumni

**Many Ethics and Society alumni go on to careers in business, non-profit work, and higher education administration**

ANGELIQUE RIVARD, JD



Chief of Staff,  
Lighter LLC  
District  
Leader, The  
Humane Society  
of the United  
States

CHRISTOPHER KOVEL



Assistant Vice  
President of  
Research,  
First Abu Dhabi  
Bank

YOHAN GARCIA



National  
Immigration  
Coordinator,  
Archdiocese of  
Chicago

TIMOTHY DINEEN



Vice President,  
Global  
Philanthropy at  
BNY Mellon

ERICKA MCCARTHY



Multicenter  
Project  
Manager, Yale  
Center for  
Clinical  
Investigation

# Ethics and Society Program Alumni

**Other alumni go on to pursue further advanced or terminal degrees.**



**Leah Ibrahim Puri**  
Medical Student, Stony Brook



**Anthony Bradley, PhD**  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies Director Center  
for Human Flourishing



**Samir Hafez**  
JD Candidate,  
San Diego State University

# New York is Your Campus

## Take classes at either of Fordham's two campuses!

Rose Hill in the Bronx



Lincoln Center in Manhattan



Walking distance from Arthur Avenue, often referred to as “the real Little Italy of New York,” and the New York Botanical Gardens.

Located in the heart of Manhattan near Central Park, Julliard, and Columbus Circle.



# Ethics Center Events

Ethics and Society students have access to a variety of events offered by the **Center for Ethics Education**, including:

- Discussions about pressing, contemporary issues in ethics and society
- Professional development events
- Social events and networking opportunities

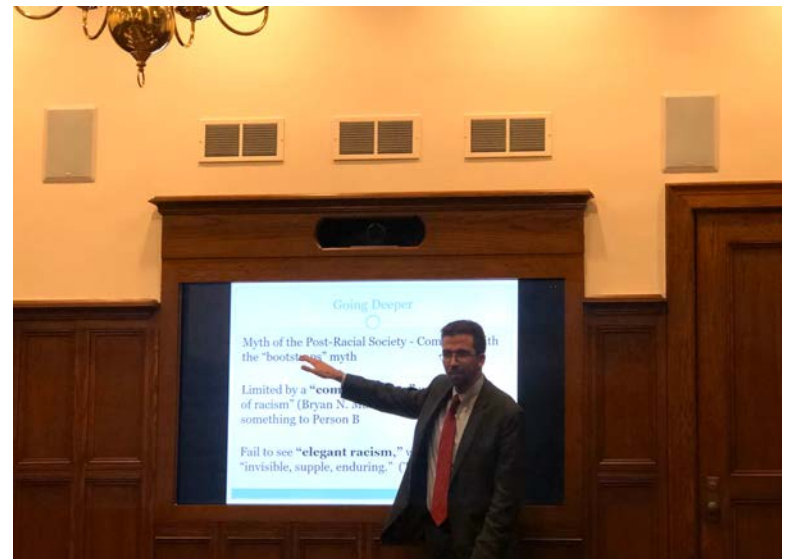
# Ethics Center Events

## Fall 2019 Dinner Discussion Series

**“The Ethics of Punitive Disenfranchisement”** - Steven Swartzter, Ph.D., (then: Teaching Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Outreach Director, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**“Charlottesville and Beyond: Christian Social Movements and the Response to Racism and Antisemitism”** – Kevin Ahern, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Manhattan College

**“Health Disparities in Eating and Weight Disorders: Ethics in Psychological Research and Practice”** – Natasha Burke, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Fordham University



# Ethics Center Events

The Center for Ethics Education presents:

## DISCOVER CAREERS IN ETHICS

Learn what you can do with a **Master's Degree in Ethics and Society** and meet our alumni and faculty!

