

Curriculum Vitae

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Northern Plains Ethics Institute, Director
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Areas of Specialization:

Ethics (Applied and Theoretical Bioethics, Business, Environmental, Agricultural, Medical, and Professional Ethics)
History of Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Religion
Social and Political Philosophy
Feminist Ethics

Publications:

Books:

- 2015 *Death's Values and Obligations: A Pragmatic Framework*, The International Library of Ethics, Law, and New Medicine, 62. (Springer: Dordrecht, The Netherlands)
- 2014 *The Ethics of Death: Religious and Philosophical Perspectives in Dialogue* (monograph, Lloyd Steffen and Dennis Cooley) (Fortress Press: Minneapolis, MN)
- 2012 *Passing/Out: Identity Veiled and Revealed* Dennis Cooley and Kelby Harrison (editors), (Ashgate Press: UK)
- 2009 *Technology, Transgenics, and a Practical Moral Code*, The International Library of Ethics, Law and Technology series, Vol. 4. (Springer: Dordrecht, The Netherlands)
- Re-imaging Death and Dying*, Dennis R Cooley and Lloyd Steffen (editors), Inter-Disciplinary.net, <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/publishing/id-press/ebooks/re-imaging-death-and-dying/>.

Articles (Refereed):

- 2020 "Death cannot harm the patient." *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 15 (October–December 2020):1-9. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S235255252030116X>
- "Was Jesus an assisted suicide?" *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 14 (July–September 2020):1-10. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352552520300529>

- “The practical need to challenge the status quo: New directions in bioethics” *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 14 (July–September 2020):1-5.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352552520300384>
- “LGBTQI+ bioethics: A pre-queer bioethicist reflects.” *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 13 (April–June 2020):1-8. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352552520300244>
- 2019 “Genetically engineering future generations’ compressed morbidity.” *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 10(July–September 2019): 120-127.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352552519300647>
- Controversies in bioethics II: Marketplaces of ideas. *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 7 (October–December 2018): 54-58.
- 2018 “Controversies in Bioethics: The exotic charm of another system of thought.” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, 6: 75-79.
- 2017 “A Pragmatic Approach to Multicultural/International Bioethics” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, 3(2): 269-78.
- 2016 “Introduction: Pragmatism in Bioethics and Genetics” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, 2(3): 329-33.
- “Attitudes toward shale oil development in western North Dakota: The role of the place based community values in attitude formation” with Felix N Fernando. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 46: 132-46.
- “Socioeconomic System of the Oil Boom and Rural Community Development in Western North Dakota: Socioeconomic System of Oil Boom” with Felix Fernando. *Rural Sociology*, 81(3): 407-44.
- 2015 “Elder Abuse and Vulnerability: Avoiding illicit paternalism in healthcare, medical research, and life” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, 1(1): 101-12.
- “An Oil Booms Effect on Quality of Life (QoL): Lessons from Western North Dakota” with Felix N Fernando. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*: 1-33.
- “Justifying a duty to suicide” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, 1(4): 532-42.
- 2013 “Can care/relationship ethics justify a suicide duty?” *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 36: 366-73
- 2012 “Social Welfare Capitalism and Care Ethics Challenge the Neo-Classicism Myth” *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*, 4(10): 20-36.
- “Epistemic Closure’s Clash with Technology in New Markets” *Journal of Business Ethics*, Volume 108, Issue 2: 181-99.
- 2011 “Sex Selection Abortion in Kazakhstan: Understanding One Moral Justification” with Irina Chesnokova. *Developing World Bioethics*, Volume 11, Issue 3: 154-60.

