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Advancing Ethical Decision-Making in Financial Services

As the only ethics center within an academic institution focusing exclusively on the financial services industry, the American College Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics in Financial Services promotes ethical behavior by offering research and programs that go beyond the rules of market conduct to help individuals and companies be more sensitive to ethical issues and think more critically about solutions for the benefit of society.

OUR MISSION:

To raise the level of ethical behavior in the financial services industry.

Meet Our Staff:

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Our staff of talented researchers is continuously informing and collaborating with thought leaders across the industry, providing the latest insights on ethical trends and topics in business ethics.

**Trust and Financial Services**

- An Analysis of the State of Stakeholder Trust in the Financial Services Industry (April 2021)*
  
  *Part 1 of a multi-phase research initiative

**AI and Ethics**

- AI-Enabled Underwriting Brings New Challenges for Life Insurance: Policy and Regulatory Considerations (January 2022)
- AI, Ethics, and Life Insurance: Balancing Innovation With Access (March 2021)

**Enhancing Diversity**

- Women in Insurance Sales: Challenges and Opportunities (December 2020)

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**Your Ethically in Financial Services**

*Ethically* is the Center for Ethics in Financial Services’ monthly newsletter, aiming to inform readers about trends related to ethics in financial services and how financial services industry leaders can better navigate evolving challenges. The newsletter is a free service, so subscribe now and share with your peers by emailing Ethics@TheAmericanCollege.edu.
A Network of Ethics-Focused Leaders

The Center’s Alliance for Ethics is a community of business leaders from across the financial services industry interested in getting the latest research and collaborating to overcome challenges by attending exclusive Alliance-only events.

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Recognition as a leader focused on ethical decision making
- Expansive network of senior leaders from financial services firms
- Increased visibility as a guest speaker in webcasts and other events
- Brand awareness with company logo featured in newsletter and on website
- Exclusive invitations and access to ethics workshops, research participation, and other events and initiatives

The Alliance for Ethics in Financial Services

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The Center’s Forum on Ethical Leadership in Financial Services, founded by James A. and Linda R. Mitchell in 2001, brings together practitioners from financial services companies and business ethicists from academia to engage in meaningful conversation about ethics in the industry.

This annual event features discussions of key issues confronting the financial services industry, along with an examination of practical ethical dilemmas encountered by executives during their careers and questions raised by business ethicists from major colleges and universities around the country.

“**The Center’s team continues to impress. The challenges we’re facing are the same challenges others are facing in the industry, and it’s comforting because you’re not alone. The academic perspective on how to face these issues and create systems to make changes has been especially impactful.**

  NOREEN BEEMAN, 
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“**In this forum, no one leaves any topic on the table. There’s an authenticity and candor to discussions where folks aren’t holding anything back or worrying about judgment. I feel privileged to be a part of these discussions, and I’m learning so much from my peers in the financial services world.**

  MATT BERMAN, 
  PRESIDENT, 
  FORESTERS FINANCIAL
The Center for Ethics in Financial Services provides fellowship opportunities to explore diverse research topics at the intersection of ethics and financial services. Our signature fellowship is the Maguire Fellowship in Applied Ethics: a program supporting an individual(s) working on meaningful research focused on the financial services industry. Research conducted by our fellows and scholars is disseminated in multiple forums and formats, including through our events, in industry-facing publications, and in peer-reviewed journals.

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In the News

As a team of experts dedicated to elevating discussions about ethics in the financial services industry and society, the Center for Ethics in Financial Services’ team is often featured in the media, with insights and commentaries on current events published with a number of influential media outlets.

Kiplinger
ESG is Not “Ethical Investing.” And That’s OK
By Azish Filabi, JD

FinancialPlanning
How Big Data Risks “Proxy Discrimination” in Financial Services
By Azish Filabi, JD, and Sophia Duffy, JD, CPA, AEP®

insurancenews.net
Trust: A Major Factor Driving Consumer Decisions
By Domarina Oshana, PhD

FORTUNE
Businesses Shouldn’t Do Good for the Sole Purpose of Doing Well
By Azish Filabi, JD

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A Legacy of Industry Leadership

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