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J. ERIK JONSSON ETHICS AWARD



Michael M. Boone, a legendary attorney and exemplary public citizen, received the 2007-2008 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award on February 12, 2008. Over 300 civic and corporate leaders were in attendance as SMU Trustee Fred Hegi Jr. presented the award.

Mike Boone lives a life of sacrifice and service for the public good, and for this, the Center is pleased to bestow the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award. (See page 3 for more photographs.)

FAITH IN THE PROFESSIONS

The 2007-2008 Annual Conference of the Professions was held February 11, 2008, at Highland Park United Methodist Church's Great Hall. It was the 22nd in a series of unique conclaves at which representatives of law, medicine, and the clergy come together to address common ethical issues facing the professions and to discuss solutions. This year's topic was "Faith in the Professions: What in God's Name Am I Doing?"



The keynote speaker was Daniel W. Foster, M.D., the John Denis McGarry, Ph.D. Distinguished Chair in Diabetes and Metabolic Research in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Dr. Foster serves as a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the Association of American Physicians, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. He recently served as President of the Association of Professors of Medicine.

A panel responded to Dr. Foster's remarks. It was moderated by William J. Bridge, J.D., Dedman School of Law, and included Dr. Foster; Ellen Pryor, J.D., Dedman School of Law; and Linda Wilkerson, M.Div., Director of Pastoral Care for Parkland Health and Hospital System.

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ART AND ANTIQUITIES CONFERENCE

The Center's 2007-2008 conference entitled *The Future of the Past: Ethical Implications of Collecting Antiquities in the 21st Century*, held October 18-19, 2007, explored some of the ethical challenges in the controversial world of antiquities.

- Who are the legitimate stakeholders in this controversial realm?
- Are institutional collectors the most appropriate stewards of culturally significant resources and objects?
- Do purchases of culturally significant resources and objects by private collectors have a different effect on supply-demand in these materials than do purchases by institutional collectors?
- What are the primary forces that encourage the looting and destruction of archaeological and historical sites?
- Do these differ by region?
- Do culturally significant resources and objects themselves have "rights" that should be protected (such as a right of preservation, prevention of modification and destruction, possession and control by a culturally associated group)?
- How appropriate are current policy initiatives addressing the control and possession of culturally significant resources and objects?

These were only a few of the many issues addressed at our conference. For professionals in the fields of art, art history, museum curatorship, law, collecting, anthropology, and archaeology, this conference presented an opportunity to bring together many differing viewpoints.



The keynote speaker was Donny George Youkhanna, Ph.D., former Director General of the Iraqi Museums from 2003 to 2006. He was central to recovery of some of humanity's most important antiquities following the 2003 looting of the Baghdad Museum.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

The past year's conference on *The Future of the Past: Ethical implications of Collecting Antiquities in the 21st Century* (discussed elsewhere in this newsletter) offered a powerful reminder of the extent to which ethical dilemmas can be shaped by history, geography, politics, and economics. Where some see current collecting (and curating and archiving) practices as nothing less than an assault on national history and identity, others see a market for antiquities that drives moral claims to the margins of the debate and settles all such questions at auction with the issuance of "good title." In between these admittedly caricatured positions are a dozen other arguments for and against the current state of affairs, equally shaped by the same cultural forces.

There are many lessons here for an ethics center such as ours, dedicated as it is to encouraging students across the campus to "do ethics."

First, it is humbling to see the extent to which enormous forces that can be described as "social" only in the broadest sense of that word don't simply inform ethical discourse but also lead participants in the discussion to perceive the existence (or nonexistence) of an ethical problem in the first instance. This is a common but often overlooked phenomenon. In the presidential election, is there an ethical problem in misrepresenting your opponent's positions or in pledging to accept public funding and then reversing that pledge, or do the ends justify the means when it comes to the White House? In sports, does the use of performance-enhancing drugs represent an unethical attempt to gain unfair advantage over one's competitors, or is the practice nothing more than the most recent example of technological training aids? The question in each case is not "how should the ethics debate be resolved," but rather "is there an ethical problem here at all?"

Equally fundamentally, the antiquities conference offered a splendid example of the extent to which ethics - at least applied ethics - depends upon other disciplines to make sense of a problem. The dilemma addressed at the conference simply could not be understood without the contributions of art historians, anthropologists, historians, museum-based scholars, and political scientists. Ethics turns out to be embedded in, and highly dependent upon, other disciplines to do its work.

Thus, the antiquities conference underlined an important lesson for the Maguire Center, which strives to create a working relationship with faculty and students in all of the University's colleges and schools. Our work with these schools is a two-way street. It is certainly true that we aim to reinforce ethics scholarship and teaching in all these places, to make ethics more prominent and accessible to all. But the participants in this process - including the Maguire Center itself - gain at least as much from what the various disciplines bring to the subject of ethics as the other way around.