**PANELISTS**

**MAUREEN EISNER, MA**  
Vice President of Bioethics and Patient Experience,  
SBH Health System

**YOHAN GARCIA, MA**  
Pastoral Migratoria National Formation Coordinator,  
Archdiocese of Chicago

**STEFANIE JUELL, MA, CIP**  
Associate Director, Office of Human Research Affairs,  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

**EVAN SOLOMON, MA**  
Editorial Research Associate,  
City & State News Organization

**FEBRUARY 26 | 3:30 - 5:30 PM**  
**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**  
**O'HARE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
**WALSH LIBRARY, ROSE HILL CAMPUS**

Contact Dr. Steve Swartzter at [sswartzter@fordham.edu](mailto:sswartzter@fordham.edu) with any questions.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- BIOETHICS AND HEALTH SCIENCES
- ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
- GLOBALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- ETHICS LAW AND POLICY
- SOCIAL JUSTICE



## LET'S TALK ABOUT LOVE (AND ETHICS)

### MOVIE NIGHT FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

Join us for a screening of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, free pizza, and a fun discussion about the Ethics of Love.

**Thursday, February 13th**  
**6pm - 9pm**  
**McGinley Center, Room 234**

Contact Dr. Steve Swartzter at [sswartzter@fordham.edu](mailto:sswartzter@fordham.edu) if you have any questions.

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### MOVIE NIGHT FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

Join us for a screening of the HBO film based on the best-selling nonfiction book, followed by a group discussion about biomedical ethics and social justice.

Pizza will be provided.

**Wednesday, March 25th**  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**McMahon Hall, Room 205 | Lincoln Center Campus**

Please RSVP by sending an email to Dr. Steve Swartzter at [sswartzter@fordham.edu](mailto:sswartzter@fordham.edu)

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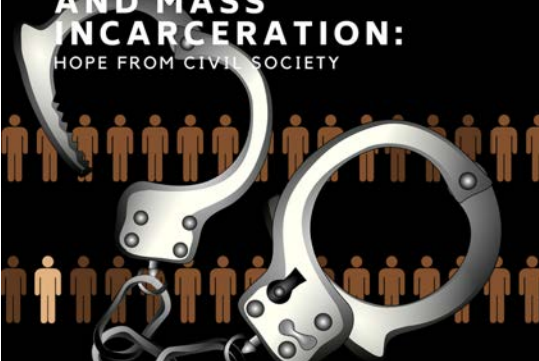


# Ethics Center Events

THE CENTER FOR ETHICS EDUCATION PRESENTS

## ENDING OVERCRIMINALIZATION AND MASS INCARCERATION:

HOPE FROM CIVIL SOCIETY



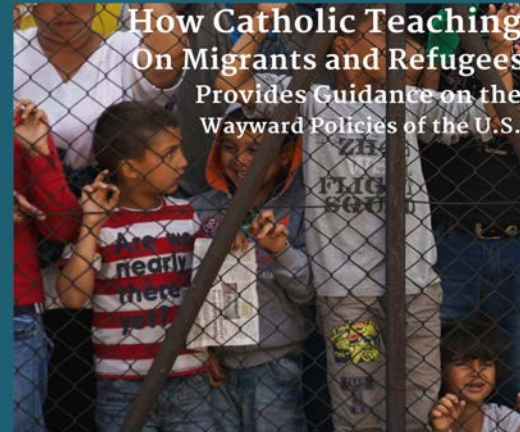
DR. ANTHONY BRADLEY  
PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THE KING'S COLLEGE  
MA IN ETHICS & SOCIETY ALUMNUS

**NOVEMBER 7 | 1:00PM-2:00 PM**  
**MCGINLEY CENTER, 2ND FLOOR MUSIC ROOM**

Q&A WITH ETHICS & SOCIETY MA STUDENTS FROM 2:00 PM-3:00PM

Lunch will be provided  
Please RSVP [here](#) or email [ethics@fordham.edu](mailto:ethics@fordham.edu)

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## How Catholic Teaching On Migrants and Refugees Provides Guidance on the Wayward Policies of the U.S.