- 2010 “Communicating and Philosophizing about Authenticity or Inauthenticity in a Fast-Paced World” Becky DeGreef, Ann Burnett, and Dennis Cooley, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 11(4): 395-408.
- “Is There a Duty to be Out?” *American Philosophical Association LGBT Newsletter*, Fall 2010, 10-16.
- 2009 “Environmental Tobacco Smoke as Child Abuse or Endangerment: A Case for Expanded Regulation” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 3: 181-221.
- “Understanding Social Welfare Capitalism, Private Property, and the Government’s Duty to Create a Sustainable Environment” *Journal of Business Ethics*, 89(3): 351-69.
- 2008 “Genetically Engineering Human-Animal Chimeras and Lives Worth Living” *Between the Species*, VIII, August 2008, cla.calpoly.edu/bts/.
- “A Kantian Moral Duty for the Soon to Be Demented to Commit Suicide” *American Journal of Bioethics*, 7(6): 37-44.
- “Response to Open Peer Commentaries on ‘A Kantian Moral Duty for the Soon to Be Demented to Commit Suicide’” *American Journal of Bioethics*, 7(6): W1-W3.
- “Deaf by Design: A Business Argument Against Engineering Disabled Offspring” *Journal of Business Ethics*, 71(2): 209-27.
- 2006 “Crimina Carnis and Morally Obligatory Suicide” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 9: 327-56.
- 2005 “Hospitality Industry Smoking Bans and Child Endangerment: A Question of Priorities” *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*, 24(3): 59-90.
- 2004 “Transgenic Organisms and the failure of a free market argument” *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*, 13(4): 354-71.
- “Practical Moral Codes in the Transgenic Organism Debate” Gary Goreham, George Youngs, and Dennis Cooley *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, 17(4) 1-8.
- “Are Transgenic Organisms Unnatural?” *Ethics & the Environment*, 9(1): 46-55, with Gary Goreham.
- “The Moral Paradigm Test” *Journal of Business Ethics*, 50: 289-94.
- “Transgenic Organisms and Some Legal Ethics” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 18(2) 91-110.
- 2003 “Strict Joint and Several Liability and Justice” *Journal of Business Ethics*, 47: 199-208.
- 2002 “So Who’s Afraid of Frankenstein Foods?” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, XXXIII(3): 442-63.
- “The CIOMS’s Distributive Justice Principle: A Reply to Dr. Benatar” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 23: 11-18.
- “False Friends” *Journal of Business Ethics*, 36(3) 195-206.

- 2001 “Distributive Justice and Clinical Trials in the Third World” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, 22: 151-67.
- 2000 “Good Enough for the Third World” *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 25(4): 427-50.
 “Re-Adjusting Utility for Justice” *Journal of Philosophical Research*, XXV: 363-80.
- 1998 “The Millennium Problem and the Marketplace of Ideas: Insights into Freedom, Responsibility, and Technological Development” with Scott DeVito, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 12(3): 243-86.
- 1996 “Deep Pockets and Justice” *Proceedings: Third International Conference Promoting Business Ethics*, Disk II.

Forthcoming:

1. “COVID-19 and the moral failure to protect the most vulnerable” *Journal of Healthcare, Science, and Humanities*’ special edition on COVID-19 and its impact on racial/ethnic communities.
2. “Ethics and Vulnerability: Census 2020” *Journal of Healthcare, Science, and Humanities*’ special edition on 2020 Census and its impact on racial/ethnic communities.

Abstracts:

- 1998 “Second Best: A Case for Lowering Testing Standards in Third World Countries” *Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy Abstracts*.

Book Chapters:

2021. “Teaching Ethics through Literature”. In *Models that Integrate Ethics Across Undergraduate Studies*, Daniel Wueste (ed.). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield: 61-77.
2021. “The Technology’s Fine; It’s the Code of Ethics that Needs Changing”. In *Codes of Ethics and Ethical Guidelines: Emerging Technologies, Changing Fields*, Kelly Laas, Michael Davis, and Elisabeth Hildt, (eds.) Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature Switzerland: 211-227.
- 2014 “The definition of morality” in *Morality: Diversity of concepts and meanings*. Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy. (Alfa-M: Moscow, Russia, 2014): 238-41.
- 2012 “Is There a Duty to be Out?” in *Passing/Out: Identity Veiled and Revealed*, Dennis Cooley and Kelby Harrison (editors). (Ashgate: Farnham, UK): 43-50.
 “Accepting Death for One’s Happiness” in *New Perspectives on the End of Life: Essays on Care and the Intimacy of Dying*, Lloyd Steffen and Nate Hinerman (editors). (Rodopi Press: Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- 2009 “Kantian Obligatory Suicide: Further Developments” in *Re-Imaging Death and Dying*, Dennis R Cooley and Lloyd Steffen (editors). Inter-Disciplinary.net, <http://inter-disciplinary.net.publishing/id-press/ebooks/re-imaging-death-and-dying/>.