Our attention in 2009 will turn to Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin. Born the same day in 1809, they shaped their world and ours in ways that were as fundamental as they have been enduring. Lincoln transformed our understanding of the Constitution, of democracy, and of warfare, in the course of which he dedicated his presidency to the preservation of the Union and to addressing the great moral stain of slavery. In addition to co-sponsoring a lecture by the distinguished Civil War Historian James McPherson, we are also presenting Professor Mark McPhail's Public Scholar lecture on the political rhetoric of reparations on April 7.

For our part of the campus-wide Darwin observance, we will be co-sponsoring presentations and panel discussions in September on intelligence design in the classroom and in the courtroom. Our speakers will include the trial judge and plaintiffs' counsel in the Dover (PA) school board case, as well as a reporter and video documentarian who covered the entire trial.

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ETHICS BOWL TEAM (S.E.E.D.)

The Society for Ethical Evaluation and Debate (SEED) is made up of motivated SMU undergraduate students who enjoy researching, reflecting upon, and debating ethical issues. The students who constituted this year's Regional Bowl team were Hayley Collins, Alex Gonzalez, Julieta Grinffiel, Sheila Zamanian, and Luis Vargas. To prepare for the competition, the team met once a week with team coordinator Ken Loyer to reflect upon the ethical considerations of the seven cases involving intelligent design, pharmaceutical approval processes, churches as polling places, payday loans, revisionist history, valuation of traditional women's work, and differential undergraduate tuition.

In the Regional Ethics Bowl in San Antonio, on November 10, 2007, at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, SMU competed against fifteen other teams for a spot at the National Ethics Bowl. SMU tied for second place with a record of two wins and one loss but, by virtue of the tiebreaker, was not among the top four teams that advanced to the National Ethics Bowl. The team's one loss came against the first-place, undefeated team from Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

In April, the team competed in the Bioethics Bowl at Union College in Schenectady, New York. The competition took place at the National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, which all students competing in the Bioethics Bowl were able to attend at no extra cost. Six teams competed in the Bioethics Bowl. The SMU team advanced to the semi-finals and finished with a record of three wins and one loss. That record included a victory on the first day of competition over the eventual champion, National Hispanic University. The Bioethics Bowl Team members consisted of Hayley Collins, Alex Gonzalez, Jon Haghayeghi, Greg Mandel, and Sheila Zamanian.

Photographs



(L to R) Cary Maguire, John Merryman, and Sharon Flescher at *The Future of the Past* conference held October 18-19, 2007.



Alex Barker, Susan Bruning, Bill Bridge, and Patty Gerstenblith on a panel at *The Future of the Past* conference held October 18-19, 2007.



Professor Mike Adler welcomes guests at *The Future of the Past* conference held October 18-19, 2007.



(L to R) John Merryman, Timothy Potts, and Jay Kislak at *The Future of the Past* conference held October 18-19, 2007.



(L to R) Linda Wilkerson, Ellen Pryor, and Daniel Foster, panelists at the Conference of the Professions held Feb. 11, 2008.



(L to R) Gerald Turner, Mike Boone, Fred Hegi, and Alan Feld at the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award Luncheon on Feb. 12, 2008.



(L to R) Professor Barbara Hill-Moore and Rosemary Haggard Vaughan at the Maguire Public Scholar lecture April 18, 2008.



(L to R) Glenn Linden and Tony Pederson at the Maguire Public Scholar Lecture held Nov. 14, 2007.



(L to R) Catherine Weber, SMU Cox School of Business; Julie King, Marketing Manager, Daisy Brands; David Sokolsky, President, Daisy Brands; Gary Morris, Chair, Greater Dallas Business Ethics Awards; and Ted Rodgers, HR Manager, Daisy Brands accept the Greater Dallas Business Ethics Award for 2007-2008.

PUBLIC SCHOLAR TONY PEDERSON

In his Maguire Public Scholar Lecture held November 14, 2007, Professor Tony Pederson spoke on "Reporter Privilege: A Con Job or an Essential Part of Democracy?" This lecture explored the ethics of reporter-source confidentiality and its legal status in Texas, using recent cases as examples.

Tony Pederson chairs the Division of Journalism in the Meadows School of the Arts. Before assuming the Belo chair in June 2003, he was senior vice president and executive editor of *The Houston Chronicle*. Pederson spent 29 years with *The Houston Chronicle*. From 1992 until 1994, Pederson served as chairman of Texas Media, a coalition of media groups formed to pursue access issues and open government in Texas. He has received the James Madison Award from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and the Jack Douglas Award from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association. Pederson serves as a director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and the Inter American Press Association and is a member of the board of advisers for the International Center for Journalists.



