

Comparing Ethical Approaches Across Disciplines

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Learning from Others: Why it's Worthwhile to Compare Ethical Approaches Across Disciplines

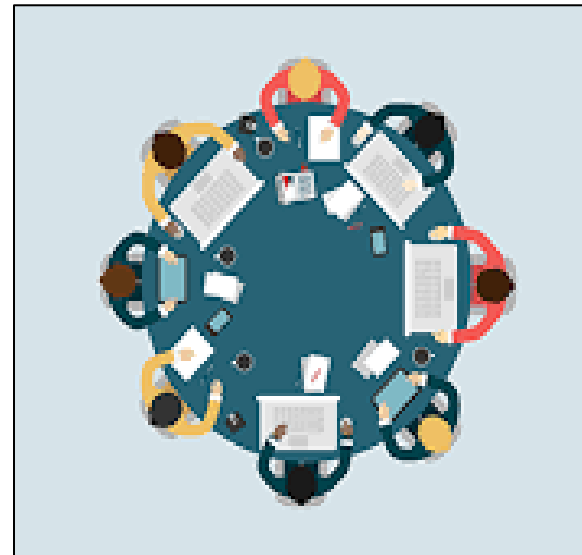
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Ethics Roundtable (March 9, 4:30 – 6:30)

- **Medical perspective**
- **Criminal justice perspective**
- **Business perspective**
- **Each speaker will share the ethical approaches common in their discipline**
- **Together, we will address three ethical dilemmas & see what happens!**
- **Informal panel; questions from the audience; Q & A**

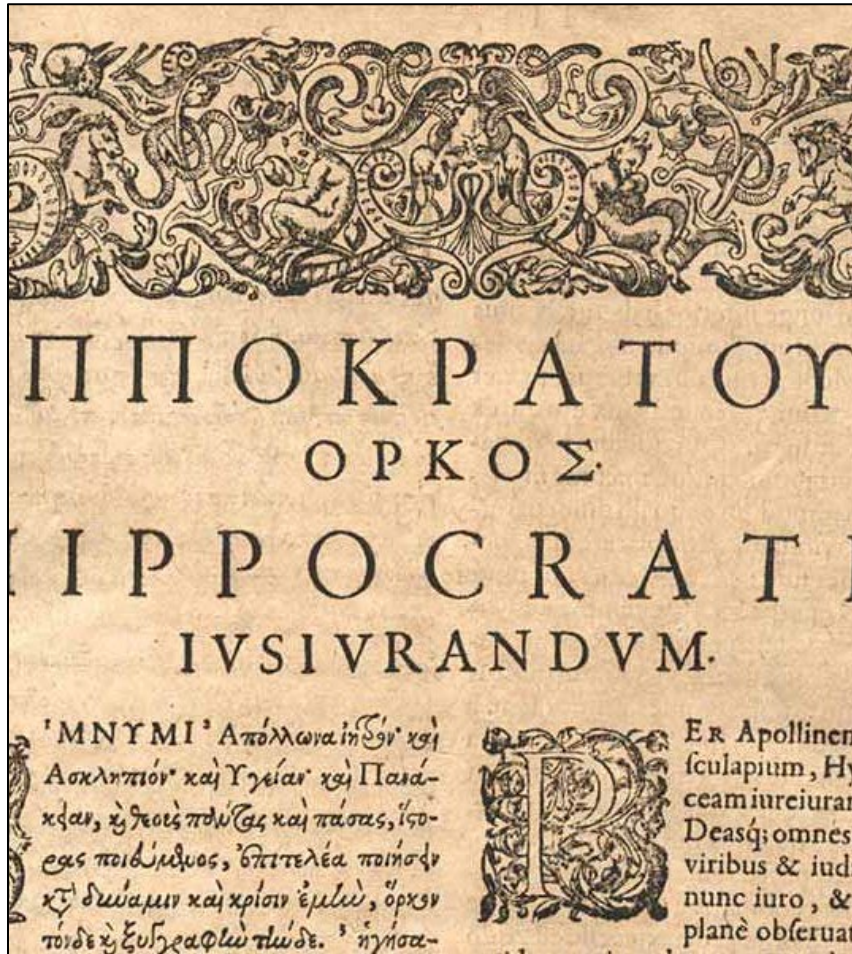


The Idea Itself

- **My first semester here; last at USAFA**
- **That led me to thinking about all the different professions that the CJ community works with**
 - Medical community
 - Accountants & engineers
 - Scientists and computer scientists
 - Lawyers (prosecutors, judges, defense)
 - Industry (businesses)



Medical Ethics



- **Do no harm**
- **Do good**
- **Respect for patient autonomy**
- **Justice**

The Colorado Physician's Oath

I swear by what is sacred to me that I will fulfill, according to my ability and judgment, this oath and this covenant:

I devote myself to the health of humanity, with full respect for the dignity and worth of each person. Above all, I will strive to do no harm.

I recognize that my knowledge and skills are imperfect, and that I must always seek further training and growth. I will not perform treatments for which I am not qualified, and I will call upon others for help. In turn, I will gladly render aid when asked.

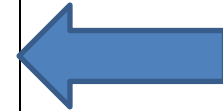
I commit myself to the profession of medicine, to the advancement of scientific knowledge, and to the education and mentorship of those who follow me.

I will respect the rights of my patients and colleagues and shall safeguard those confidences placed in me.


I will speak out when silence is wrong. I will respect the law, but I will not fail to seek changes that would reduce suffering or contribute to good health.

I recognize the trust that has been placed in me by society and by my colleagues. I will at all times comport myself with dignity, honesty, humility, and integrity.

These things I do swear solemnly, freely, and upon my personal and professional honor.



Before being invested with police authority, all officers of the Colorado Springs Police Department are required to take an oath, to enforce the law and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Colorado, as well as to enforce the ordinances of the City of Colorado Springs. In undertaking these solemn responsibilities, officers agree to abide by the terms of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics:



As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my Department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust, to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself, before God, to my chosen profession--law enforcement.

Ethics in Business

(Daniels Fund 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 law and regulations
- **Viability**
 - Create long-term value for all relevant stakeholders

A Fave: Prosecutors

- **Model Rules of Professional Responsibility**
- **Rule 3.8: Special Duties of Prosecutors**
 - **Refrain** from prosecuting a charge that the prosecutor knows is not supported by probable cause
 - Make **timely disclosure** to the defense of all evidence or information known to the prosecutor that tends to **negate the guilt of the accused or mitigates the offense**

My Course is “Ethics in Criminal Justice.” Yet I Find Myself Discussing Medical Ethics & DFEI Principles. Why?

- **Students love it, especially medical**
- **The classic CJ approaches sometimes don't resonate**
- **One of the course objectives for ECJ is students' developing their own code of ethics w/in legal & professional guidelines. There more to draw from...**

Plus, On the Practical Side

- **Wouldn't it be nice if our graduates (CJ professionals) understood a few other ethical approaches?**
- **This could build understanding and avoid escalation (viral vids)**
- **Can lead to collaboration and “third options”**

So, My Idea is...

- **Collect a few classic dilemmas to discuss across disciplines**
 - The Burglary & the Bullet
 - The Tell-Tale Heart
 - The Duty to Report
- **March 9, 4:30-6:00. Perhaps you'll join?**
- **Perhaps you might add a few interdisciplinary approaches to your courses? Perhaps you have done so already? Perhaps this isn't so wise after all?**
- **Wrap Up:**
 - Thank you!
 - Questions & discussion time