- 2007 “Transgenic Organisms, the European Union, and the World Trade Organization” in *The Ethics of Genetic Commerce*. Robert W. Kolb (editor). (Blackwell Publishers: Blackwood, NJ, 2001): 87-108.
- “Genetically Modified Organisms and Business Duties” in *Ethical Theory and Business*, 8th edition. Tom Beauchamp, Norman Bowie, and Denis Arnold (editors). (Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ).
- “Monsanto’s Round-up Ready Wheat” in *Ethical Theory and Business*, 8th edition. Tom Beauchamp, Norman Bowie, and Denis Arnold (editors). (Prentice Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ).
- 2003 “Nazi Experiments and Stem Cell Research” in *Stem Cell Research*, James M Humber and Robert F Almeder (editors). (Humana Press Inc: Totowa, NJ, 2003): 61-85.

Forthcoming

“A Duty to Suicide?”

Handbook of Philosophy of Suicide, Paolo Stellino and Michael Cholbi, (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews:

- 2006 “Recoding Nature: Critical Perspective on Genetic Engineering” *Agricultural History*, 80(1): 121-3.
- “Price, Principle, and the Environment” *Agricultural History*.
- 2003 “Gaia’s Body: Toward a Physiology of Earth” *Agricultural History*, 77(4) 633-4.

Book Review Articles:

- 2003 “Responsible Conduct of Research” *Essays in Philosophy*, 4(2)
<http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/v4n2.html>.
- 2002 “A Review of TM Scanlon’s What We Owe to Each Other” *Essays in Philosophy*, 3(1)
<http://sorrel.humboldt.edu/~essays/cooley2rev.html>.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- 2008 “Environmental Ethics” *Encyclopedia of Rural America* 2nd edition, Gary Goreham, editor.

Journal Introductions:

- 2003 Introduction to Medical Research Ethics issue of *Essays in Philosophy*, 4(2)
<http://www.humboldt.edu/~essays/v4n2.html>.

Works in Progress:

Articles:

“De-Colonizing Language for More Effective Communication”

“Inclusive Business Ethics: The need for multi-cultural pragmatism”

“The Socio-Biotic Community Model: A Case Study”

Books:

The Socio-Biotic Community Model of Pragmatic Ethics, monograph.

Replacing Retributive with Restorative Justice, monograph.

Research Presentations (selected out of 90):

Feb. 2022

“Twern’t Nothing: Humility as an Essential Virtue for Professional Ethicists”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

Feb. 2021

“It’s because no one likes you: How a few experts can destroy everyone’s credibility”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Online Presentation.

“Health Related Reporting Solutions for Sex and Gender Minorities as Research Participants”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Online Panel: Elizabeth Heitman, PhD, Jenna Wimberly, MD, MA, HEC-C Sophia Fantus, PhD, MSW, Dennis Cooley, PhD.

July 2019

“Pluralism in Bioethics”
XXXVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health.

March 2019

“Socio-biotic communities as a business model”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics meeting.

September 2018

“The Socio-Biotic Community Model versus the Rational, Political, and Caring Organizational Models”
Northern Plains Philosophy Conference.

November 2017

“Morality in Theory and Practice”
Clemson University.

“There is no Kantian duty/permission to euthanize the extremely demented”
Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference.

September 2017

“Creating Inclusive Organizations”
Impact Foundation.

July 2017

“A Pragmatic Approach to Multicultural/International Bioethics”
XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health.

April 2017

“Inclusive Business Ethics: The need for multi-cultural pragmatism”
Cultivating Inclusive Organizations conference.

February 2017

“Inclusive Business Ethics: The need for multi-cultural pragmatism”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics meeting.

February 2016

“Persons and Species: Applying Biology’s Lesson to Personhood’s Definitions and Values”
American Philosophical Society, Central Division.

July 2015

“Objective and Subjective Guilt and Death” XXXIVth International Congress, International
Academy of Law and Mental Health, Vienna.

February 2015

“The Ethics of Death and Dying” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Authors
Respond to Commentators Panel.

“The Ethics of Death and Dying” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Lunch with
Authors.

November 2014

“Subjective and objective guilt, moral dilemmas, and end of life decisions” International
Association of the Philosophy of Death and Dying.

October 2014

“Moral Dilemmas and Guilt” Minnesota Philosophical Society.

September 2014

“A Right to Life? A Right to Die? Are these Real, Illusions, Nonsense?” Lehigh University.

March 2014

“A Pragmatic Case for Affirmative Action for Men in Female Dominated Professions” Illinois
Institute of Technology.

