

October 15, 2008

Dear Professor:

The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University is sponsoring an Undergraduate Ethics Symposium April 9-11, 2009. This conference is shaped around a series of workshops in which students present to one another their best work on a subject of ethical concern. I write to invite you to encourage your students to join in this endeavor. A Call for Essays and Creative Writing Projects and a tentative schedule, which explain the details of the process, are enclosed, but let me say at the outset that we hope to receive from students thoughtful and insightful essays and creative writing works which explore, analyze and examine ethical issues in a variety of ways. While writings on all areas of ethical concern are welcome, we especially encourage two topics for this year: Biomedical Ethics and Ethics & Race.

The students whose works are accepted for the symposium will benefit from the critiques and comments of their peers in the seminar, and also from the visiting scholar or creative writer who will direct the workshop. Our goal is that each student who participates in the Symposium will have a polished piece of writing which s/he can then submit in a portfolio, a graduate school application, or a job application. A number of the student works will be selected for publication, along with the writings of the visiting scholars and creative writers.

This is an honors symposium, and those students whose works are received by the February 1 deadline and accepted for inclusion in the conference program by panels of DePauw faculty members will have all of their expenses paid for the conference. DePauw will cover travel expenses (up to \$500), lodging and food for each conference participant. The group will be relatively small; we hope to have 20-30 students from a variety of colleges and universities. The seminars in which the works will be discussed will consist of seven to ten students each.

You are a teacher whose students focus on many ethical questions and examine some of the complex moral issues of our time. We would greatly appreciate your posting the enclosed Call for Essays and Creative Writing Projects, sharing this information with interested colleagues and, especially, encouraging students in your classes to submit their work to us at the Ethics Institute.

Sincerely,



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CALL FOR ESSAYS & CREATIVE WRITING PROJECTS

2009 Undergraduate Ethics Symposium – DePauw University
April 9-11, 2009

Invitation

DePauw University invites you to take part in the Undergraduate Ethics Symposium at the Prindle Institute for Ethics, a center for interdisciplinary reflection on ethical issues. This symposium is an opportunity to engage in dialogue with leading scholars and artists about today's ethical concerns.

Although students may write about any ethical issue, this year we especially encourage submissions in two areas: Biomedical Ethics and Ethics & Race. Students may write an argumentative essay on an ethical question or explore ethical themes through a written creative piece.

Highlights

- Participating students attend seminars with distinguished visiting scholars or artists
- Selected student papers will be published in our Symposium volume
- Students' travel (up to \$500), lodging, and meals will be covered by the Institute

Submissions

- **Deadline:** February 1, 2009
- Submit to Linda Clute at prindleinstitute@depauw.edu
- Place name and collegiate affiliation on separate page
- Guidelines:
 - Essays and fiction pieces should be submitted in Chicago style (3,500 word limit)
 - Poets should submit 5-10 poems
 - Playwrights should submit a 10-minute play
 - Screenwriters should submit a 10-page screenplay
- **Notification:** March 1, 2009

Speakers:

Claudia Mills, Professor of Philosophy,
University of Colorado

David H. Smith, Director, Yale University's Interdisciplinary
Center for Bioethics

Ronald Sundstrom, Professor of Philosophy and
Co-Director of African American Studies,
University of San Francisco

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For more information about the Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics or the 2009 DePauw Undergraduate Ethics Symposium, please visit <http://prindleinstitute.depauw.edu> or call 765.658.4075.

**Tentative Schedule for Undergraduate Ethics Symposium
The Prindle Institute for Ethics, 2009**

Thursday, April 9	7:30 p.m.	PLENARY #1: Lecture by scholar or writer
Friday, April 10	9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Seminar one with student writers
	noon	Lunch
	1-4 p.m.	Seminar two with student writers
	4:15 or 7:30 pm	PLENARY #2: Lecture by scholar or writer
	6 p.m.	Dinner
Saturday, April 11	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	PLENARY #3: Discussion of themes, questions and concerns raised by the students' works at the Friday sessions, led by seminar leaders, and attended by all students (and members of Faculty Advisory Committee and Student Advisory Committee)
	noon	PLENARY #4: Lunch and lecture by scholar or writer

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