PUBLIC SCHOLAR BARBARA HILL-MOORE

Professor Barbara Hill-Moore was the Maguire Center's Spring 2008 Public Scholar. She presented her address, "True to My Own Voice: Ethical Challenges in Transmitting Talent," to a packed house in the Taubman Atrium in the Meadows School of the Arts. Professor Hill-Moore discussed the professional and ethical demands of mentoring young artists wherever in the world they might be found. Identifying talent, she said, was the first step, but creating a pathway for encouraging, nurturing, refining, and preparing that talent was an institutional and personal challenge that faces many obstacles along the way for students and their teachers alike. Professor Hill-Moore's address was punctuated by performances by four of her current undergraduate and graduate voice students.



Barbara Hill-Moore, Professor of Voice in Meadows School of the Arts at SMU since 1974, served as Department Head from 1977 through 1992. Professor Hill-Moore has performed with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, most especially Germany, where she sang with the Nürnberg and Kiel Symphony Orchestras, premiered the works of many American composers and sang concerts of American music annually from 1983 through 2007. Professor Hill-Moore has presented Master Classes throughout North America, Europe and Africa. In 2000 she began a long relationship with the University of South Africa in Johannesburg, Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria, the University of Cape Town, the University of Western Cape near Cape Town, the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa where she has presented annual seminars and Master Classes. She has also worked with students in townships, churches and provinces to provide lessons

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Leadership and Its Spiritual Dimension

The Center co-sponsored an event with the SMU Bhakti Yoga Club entitled "Leadership in the Modern Age: The Spiritual Dimension." A vegetarian dinner preceded a lecture by His Holiness Romapada Swami. In this lecture, he discussed the eastern model of leadership.

Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture Lecture Series

With the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, the Center co-sponsored "Healing Fictions," the latest installment in the Institute's *The City of Imagination* lecture series. On February 27, SMU medical anthropologist Carolyn Smith-Morris initiated the three-part series. She has observed and participated in the lives of Pima Indians of Southern Arizona, whose community is now in an epidemic of diabetes; over half of all adults have the disease. The "stories of survival," upon which her recent book is based, tell of the confusion, resistance, and identities that Pimas have developed over lifetimes with this disease. The evening concluded with the panel and audience engaged in discussion about narrative, story-telling, and other forms of talk in healing.

Texas Healthcare Trustees Workshop

The Maguire Center, along with the Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT), co-sponsored a spring orientation and trustee workshop for the new THT members on Feb. 29, 2008. A highlight of the day was the keynote address by former Maguire Center Director William F. May, Ph.D., who spoke on "Ethical Obligations of Hospital Trustees: Dealing with Money, Mission, and Medicine."

Regional Bioethics

The Maguire Center for Ethics co-sponsored the fall and spring semi-annual meetings of the North Texas Bioethics Network. The dinner speaker on November 19 was Patricia Evans, M.D., UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Medical Center of Dallas, who led a discussion on end-of-life issues in pediatric neurology. The dinner speaker on May 22 was

Baby Lawyers and History

The Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility sponsored a lecture on March 6, 2008, entitled "Baby Lawyers and History: How Two of SMU's Own Got Involved in a Ground-Breaking Second Amendment Case." It featured two recent alumni of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Carl Cecere and Cara Foos Pierce, who are attorneys working on *District of Columbia v. Heller*. *Heller* was one of the biggest cases before the Supreme Court of the United States during the 2007 term, providing the Court its first chance in over 70 years to examine the scope of the right protected by the Second Amendment - the right to bear arms. It also provided an opportunity for Mr. Cecere and Ms. Foos Pierce to examine, in a lively discussion, their own involvement in the case, the challenges that the Court will face in resolving it, and the important and evolving impact guns have had on American culture.

MAGUIRE & IRBY FAMILY PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNS

Our interns gain practical experience struggling with social problems well beyond their capacity to solve in total, but within their capacity to contribute productively. This year's interns (and their projects) are:

Nicholas Elledge worked at the Rancho 3M Christian Orphanage in Guadalupe, Mexico. He lived and worked at the orphanage, providing a consistent and positive role model for the seventy children who live there. In addition to his duties with facility maintenance, he participated in activities with the children such as interacting with them and playing games. Nick has finished his freshman year in Dedman College.

Gilberto Lopez worked in the Nuevo Leon region of Mexico with a project entitled "Carranza-Casillas Sustainable Mountain Development Initiative." He helped build infrastructure in a mountain community of peasants, to teach primary enrichment and adult literacy classes, and research economic development and planning. Gilberto will begin his second year as a graduate student in Anthropology at Dedman College in 2008-09.