“A Case for Affirmative Action for Men in Female Dominated Professions” Association for
Practical and Professional Ethics.

October 2013

“An Unsuitable Job for a Man: Using Affirmative Action for Men in Female-Dominated
Professions” Minnesota Philosophical Society.

September 2013

“A Study of Holiday Letters, Authenticity, and Happiness” Faith, Reason and World Affairs
Symposium, Concordia College.

July 2013

“Does Suicide Have to Be Intended?” International Association of Law and Mental Health
Amsterdam Congress.

February 2013

“When Civil Rights Should and Shouldn’t Be Put to the Popular Vote” American Philosophical Association, Central Division meeting.

January 2012

“Ethics in Insurance” North Dakota Crop Insurance Conference.

October 2012

“Can care-relationships ethics justify a suicide duty?” Minnesota Philosophical Society.

April 2011

“Why Ethics Matter in Insurance” AgCountry.

March 2011

“Professionally Profiting from Bigotry” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

February 2011

“Business Ethics: A Practical Approach” North Dakota Crop Insurance Conference, Continuing Education.

November 2010

“Accepting One’s Death as a Condition of One’s Happiness” 7th Global Conference: Making Sense of Dying and Death, Prague, Czech Republic.

February 2010

“Is there a duty to be out?” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.

February 2009

“Genetic Engineering, Non-heterosexuality, and Lives Worth Living” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.

November 2008

“Kantian Obligatory Suicide: Further Developments” 6th Annual Dying and Death Conference, Salzburg, Austria.

February 2008

“An Argument for the Necessity of Voting Student IRB Members” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

March 2007

INBRE Lectures: “Ethical Theory and Bioethics” and “Applied Bioethics”.

February 2007

“Healthcare Workers and the Dementia Suicide Duty” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

October 2006

“Sociology as a Necessary Component of Applied, Philosophical Ethics” Great Plains Sociological Association.

“Dementia and Morally Obligatory Suicide” Fusion Conference.

“Non-heterosexuals in Heterosexual Marriages as a Form of Spousal Abuse” Fusion Conference.
“Ethical Mandates for the Humanities” Fusion Conference.

March 2006

“Does Liberalism Lead to Relativism in Science and Religion?” Science, Religion, and Lunch Seminar, NDSU.

November 2005

“Developing World Medical Research and a Practical Distributive Justice Principle” A National Conference on *The Ethics of Biomedical Research and Practice*, The Woodside Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Forks, ND.

October 2005

“Transgenic Organisms, the European Union, and the World Trade Organization” Japha Symposium for Business and Professional Ethics, Leeds School of Business and Society.

May 2005

“Animals and Ethics” Bioethics Institute, Iowa State University.

“Practical Moral Codes in Bioethics” Bioethics Institute, Iowa State University.

March 2005

“Playing Devil’s Advocate for Satan” BOZETTO.

February 2005

“Ethical Challenges of an Aging Population” Fargo-Moorhead Communiversy, Concordia College.

“The Ethics of Transgenic Organisms” Fargo-Moorhead Communiversy, Concordia College.

“Who is Afraid of the Big, Bad Chimera?” Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology meeting.

Teaching Experience:

August 2002 – Present:	North Dakota State University: Professor (2012)
August 1997 – June 2002:	East Carolina University: Visiting Assistant Professor
January 1993 – May 1995 & May – July 2001:	SUNY at Geneseo: Lecturer in Philosophy
January 2001 – May 2001:	Pamlico Community College: Lecturer
September 1996 – July 1997:	Humboldt State University (CSU): Assistant Professor
September 1995 – May 1996:	SUNY at Oswego: Lecturer in Philosophy
August 1994 & 1995:	University of Rochester: Instructor (G.S.)
January 1994 – May 1995:	Eastman School of Music (U of R): Instructor

Classes Taught:

Selected Topics in Applied Ethics	Medical Ethics
Introduction to Ethics	Humanities I & II
Introduction to Philosophy	Philosophy and Literature
Contemporary Moral Issues	Business Ethics
Philosophy of Sex and Love	Professional Ethics
History of Modern Philosophy	Logic
	Bioethics

Ethical Theory
Philosophy of Education
Philosophy of Language
Environmental Ethics
Aesthetics

Directed Studies:

Moral National Health Care
Medicine in the Third World
National Testing Standards

