

Ethics Editorial

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Hearing from the Chairman Interview of the Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Rutland for Ethics, Kelly Durham



Kelly Durham



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(Elementary Education –
College of Education)

He served in the U.S. Army from 1981 to 1985, stationed in Germany, attaining the rank of captain. Durham and his wife, Yvonne, are residents of Clemson and active members of First Baptist Church. The Durham's have three daughters, Mary Kate (a Clemson student), Addison and Callie.

BIOGRAPHY:

Durham recently retired from First Sun Management Corp. where he served as president and co-owner of the 47-store Wendy's franchise. During his tenure, the company was recognized by Wendy's Corp. for the best operation, best marketing and best sales in the United States. In 2012, Durham was one of six winners of the Distinguished Service Award, the Clemson Alumni Association's highest honor. He has chaired Clemson University's Board of Visitors and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Clemson University Foundation as well as the Clemson Corps. He wrote, directed and produced a documentary about the Scroll of Honor Memorial, which honors Clemson alumni who have died in service to their country. He was also a member of the Westlone initiative committee. Durham graduated from Clemson University in 1980, having received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which recognizes "recipient's influence for good, excellence in maintaining high ideals of living and genuine service to others."

INTERVIEW:

It was an honor to interview Mr. Durham, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Rutland Institute for Ethics, about his experience with the Institute and how it has played a part in his own life. When asked what led him to become a board member for the Rutland Institute for Ethics, Durham credited both his background in political science as well as the fact he has been a long-time family friend with the founder of the Institute, Bob Rutland. He can remember his relationship with Rutland from a very young age, around 5 or 6 years old, when Rutland was a student at Clemson. When Rutland asked him to serve on the board, the answer was an absolute yes. He was asked to become the chairman of the board, and he accepted because he wanted to serve both the Institute and Clemson University as a whole. He feels privileged to serve in his position with a talented board that is dedicated to expanding the Institute on campus and beyond.

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The position of Chairman of the Board has led him to work closely with Dr. William McCoy, director of the Rutland Institute for Ethics. Together, they work to bring resources to Clemson, open doors and network to connect the Institute with organizations all around that could benefit from the offerings the Institute provides. Durham has witnessed the need for ethics in every aspect of life. He explained we are always in connection with others, and we want to trust them. We are able to do that more readily when we believe they have an ethical foundation. He explained the need for ethics applies in places such as church, business, schools, government and every other endeavor in which we are serving others. In the future, Durham hopes to broaden the reach of the Rutland Institute for Ethics on campus and beyond. Clemson has a public service mission, and being able to educate people about ethics is a part of that mission. He hopes to provide a better understanding of ethics and how it can be applied in every aspect of our lives.

McCoy's Corner



Dr. William McCoy

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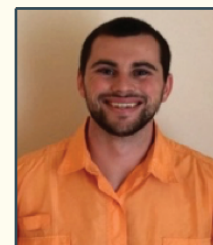
The Rutland Institute for Ethics (RIE) has so many good things going on it is sometimes hard to wrap your mind around everything. We couldn't do what we do without the help of each and every person in our sphere of influence. I'd like to officially welcome a number of new individuals to the RIE family; individuals who help expand that sphere:

- Our new Assistant Director — Rachel Dial. Rachel comes to us from Emory University, and we are excited to have her with us!
- Our newest advisory board member — Nicole Clifton. Nicole is a vice president of BB&T Bank in Charlotte and is a Clemson alum as well.
- Returning advisory board member — Joe Turner. Joe is a proud alum of Clemson and presently serves as CEO of First Sun Management Corporation.
- Our new RIE Faculty Fellow — Joan Dubinsky. Joan, who was our 2018 Annual Ethics Day keynote speaker, brings to us a wealth of knowledge about ethics education and decision-making. The former director of the Office of Ethics for the United Nations will be available twice a year to speak to various constituents across the community.

With RIE being surrounded by so many talented and dedicated people, it is little wonder our trajectory points to the heart of success in ethics education. I am proud of the CHANGE student organization as they begin the task of university-wide and college-specific programming to promote ethical decision-making. The Faculty Advocating for the Commitment to Ethics committee — FACE — is working diligently on strategic ways to inject ethics education into existing curricula on campus. It is their intent to impact every student on campus in a positive way and to help propel the Clemson Forward vision. It is an exciting time to be a Tiger! Join us as we become the change we wish to see in others; that is, put on your ethical lenses and look through the eyes of the Tiger.

