## Got Ethics? Integrating Ethics into Everyday Educational Discussions

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### Introductions and Intentions

Getting to know people in the room

### A bit about me

A bit about my Student Ambassador Why engage with the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative?





### **Engaging Students in Ethics Overview**







### Classroom practices

Research practices

Professional and community engagement opportunities





### **Classroom Practices**

## Setting Intentions for the course and for the class group as a learning community.

### Explicitly state your objective as the instructor:

"To create a productive, stimulating, collegial, and safe environment for all students to learn from the professor and from each other."





## Ground Rules or Guidelines

- 1. Agree to respect others. This includes honoring others' experiences, regardless of differences of opinion or perspective. Agree to disagree if necessary.
- 2. Basic courtesies of group interaction apply: arrive on time; turn off cell phones; don't eat or drink in a manner that is disruptive to those around you.
- 3. Keep in mind that no one should be required or expected to speak for their whole race, gender, religious persuasion, or any other social group membership. They could not do so effectively even if they wanted to! Thus, agree to speak from your <u>own</u> experience and expect others to do the same.
- 4. Take responsibility for and accept the consequences of your words and actions. Moreover, your language, body language, and actions should be appropriate for the meeting space.
- 5. Make an effort to stay present, without side conversations.
- 6. Respect the foundational belief that equality pertains to all people with NO exceptions. To participate effectively, it is important to acknowledge that social inequalities exist of which you may be unaware.
- 7. Be willing to keep an open mind: it is *likely* that some of your beliefs will be challenged along the way. Consider leaning into the discomfort of not knowing, with a goal of learning without assumptions or judgment.
- 8. Agree to participate in the creation of a relatively "safe" atmosphere for open discussion





### DANIELS FUND ETHICS INITIATIVE

### PRINCIPLES

*Integrity* Act with honesty in all situations

*Trust* Build trust in all stakeholder relationships

Accountability Accept responsibility for all decisions

*Transparency* Maintain open and truthful communications

### Fairness

Engage in fair competition and create equitable and just relationships

Respect Honor the rights, freedoms, views, and property of others

Rule of Law Comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations

*Viability* Create long-term value for all relevant stakeholders

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## How could I directly discuss ethics?

# Started with small discussion in graduate seminars of the History Master's Program



Worked with current History MA graduate student and DFEI Student Ambassador, Bryana Owens.





### **The Student Perspective**

- Passion for Ethical Education within our Classrooms.
- The Questions:
  - How can we integrate ethical principles and the education of ethics within our everyday classroom scenarios?
  - How can this be done in the most beneficial way for the students and the university?





## The Mini Lesson

- Questions to guide small group discussions.
- The goal of the lesson is to introduce ethics principles and integrate them into our personal learning objectives.







### Let's Try It?







# Transparency TRUST ap Transparency IKUSI Respect Fairness Integrity Rule of La **Rule of Law**





### **Student Takeaways**

How can ethics apply to student work specifically?

 How do ethics apply to Historians? What is our job as historians to be ethical? In what situations?

The importance of building community.

 Where else can we engage in these ethics-centered discussions outside of the classroom? How can creating that shared bond between students, influence the ethical standards of the program.



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## **Professional Opportunities**



Internships

### Public Outreach

**Blogs and Websites** 

Academic Conference Presentations





### Internships and Public Outreach







### **Blogs and Websites**

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### THE ASBESTOS BLOG

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Important Contact Information

THE ASBESTOS BLOG



Remembering the Space Shuttle Challenger: Was it Really an Asbestos Substitute that did in the O-rings and, Ultimately, caused the tragedy? My Research.





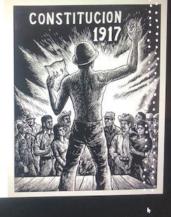
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### **Academic Conference Presentations**



#### Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary Rhetoric & Consciousness

- Community and Family Members
- Examples: Ricardo Flores Magón's "Program of the Liberal Party" (1911) & Zapatista "Plan de Ayala" (1911)
- · Public Schools
- · Example: Article 3 of the 1917 Constitution
- President Lazaro Cardenas, Land Expropriation, & Establishment of *Ejidos* (Communal Farmland)











# What are the Ethical Standards of the Profession?

American Historical Association  Standards of Professional Conduct

American Association for State and Local History  Statement of Professional Standards and Ethics

National Council Public History  Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct



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## Where Can We Go From Here?

Needs to be more relevant.

Introductory lessons vs.
Discipline-centered

Can we apply field specific Ethics Standards.

 DFEI principles vs. Profession's Codes of Ethics

Time to make more Mini-Lessons!

 Introductory class lessons as well as more specific ones made for History BA and MA courses.





## Thank you!

### **Questions and Discussion**







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