

The **UCF Center for Ethics** hosts the **Be Better Club**, a discussion group of students, faculty, and staff interested in contemporary ethical issues and their implications on our lives and communities.



FALL 2021 DISCUSSIONS

Each Discussion Held on Zoom

AUG 31

Vaccines, Variants, and Uncertainty

As we negotiate viral variants, what's the right thing to do? How do we deal with ongoing uncertainty about a changing risk landscape?

PODCAST: Baker and Maxmen. 04 June 2021. [Coronapod: Uncertainty and COVID 'lab-leak' theory.](#)

SEPT 14

Free Speech, Intellectual Diversity, and HB 233

What's the relationship between intellectual diversity and free speech in academic contexts?

PODCAST: Gladstone, B. 04 June 2021. [There is No 'Cancel Culture'. On The Media.](#)

SEPT 22

Intellectual Property, Ownership, and Theft

What are the ethical concerns around intellectual property? What are their implications in new FL legislation like FL HB 7017 and 1523?

PODCAST: Aronczyk, A. 26 June 2020. [Seed Spy.](#) Planet Money. *After Dinner Conversation.*

OCT 12

Online Learning, Choice, and Equity

Cameras on or off? Attending live or listening later? How do we balance engagement, privacy, and choice for students learning online?

PODCAST: Stommel, J. July 29, 2020. [How to Be Together in Learning Online.](#) *Teaching in Higher Ed.*

OCT 26

AI and Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous systems challenges views of responsibility, blame, and agency. What should a future of ethical AI look like?

PODCAST: Burnley, M. 01 April 2021. ["A.I. in the Driver's Seat."](#) A.I. Nation.

NOV 9

Data Scraping and the IRB

What are the ethically relevant differences between data scraped from online social media and other human subjects data?

PODCAST: Rodebaugh, T. and Leary, M. September 2014. [More than meets the IRB – Social media research ethics: Considering the Facebook "emotional contagion" study.](#) HRPO Podcasts.

NOV 23

Debating Ethics Cases

UCF teams are involved with multiple ethics case competitions each year. How does ethics debate work? How do we ask good questions and then justify strong arguments in that context?

PODCAST: Lam, B. 28 November 2017. [The Ethics Bowl.](#) Hi-Phi Nation.

DEC 7

A Changing Climate

How do we handle questions of equity, harm, and responsibility given the "code red" status of anthropogenic climate change?

PODCAST: Hay, K. 9 August 2021. [Billions of Lives at Risk – IPCC Report.](#) Lately.

Be Better Club
every other Tuesday
4:00-5:15pm

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