

Distinguished Visiting Practitioner Program

Request for Proposals

The International Center for Ethics, Justice & Public Life is seeking proposals from faculty in any Brandeis University department or program for a Distinguished Visiting Practitioner residency of three to five days. Collaborative proposals between departments or programs are encouraged but not required.

The Ethics Center will contribute up to \$5000, which may be used to cover travel expenses, honorarium, publicity, meals with appropriate campus constituencies, event costs, etc. The Center will also contribute logistical support: making travel arrangements, booking rooms, helping with publicity, tracking the budget, etc.

The mission of the Center's on-campus activities is to reinforce deep and sustained consideration of issues of ethics, coexistence, and justice as a central and dynamic feature of Brandeis University. This program is in keeping with one of the guiding principles of the Ethics Center: to build bridges between scholarship and practice. Enhancing dialogue between the worlds of the academy and the professions is a central aim of the Center.

To that end, the Distinguished Visiting Practitioner program brings respected practitioners in any field to campus for a few days to examine the ethical challenges and dilemmas of that field. One goal of the program is to engage the Brandeis community in conversation about critical issues in international public life and encourage a climate of balanced consideration, creative response, and ethical reflection on those issues. The residency is also designed to expose students to real-world career applications of academic principles, providing them with opportunities to explore possible career paths.

Qualifications of a Distinguished Practitioner include substantial professional experience and achievement. During the practitioner's three to five day residency, s/he would offer at least one public event, visit classes (which may be open to the public as well), hold a career exploration session, and possibly meet with interested clubs or other groups of students.

The Distinguished Practitioner will be invited and supported by one to three Brandeis faculty members. The lead faculty member will take responsibility for inviting the Practitioner, securing the dates, arranging the schedule of class visits and public events, and hosting the Practitioner on-site.

Proposals should include:

- Description of the proposed multi-day residency, involving multiple classes.
- Biographical statement of the proposed practitioner. Proposals may include a short list of possibilities, with bios for each person.
- Names of collaborating faculty member(s), indicating their level of involvement.
- Budget of estimated costs. Travel (airfare and on-ground transport), event setup (call conf and events for details at 781-736-4300), honorarium (add 30% for foreign visitors, due to tax withholding), photography/videography, meals, publicity.

One proposal is selected each year. Previous residencies have been hosted by David Engerman (IGS) and Dan Perlman (BIOL): Mohamed Bakarr, Kenyan environmentalist; Irving Epstein (CHEM): Brian Williams, WHO epidemiologist in Africa; Elizabeth Ferry (ANTH): William Haglund, UN forensic anthropologist; Margaret Morganroth Gullette (WSRC) and Kelly Ready (Heller): Dr. Rosa Elena Bello, Nicaraguan activist and doctor; Eric Olson (Heller): Hoseob Yoon, Korean artist and environmental activist. Details at www.brandeis.edu/ethics/atbrandeis/practitioner

Application deadline for 2012-13 academic year residencies is **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**. Decisions will be made no later than March 15. Please submit proposals to ethics@brandeis.edu

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