**Thomas Massaro, SJ**  
Professor of Theology  
Associate Director of the Center for Ethics Education

**October 17, 2018**  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Campbell Hall, Multipurpose Room  
Rose Hill Campus

Discussant: Rose Perez, PhD,  
Associate Professor,  
Graduate School of Social Service

Lunch will be served.  
Please RSVP to [ethics@fordham.edu](mailto:ethics@fordham.edu).

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Fordham University Center for Ethics Education  
Part of the 20th Anniversary Health Disparities and Research Ethics Lecture Series

## Facilitating Equitable Access to Precision Health Care

**Vence Bonham, J.D.**  
Senior Advisor to the Director,  
National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research (NHGRI)

**FEBRUARY 28 | 4:00 PM**  
**FLOM AUDITORIUM,**  
**WALSH LIBRARY**

Refreshments will be provided.  
RSVP to [ethics@fordham.edu](mailto:ethics@fordham.edu).



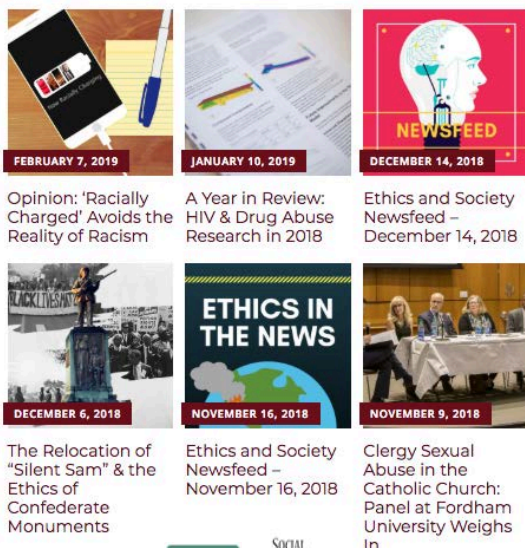
Vence Bonham leads the Health Disparities Genomics Unit of the NIH Social and Behavioral Research Branch. His research focuses on the translation of genomic findings into the clinic and how that translation impacts health disparities. His team uses qualitative and quantitative methods to develop measurement tools grounded in theory (race and social cognitive), public health law, genomics, and clinical decision-making.

# Blog and Social Media

The *Ethics and Society* blog had over **69,500 views** in the past year.



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Fordham Ethics Channel

# Ethics & Society Blog: *STUDENT VOICES*



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### The Relocation of "Silent Sam" & the Ethics of Confederate Monuments



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### Fordham's Fr. Thomas Massaro Discusses Ethics & Immigration



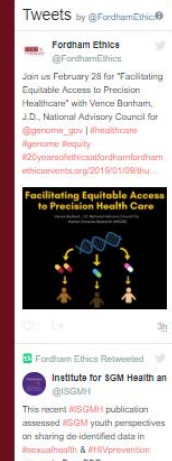
Fr. Massaro and discussant Dr. Rose Perez.

STUDENT VOICES  
By Randy Mehan

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# Application Materials

- Online M.A. Program Application (or Accelerated M.A. application, **IF you are a Fordham junior in 2019-20**)
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Interest
- 3 Letters of recommendation (to be uploaded by the recommenders)
- Writing sample
- Transcripts
- GRE scores (not required for Accelerated M.A. Applicants)
- Note: GSAS application fee waived for current Fordham students

# Center for Ethics Education Director and Executive Committee



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Director



**Michael Baur, Ph.D.**  
Associate Director



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Associate Director



**Steven Swartzter, Ph.D.**  
Associate Director of Academic  
Programs & Strategic Initiatives

# APPLY NOW



For information on application requirements,  
financial aid, deadlines, and how to apply,  
please visit:

[fordham.edu/ethicsandsociety](http://fordham.edu/ethicsandsociety)

To apply, please visit:

[gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply](http://gradadmissions.fordham.edu/apply)

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