CHANGE Exchange

Serving to promote ethical education from a student perspective



Rami Major (Genetics — College of Science)

Tim Switzer (Clinical Mental Health Counseling — College of Education)

On March 1, CHANGE proudly assisted the Rutland Institute for Ethics in hosting Clemson University's 1st Annual High School Ethics Case Competition. Two weeks prior to the event, students, in teams of two, were sent an ethical dilemma. They then prepared a presentation in which they explained how they would respond to the dilemma. A total of 18 teams from seven different schools competed. We would like to congratulate our first place winners — Sam and Will Dodd from Seneca High School, our second place winners — Nicholas Hightower and Ethan Gordon from Walhalla High School, and our third place winners — Bailey Walters and Garrick Reeder from Seneca High School. We would also like to thank every student competitor, advisor and judge for participating in the competition as well as Max Allen, Clemson's Chief of staff, for providing our keynote address.



Next spring, the 2020 High School Ethics Case Competition will be held at Milliken Corporation in Spartanburg. The Rutland Institute for Ethics and CHANGE is very excited to partner with Milliken to host our Case Competitions going forward, and we look forward to seeing how our partnership further promotes ethics throughout the community.

These Case Competitions are just one of many events CHANGE sponsors. We also organize and promote both university-wide and college-specific programming and serve as the student voice of the Rutland Institute for Ethics. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please complete our membership application by visiting <https://www.clemson.edu/ethics/change.html> and email Tim Switzer (tswitz@clermson.edu), president of CHANGE, with any questions.

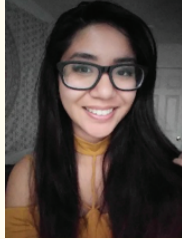


Unmasking Dr. Dilemma

Interview of Dr. Brookes Brown, who serves the Rutland Institute as “Dr. Dilemma”



Dr. Brookes Brown
(Dr. Dilemma)



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BIOGRAPHY:

Dr. Brookes Brown is an assistant professor in Philosophy and the Director of the Law, Liberty and Justice Program at Clemson University. She works in ethics and applied ethics, public law, democratic theory, business ethics, moral epistemology, and administrative legal theory.

She received her Ph.D. in political philosophy from Princeton University in January 2016, has a J.D. from Yale University and a B.A. from Brown University. She spent 2014-2015 as a DeOlazarra fellow in political philosophy, law and policy at the University of Virginia.

At the moment, Dr. Brown focuses on civic ethics in the context of market economies, considering the ways in which complex institutional analysis changes our thinking about political ethics, and on methodology in political philosophy. She also drinks altogether too much coffee.

What motivated you to get involved with Dr. Dilemma?

I have worked in ethics for years and enjoy seeing how it plays out in every aspect of other people's lives.

How do you hope Dr. Dilemma impacts student-life at Clemson?

I hope Dr. Dilemma gets students thinking about the moral concerns they face in life. We make ethical choices on a daily basis, even when we don't realize it, so I hope this brings awareness to that.

What made you decide to not have the “character” of Dr. Dilemma be anonymous anymore?

I am not sure if Dr. Dilemma was ever totally anonymous or what led it to not being anonymous. I am happy to stand by the claims I make though and am willing to let people ask me about anything I say directly. You're supposed to try to be controversial, if you can!

For students not familiar with Dr. Dilemma, what kind of issues can they inquire about?

Students can ask virtually anything! It definitely does not need to only be focused on academics. As long as you are being respectful of someone else's confidentiality who may not want to be named, anything is fair game.

How could everyone be a “Dr. Dilemma” to the people in their lives?

A lot of people already are! The role is essentially to listen and talk to people while helping them consciously think through the ethical aspects of their actions and decisions.





Need advice on an ethical issue in your life?

Ask Dr. Dilemma

Submit questions to ethics@clemson.edu or go to clemson.edu/ethics and click on “Ask Dr. Dilemma”

Select questions will be answered in Dr. Dilemma’s monthly column in *The Tiger* newspaper.

Anonymity will be respected.

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CHANGE is an officially recognized student organization on campus. Among its activities, CHANGE is the creator of the Rutland Institute for Ethics bi-annual newsletter.

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