



EDMOND J. SAFRA  
Center for Ethics

# Information for New Fellows

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**Welcome!**

**Let's make a few  
introductions.**

# EJSCE Faculty Directors

## **Danielle Allen**

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Program &  
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Professor



## **Eric Beerbohm**

Co-Director, Fellows-in-Residence  
Faculty Seminar  
Leader, Undergrad Fellow Workshop  
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Professor of Government



## **Arthur Applbaum**

Director, Undergrad  
Fellows Program  
&  
HKS Professor



## **Mathias Risse**

Co-Director, Graduate  
Fellows Program, Carr  
Center Director, &  
HKS Professor



## **Jeff Behrends**

Director of Ethics and  
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&  
FAS Lecturer in Philosophy



## **Chris Robichaud**

Director of Pedagogical  
Innovation  
&  
HKS Senior Lecturer





# Overview of the Center



# Mission

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The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics seeks to **strengthen** teaching and research about pressing ethical issues; to **foster** sound norms of ethical reasoning and civic discussion; and to **share** the work of our community in the public interest.

<https://ethics.harvard.edu/>

# Quick Facts

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- Founded by Dennis Thompson in 1986
- First Interfaculty Initiative at Harvard
- Naming Convention for Public Use:
  - Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics
  - EJ Safra Center
  - EJS Center
  - **NEVER** just "Safra Center"



# Fellowships Offered

- Faculty / Fellows-in-Residence
- Tel Aviv University Exchange Fellows
- Graduate Fellows
- Ethics Pedagogy Fellows
- Undergraduate Fellows
- Visiting Fellows



2019's graduating senior Undergraduate Fellows

# Your Time at the Center

- Appointments run from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020
- IT Support [ithelp@harvard.edu](mailto:ithelp@harvard.edu)
- We are looking for Social Chairs! Please let Emily know if you are willing
- Follow Us:
  - [ethics.harvard.edu](https://ethics.harvard.edu)
  - Twitter: @harvardethics
  - Facebook: @harvardethics



# We Want to Know!

- Publications, talks, awards, etc? *Let Maggie know.*
- Have an idea or suggestion for an event or improvement? *Talk to Emily.*





# Opportunities & Obligations



# Online Information for Current Fellows

Click to add text

Visit the special section of the Center's website, just for fellows, at

<https://ethics.harvard.edu/information-fellows>

# Making the Most of Your Fellowship Year



Primary obligation: your own research and writing



Other obligations: seminars, lectures, dinners (if possible)



Most valuable opportunity: conversations with others

# Seminars

- **FIR/Faculty Seminars:**  
Tuesdays at Noon
- **Grad Fellow Seminars:**  
Tuesdays at Noon
- **Grad Fellows are expected to attend FIR seminars**
- **Inviting others** to your seminar is fine (unless program directors say otherwise), but please let us know who to expect





# Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**September 1** – Icebreakers and Ethics Bonanza

**September 15** – Fellow-in-Residence Seminar Planning Meeting (grad fellows need not attend)

**September 22** – First Meeting of the Graduate Fellowship Seminar

**September 29** – First Traditional Fellows-in-Residence Seminar



# Upcoming Events

[ethics.harvard.edu/information-fellows](https://ethics.harvard.edu/information-fellows)

**September 11** – Algorithms, Justice, and Democracy reading group

**September 12** – Brown Bag Lunch with CRCS

**September 18** - Breakfast Club

**September 26** - George Daley Public Lecture & Dinner

**September 27** - EIYW: Katrina Forrester in conversation with Brandon Terry

**October 3** – Brown Bag Lunch at Wyss Institute

# Other Obligations

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- Opening and Closing events
- **WARNING**: Fellows provide entertainment at the Closing Dinner if it is in person!
- Public Lectures – attend as many as possible
- In normal times, presence in the office





# More Opportunities

- **Ethics Mondays** – Opportunity to hold an informal conversation on a pressing issue at lunchtime. Fellow driven.
- **Media requests** – Please inform Maggie if you talk to the press
- **For the Record** blog series
- **Organize a reading group or workshop**
- **TIP: read up on the people on our website and tell us who you want to meet! We can help!**

# Outside the Center



- **Other Centers and Departments: ask to be added to mailing lists!**
- **Gazette Events**  
<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/harvard-events/>
- **Athletic Facilities**
- **Harvard Museums**
- **Outings & Innings for discounts (check out the "Hidden Gems" page)**



# Research Funds and Financial Matters

# Money Matters

- How do reimbursements work? Typically, you spend your own money, and then apply for reimbursement.
- **RECEIPTS ARE REQUIRED** for reimbursement.
- Research funds cover expenses incurred between **September 1, 2020** and **May 30, 2021**.



- Reimbursement materials must be submitted **60 DAYS** from the date of purchase, except in the case of travel expenses.
- Year-end “spend down” of funds and bulk purchases are not permitted.





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## Who to ask about

*Fellowships and Programs for Fellows:* Emily Bromley,  
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**Library Orientation:  
Friday 9/4 at noon  
(via Zoom)**

Library services and tools info [here](#)  
Widener Virtual Tour available [here](#)





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