Cody Meador worked at the Stewpot in downtown Dallas. She was the Stewpot representative and "watch dog" to the City of Dallas, attending various committee and city council meetings. She planned to engage in political discussion with members of the homeless community and serve as an advocate for them. Cody will be a junior majoring in Political Science in 2008-09.

Kristin Mendelow worked as a Summer Clinic Fellow in the WilmerHale Legal Service Clinic at Harvard University. She interviewed low- and moderate income clients seeking legal services, counseling and advising clients, preparing motions for courts and assisting in trial preparation. Kristin is a second-year student in the Dedman School of Law.

Jennifer Tashman worked in Houston at Texas Defender's Service, a nonprofit law group that represents convicts who are on death row in Texas under questionable circumstances, particularly those who are mentally unstable or have histories of abuse and neglect. She researched legal cases, obtained court records, and wrote reports based on her investigations. Jennifer is a senior majoring in Corporate Communications and Public Affairs.

Lindsay Wilson worked in Dallas with Our Friends' Place, a safe haven for abused and neglected girls and young women. Specifically, she coordinated case management requirements for residents and their families of the Stemmons Group Home. In addition, she was involved with diagnostic assessments, review of treatment plans, and implementation of services. Lindsay is a second-year graduate student in the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

June Yi worked in Irving, Texas, with the Korean Central United Methodist Church assisting with ministries and social service, especially for the senior citizens. She provided vital translation services (verbal and written) to the senior citizens, and plans to set up a web site and network for volunteers. June is a second-year graduate student at Perkins School of Theology.

NEW MAGUIRE TEACHING FELLOWS



Carolyn Smith-Morris, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Dedman College and James Kennell, M.A., graduate candidate in Medical Anthropology, are the 2008-2009 Maguire Teaching Co-Fellows. They are designing a course tentatively entitled *Globalization, Society, and the Human Condition*.

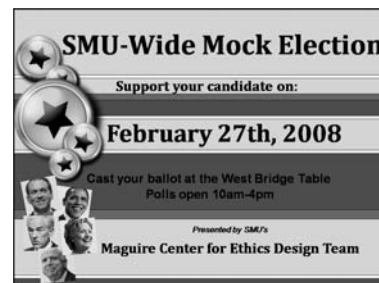
Both awardees engaged colleagues in a spirited discussion over lunch during the spring semester, in preparation for their course development work over the summer.

DESIGN TEAM

The Design Team is a student-run organization that encourages students to think about the ethical implications of their actions before making a decision. They choose topics they believe are relevant to the SMU community and then design a presentation that is customized to meet the needs of the particular class or group to whom they are presenting. This year, the Design Team focused on the issue of voting as a civic duty.

The team gave a presentation in the fall semester to a group of undergraduate students, and in this presentation special emphasis was placed on voting trends among young adults. During the spring semester, the team organized a campus-wide mock presidential election in which over 500 students, faculty, and staff voted. This turnout exceeded the team's expectations by a significant margin. Local media covered the event, with two television stations, *SMU Magazine*, and SMU's *The Daily Campus* picking up the story. (The winner of the mock election was Barack Obama.)

The members of the 2007-2008 Design Team were Clayr Simnacher, Ashley Bruckbauer, and Lauren Atkinson.



DALLAS BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED FOR ETHICS

The Dallas Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals held its Seventh Annual Greater Dallas Business Ethics Award Luncheon on June 3, 2008. The award recognizes companies in the Metroplex with a strong and proven commitment to ethical business practices in their everyday operations, management philosophies and in response to crises or challenge.

Awards were presented to the following companies: Daisy Brands, Ellis Partners in Mystery Shopping, and Wishbone Graphics. Previous Dallas award winners EDS, Trammell Crow Company, The Staubach Company, and TDIndustries have been selected for the prestigious American Business Ethics Award.

The Greater Dallas Business Ethics Awards are presented by The Dallas Chapter of the Society of Financial Services Professionals, the Financial Planning Association of Dallas/Fort Worth, the Edwin L. Cox School of Business, the North Texas Ethics and Character Association, and the Maguire Center for Ethics.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Professor Tom Mayo received the President's Associates Outstanding Faculty Award this past year?
- The Ethics Center Advisory Board welcomed several new members this year including Ron Anderson, Talmage Boston, Kenneth H. Cooper, Nancy Halbreich, Michael Hinojosa, Bill Lively, and William T. Solomon.

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The significant ethical issues that were launched by the work of these two men will provide the Center and the University with the opportunity to explore the interface of history, politics, sociology, law, and philosophy of science with the study of ethics. We look forward to a great year of interdisciplinary discussion and learning.

