

# SPRING 2019

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### JANUARY

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**31**  
THURS.  
4:30 P.M.

**Ethics with Hungry Bodies**  
*Philosopher's Corner* with Professor Sarah Worth  
Johnson Auditorium, Wall 116

### FEBRUARY

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**07**  
THURS.  
6 P.M.

**Meeting the Challenge of Food Insecurity at CCU**  
*Tea & Ethics* Panel Discussion  
Brittain Hall, Room 112

**14**  
THURS.  
6 P.M.

**Solidarity, Intersectionality and Resisting Oppression**  
*Philosopher's Corner* with Professor Carol Hay  
Brittain Hall, Room 112

**21**  
THURS.  
6 P.M.

**Rifles to Ramen - Successfully Navigating the Transition from Military to College Life**  
*Tea & Ethics* Panel Discussion  
Brittain Hall, Room 112

**28**  
THURS.  
6 P.M.

**First in My Family**  
*Tea & Ethics* Panel Discussion  
Brittain Hall, Room 112

### MARCH

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**07**  
THURS.  
4:30 P.M.

**The Problem of Impiety**  
*Visiting Ethicist* with Professor Cora Diamond  
Wall Boardroom, Room 222

**28**  
THURS.  
4:30 P.M.

**Medical Ethics: Respecting — but Sometimes Challenging — Patients' Values**  
*Philosopher's Corner* with Professor Dan Brudney  
Brittain Hall, Room 112

### APRIL

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**04**  
THURS.  
4:30 P.M.

**Caring for Loved Ones, a Confucian Approach**  
*Philosopher's Corner* with Professor Kevin DeLapp  
Wall Boardroom, Room 222

**30**  
TUES.  
6 P.M.

**Ghibli Ethics: Spirited Away**  
*Film Screening followed by Ethical Discussion*  
Lib Jackson Student Union, The Coastal Theater

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

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**INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE ETHICAL AND VALUE  
BASED DECISIONS AND, THUS, LEAD LIVES OF  
COURAGE, COMPASSION, AND INTEGRITY.**

# 2019-2021 Jackson Scholars



Elody Bensch  
Pawleys Island, S.C.  
Biochemistry



Sarah Bartholomew  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
English



Jordan Maxwell  
Harrisburg, N.C.  
Psychology



Maria Castro  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
Philosophy and Psychology



Sophie Finley  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
Interdisciplinary Studies



Meghan Music  
Saint Leonard, Md.  
Marine Science



Sara Iwanicki  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
Biology



# 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Ethics Bowl



Left to right (front row): Cameron Carroll, Anaiya Moore, Lauren Palazuelos, Maria Castro and Krystina Millar.  
Back row: David Holiday.

This year's Midatlantic Regional division of the APPE's Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl was held at the University of Northern Georgia (UNG) in Dahlonega, Ga. Coastal's team was comprised of the three junior Jackson Scholars: Cameron Carroll, Anaiya Moore and Lauren Palazeulos. They were joined and supported by Krystina Millar, their senior scholar coach, and Maria Castro from the incoming class, who came to observe and provide moral support. Our opponents were, in order: Campbell University; University of Lynchburg; UNC Chapel Hill's second team; and one of the two local UNG teams. We presented and defended our positions on tricky issues such as: the ethical limits to state's impositions on Second Amendment gun rights; the ethical obligations of rich countries to poor ones; drawing the line between flirtation and sexual harassment; and whether historical injustices were sufficient to ethically justify restoring voting rights to convicted felons who have completed their sentences. The scholars learned a great deal about their skills in public speaking, critical thinking and creative argumentation under pressure, as well as how they function as a team (which was excellently, as it turns out!).

All three were full of praise for their teammates, commenting in their reflections on the experience that they had "worked extremely hard and impressed me," "thought well on their feet," didn't seem intimidated by the judges or competition, and that has "projected impressive confidence" in their positions. We also observed the final round, between UNC (first team) and the University of Central Florida, who greatly impressed with both their mastery of theoretical ethics and their rhetorical "chops" as public speakers!



The Jackson Scholars (on the left) as they face their opponents (on the right).

## A MESSAGE FROM

# THE DIRECTOR, David Holiday



Phew! Apparently the “beginner’s luck” principle does not apply to Directors of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values. It has been quite a first semester to cut my teeth on...

The dreadful impact of Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding severely disrupted life at Coastal and the surrounding area for much of September, and for many people in the region, efforts at repair, reconstruction and relocation are still very much ongoing. The Jackson Center’s students, faculty and staff managed to escape any direct harm or loss, for which we are grateful. Two of our scheduled events were canceled – a visit from Carol Hay, and our First in My Family panel discussion – but fortunately both of these could be rescheduled for the spring (contributing to a very rich and full calendar of events). Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to those who lost loved ones, homes, treasured possessions, keepsakes and heirlooms. We hope that they find some respite and joy through the upcoming chilly months and the holiday season.

