The University of Miami Ethics Programs foster and support a range of efforts dedicated to education, research, and community service in ethics and the professions. We do this by developing and supporting a variety of courses, conferences, research projects, seminars, and other activities around the University of Miami and with regional, national and global partners.

*Many of these activities are made possible by a gift from philanthropist and UM Trustee Adrienne Arsht.*

### Responsible Conduct of Research Classes on Three UM Campuses

In collaboration with the UM Office of the Vice Provost for Research, the Ethics Programs coordinates instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) at the University.

RCR is required university-wide for UM trainees who are involved in research and supported by NIH or NSF funds. It is also required by some UM colleges/schools and departments for all affiliates who may be involved in research, regardless of their funding source(s).

Live classes designed to meet NIH RCR requirements will be offered three times in coming months: August 20 (Gables campus), August 28 (Medical campus), and September 12 (Marine campus).

For more information about the RCR classes, and about access to CITI Program online RCR content that meets NSF requirements, [click here](#).

### Arsht Research Grant Recipients Announced

The University of Miami Ethics Programs have awarded eight grants for the 2014-15 Arsht Research on Ethics and Community program.

The Arsht grants, now in their eighth year of funding, are made possible by the generosity of UM trustee and philanthropist Adrienne Arsht, whose gift of $3 million is the largest gift for ethics in Florida.

Arsht grants are awarded to teams of faculty and student collaborators from UM's Coral Gables, medical, and marine campuses to conduct research projects that address contemporary moral issues with implications for public policy, professional practice, or human rights. Grant funds are...
used for faculty release time, summer support or course buyouts, student compensation, software, books and other resources, limited travel, and other appropriate project-related costs. The grants, along with a distinguished speaker series, undergraduate ethics debates, and support for distinguished UM and visiting scholars, comprise the Arsht Ethics Initiatives at UM.

For a complete list of this year's and previous years' awardees, please click here.

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**Research Ethics Consultations: Expanded Intercampus Service**

The UM Ethics Programs' Research Ethics Consultation Service (RECS) is a resource for addressing ethical issues that arise during the development, conduct, analysis, or reporting of research. RECS consultations are provided without charge to UM faculty, staff, and trainees involved in the conduct of research. RECS Consultants provide persons requesting consultations with a non-binding "advisory" response.

RECS complements but does not supersede the work of other entities at UM that are involved in the supervision of research, such as the Human Subjects Research Office (HSRO) and its Institutional Review Boards (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), or the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (VPR). In particular, interactions with RECS consultants do not supplant any reporting requirements to/for these other UM entities (e.g., reporting to the anonymous 'Cane Watch hotline).

UM Ethics Programs has since its inception provided research ethics consultation services on a variety of topics. The RECS process has been expanded and formalized under the auspices of UM's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

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**Publications and Authors**

**Philosophy, Science, Law Journal Publishes Issue on Disability**

The Journal of Philosophy, Science & Law is a peer-reviewed, online forum for scientists, lawyers, philosophers, engineers, historians, sociologists, political scientists and other interested scholars to publish interdisciplinary scholarship and express and exchange views. The journal is a collaboration of the UM Ethics Programs and the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Public Policy. [Learn More](#).

The Journal, nearing its 10th anniversary, has just published a special issue on disability. The special issue was organized by Associate Editor Yvette Pearson, Chair, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Old Dominion University; Dr. Pearson is a UM alumna, with a doctorate in Philosophy. The journal's editor-in-chief is Jason Borenstein of Georgia Tech's School of Public Policy; Dr. Borenstein is a UM alumnus with a doctorate in Philosophy.

Here is a list of the articles in the special issue:
Expanding Opportunities for People with Disabilities: A More Cautious Approach
Sexual Intimacy, Social Justice, and Severe Disabilities: Should Fair Equality of Opportunity in Health Extend to Surrogate Partner Therapy?

Fixing Deafness

Scrutinizing Ashley X: Presumed Medical "Solutions" vs. Real Social Adaptation

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