The Physician's Obligations
Philosophy of Law
Human Nature from Buddha to Lewis
Children's Moral Development and the Internet
Rationalism/Empiricism
Teaching Professional
Moral Psychology
Privacy and the Internet
Informal Logic

Service (selected):

Campus:

1. University
 - a. Faculty Senate
 - i. President 2015-2016
 - ii. President-Elect 2014-2015
 - iii. Immediate Past President 2016-2017 and 2021-2022
 - b. NDSU Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship committee: Appointed by NDSU president to create and implement this new faculty award.
 - c. NDSU Institutional Review Board 2002-2014
 - i. Vice-Chair 2005-2007
 - ii. Chair 2007-2012
 - d. Environmental and Conservation Sciences Program Graduate Faculty
 - e. Natural Resource Management Program Graduate Faculty
 - f. Mentor Program for new faculty members at NDSU
 - g. NDSU Teaching Circle
 - h. NDSU Safe Zone Faculty Member
 - i. Memorial Union's Gallery Advisory Board
2. College
 - a. AHSS Curriculum Committee
 - b. AHSS Policy and Planning Committee
 - c. AHSS Recognition Committee
 - d. Philosophy-Humanities Major/Minor committee (Includes evaluating the major, submitting proper paperwork for changes, advising, and updating information in the Bulletin and Fact Sheets)
3. Department
 - a. Interim-Head 2022-Present
 - b. Philosophy-Humanities Program Coordinator 2002- Present
 - c. Philosophy Club Advisor
 - d. Organizer and advisor to Phi Sigma Tau chapter – Minnesota/North Dakota Beta located at Tri-College University – Philosophy Honor Society
 - e. Assessment Committee

Professional Service:

1. Associations:
 - a. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
 - a. Executive Board Member 2018-Present
 - b. Secretary 2021-Present
 - c. Co-Chair of Conference Committee 2019-Present

- d. Co-Chair of the Business Ethics Interest Group 2014-2019
- b. International Academy of Medical Ethics and Public Health
 - a. Secretary General 2016 – 2019
- c. Phi Kappa Phi –
 - a. Chapter President 2014-2016
 - b. Treasurer 2016-Present
- d. Phi Sigma Tau
- e. Phil Alpha Theta
- f. Society for LGBTQ Philosophy
 - a. Treasurer
- 2. Journals and publishers:
 - a. Editor of Springer’s International Library of Bioethics, 2020-Present
 - b. Associate Editor of Elsevier France’s *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 2017-2020
 - c. Co-Editor of Springer’s International Library of Ethics, Law, and the New Medicine, 2016-2019
 - d. Founder and editor of the *Northern Plains Ethics Journal*, 2013 – Present
 - e. Guest Editor for special issue on genetics and bioethics for Elsevier’s *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, August, 2016
 - f. *Public Affairs Quarterly*’s Board of Editorial Consultants 2010-2012
 - g. Review advisor for the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*
 - h. Review board for the *Journal of Business Ethics*
 - i. Reviewer for *Agricultural and Human Values*; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *International Journal of Law and Psychology*; *Philosophy & Technology*; *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*; and *Medicine and Bioethics*
 - j. Reviewer for Pearson and Wadsworth
 - k. Guest journal editor for *Essays in Philosophy* Medical Research Issue, June 2003

Community Service:

- 1. Meritcare-Sanford IRB
- 2. GLBT Professional Issues Conference committee and subcommittees - chair
- 3. Chamber of Commerce subcommittees
 - a. Business Training (Chair 2009-10; Vice-Chair 2008-9 and 2014-15)
 - b. Public Affairs 2008-11
- 4. Founding and board member of the South Agassiz Resource Council 2002-6

University/Community Service:

- 1. Northern Plains Ethics Institute: Associate Director 2004-14, Director 2015-present

Service to the Government:

- 1. In 2009 and 2011, I provided oral and written testimony to the ND Senate and House Transportation Committees on bills proposing to create a law banning smoking in cars when minors under 16 are present.
- 2. In 2017, I provide oral and written testimony on five bills creating or refining ethics requirements for ND legislators.