As well as the gloom of storm clouds, though, there have been some substantial silver linings this fall. For me personally, the biggest has been welcoming a baby boy (Sean, whose cheerfulness is matched only by his chubbiness) to my family. I also really enjoyed our trip to Northern Georgia to compete in the Ethics Bowl competition, and working with the senior scholars on their Leadership Ethics capstone seminar and shadowing experiences. In addition, I am very excited to welcome in to the Program a new cohort of Jackson Scholars. They show great promise, and I am really looking forward to drawing them in to the study and practice of ethical leadership and value-based service over the next two years. I should also like to note here that I was strongly affected by the painful experiences and insights shared during our domestic and intimate partner violence panel. Violence in the home is a grave social problem, which is disproportionately prominent in our region. And although I was previously aware of the issue – in the abstract, as it were – it was really brought home for me with significant force by the discussion.

In closing, I would like to draw your attention to the spring program of events (on the back of this newsletter). We have a lot going on, and would like to encourage stakeholders in the center, and the Coastal and Horry-Georgetown communities, to join us for what should be some eye-opening, intense and significant discussions of ethical issues. I should also like to thank the Jackson family, the center’s board, the offices of the president and provost, and the dean and associate deans of humanities for their continued support for the Jackson Center and our programs. We appreciate your belief in our mission, and value your involvement in our missions. In 2019, we will continue to strive to live up to the high standards and higher aspirations which you have for us!



**Alan Lam** is the new assistant director and a recent graduate of Coastal Carolina University with a B.S. in philosophy and psychology. Before CCU, he served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic at various locations. He plans to attain a master’s degree and work in the field of data analytics. Outside of work, his hobbies include chess, boxing and learning guitar.



# Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence

Spurred by the passionate advocacy of one of the senior Jackson Scholars, and thanks to the support of faculty and staff from across the University, the Jackson Center was proud to lead this informative discussion of the perennial issues of domestic and intimate partner violence. The panel was made up of: Emily Thibeault (Jackson Scholar); Ina Seethaler (assistant professor and director of Women's and Gender Studies program); Kaitlin Sidorski (assistant professor, political science); Tiffany Hollis (assistant professor in foundations, curriculum and instruction, Spadoni College of Education); and Tina Nardin (counselor) and Elisa Sperduto (clinical social worker) from Counseling Services. Each of these speakers illuminated a different aspect of this issue, bringing expertise on the social, legal, educational and mental health aspects of the issue, in addition to bravely sharing some painful insights into violence in the home grounded in personal experience. The panel was part of a larger program of events for Sexual, Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Week, which also included the Out of the Darkness Walk, Rally and Speakout, and a guided screening of the "Private Violence" documentary. We hope to continue to be active in combating this social and moral ill in the future.



Left to right: Emily Thibeault, Ina Seethaler, Tiffany Hollis, Tina Nardin and Elisa Sperduto.

# Leading Women in Local Government

This important event, hosted by Women in Philanthropy and Leadership, featured three local mayors – Barbara Blain-Bellamy (Conway), Brenda Bethune (Myrtle Beach) and Marilyn Hatley (North Myrtle Beach) – visiting campus for a roundtable discussion and public panel on being a woman in leadership and public service. Three Jackson Scholars – Cameron Carroll, Krystina Millar and Lauren Palazuelos – were invited to participate in a discussion with the mayors, and the public panel discussion was opened with a welcome by Terri DeCenzo, introduced by Holley Tankersley (associate dean, Edwards College of Humanities) and moderated by Meghan Miller (anchor at WBTW News 13). This informative discussion brought to light the special challenges faced by women in roles of leadership, power and influence, as well as the distinctive strengths, abilities and experiences which allow them to flourish and succeed. Thanks to Hatton Gravely (director, WIPL) for designing and spearheading the event, and to Jacqueline Kurlowski (director, Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy) for coordinating it and kindly inviting us to participate.



Holley Tankersley with (left to right): Brenda Bethune, Barbara Blain-Bellamy and Marilyn Hatley.



# Getting Closer to Virtue: Secular and Christian Insights on Improving our Character



Christian Miller

Professor Christian Miller (Wake Forest) joined us for a public lecture on his new publication “The Character Gap.” This important work surveys empirical evidence from the psychological sciences that our moral characters are not as virtuous as we hope that they are – constituting a gap between aspiration and reality – and explores secular and traditional Christian approaches to character reform, development and improvement – ways to close the gap.

During his visit with us, Miller also helped the junior Jackson Scholars prepare their cases for the ethics bowl by attending a session of their Contemporary Moral Issues class, and spent a lunch discussing character development and leadership with the senior Jackson Scholars, with a focus on their distinctive perspective on these topics as young women. The scholars were pleased to be able to contribute to Miller’s research work by providing him with examples of their role models in leadership. He, in turn, reported to the director that this conversation had revealed to him aspects of character improvement, self-development as a leader, and mentorship of young leaders of which he was previously insufficiently aware. Finally, Miller gave a presentation to the philosophy department, which provided us a peek into his current research and forthcoming publication about the often overlooked virtue of honesty.

The center would like to express our gratitude for Miller’s continued support and engagement, in particular his interest in educational experience and perspective of the Jackson Scholars. Given the center’s focus on character education and our mission of increasing ethical awareness on campus and in the local community, we count ourselves lucky to enjoy regular visits from a prestigious author who is at the forefront of work inspecting empirical research and moral theory.