Honors and Awards:

North Dakota State University Sorority and Fraternity	2019
Faculty Advisor of the Year	
North Dakota State University Faculty Fellow (Inaugural)	2018

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Service Award	2016
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Fellow	2014
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Educator	2012
Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce NDSU Distinguished Professor	2010
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Researcher of the Year	2005-2006
Daryl E Snyder Alumni Achievement Award	2005
East Carolina University's Phi Sigma Tau Teacher of the Year	2000-2001
University of Rochester Fellowship	1990-1995
Rush Rhees Fellowship	1990-1991
New York State Regent's Scholarship	1983-1987

Education:

May 1995	Ph.D. University of Rochester
May 1994	M.A. University of Rochester
May 1987	B.A. (Computer Science) SUNY at Geneseo

Dissertation:

Title:	Which Consequences Count in Consequentialism?
Advisor:	Professor Robert L Holmes

Funded Grants:

“Learning the Language of Diversity and Meaningful Inclusion: Moving from Hedgehog Thinking to Fox Engagement” \$70,000

A collaborative project with the YWCA Cass Clay and Humanities ND, that included speakers, training on how to have difficult conversations, and an exhibit. By learning the language of diversity and meaningful inclusion, we know and better appreciate what the problem might be by understanding its foundations, and then thoughtfully designing a way to deal with that issue that works for those stakeholders and that community. Once a language of diversity and inclusion is better acquired, then students and others are able to find pragmatic approaches to managing racism's causes and effects, ways to deal with problems caused by racism, and hopefully, plans on how to reduce or eliminate it

“Engaging Scholars & the Community: A Collaborative Humanities Research Project”
\$75,000

The project lead to collaborative humanities projects for public engagement and consumption. It brought together humanities and humanistic social science scholars to create collaborative enterprises that benefited themselves and their academic communities through the strength of symbiosis. The same idea was the driving force behind creating collaborative relationships between scholars and the public community. Public communities have a need for the help of humanities scholars, whereas humanities scholars, to fulfill their role, need to interact with communities. Not only did scholars provide their professional services, they looked at how to better understand their research as it pertains to the very constituency they are intended to serve.

- a. North Dakota Humanities Council
- b. Northern Plains Ethics Institute
- c. North Dakota State University
- d. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

“Understanding and Perusing Values in Western North Dakota”
\$12,500

The study identified and incorporated existing moral values into a practical decision procedure for citizens of western North Dakota to use for their social interactions and planning. To achieve this goal, we created a platform for engaging community members in discussion, understanding, and perusal of the values, and then used the same networks to distribute an ethical decision procedure created from the data obtained. The study married ethics, philosophy, and social sciences in a project designed to advance each field, as well as created a decision procedure that, in part, showed how the humanities can contribute to a better society and life.

- a. North Dakota Humanities Council
- b. Northern Plains Ethics Institute

“Making Applied Ethics More Accessible”
\$5,000

The project created a high quality, ethics web source that will be used in classrooms and other areas in which people have internet access. The goal was to provide a resource that teachers, students, the public, and researchers can use in their work. Included in this effort was the creation of internet resources for various applied ethics fields, such as agricultural ethics, bioethics, medical ethics, and business ethics. The website also has a database of case studies created for the website by state high school students and community citizens.

- a. North Dakota Humanities Council
- b. Northern Plains Ethics Institute

“Training Nonprofit Organizations for More Effective Operations in Women’s and Children’s Healthcare Areas”
\$25,000

Women and children’s healthcare is a relatively neglected area of training. The Northern Plains Ethics Institute combined a program using MSUM’s training for non-profits with the Group Decision Center (GDC) at NDSU. The new dynamic created by the GDC has proven to be useful in training more efficiently and allowing more voices to be heard on training topics and concerns.

- a. Bremer Foundation
- b. Dakota Medical Foundation

“Legal Aid Convening Conference”
\$7,000

Many in North Dakota and western Minnesota lack adequate access to legal aid. The Northern Plains Ethics Institute organized a conference that allowed people in the relevant areas to come together to discuss their and their communities most urgent needs, and then begin to create plans to deal with the needs. The Northern Plains Ethics Institute combined with the Group Decision Center at NDSU.

- a. Bremer Foundation
- b. United Way of Cass-Clay
- c. Fargo-Moorhead Foundation
- d. Northern Plains Ethics Institute
- e. NDSU Group Decision Center

“Northern Plains Ethics Institute Pandemic Workshop for the Fargo-Moorhead Community”
\$4,000

Prior to the H1N1 pandemic scare of 2007 the NPEI organized a workshop to prepare community members for a pandemic. Emergency plans and responses were discussed for local businesses, schools, and other community citizens.

- a. Dakota Medical Foundation
- b. Northern Plains Ethics Institute