



INAMORI INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

2021 - 2022 Annual Report Strategic Planning, Excellent Outcomes, and New Goals

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in the United States of America. To best meet our mission at the Inamori Center, we feel it is necessary to pause periodically; to reflect and to assess our outcomes; and to consider the ever-evolving environment in which we act. We do this to see if we should maintain the direction we have set or if we should adjust our course and actions. We also take this time to review, refine, and revise how we describe our mission and associated activities.

In preparation for our 15th anniversary in 2022, the Inamori Center devoted significant time reviewing our operational history, strategic plans, reports, and funding proposals. We conducted a comprehensive financial analysis, environmental scans, and surveys and interviews of our constituents and partners. We also spent time evaluating if we are meeting our stated mission; if we regularly met our stated goals, and if these statements reflect our current views and operations. The three main reflections from this process that influenced our planning and our short- and long-term goal setting are:

1. OUR STORY: We can make our mission, capacity, and investment potential clearer.

There is no need to change the content or direction of our mission, but we can make more concise statements about what we do, why we do it, how we currently operate, and what we can do with greater investment and infrastructure.

2. OUR STRUCTURE: Our excellent outcomes and productivity require structure and sustainability.

We have excellent outcomes, despite the small size of our staffing. To this end, it has been crucial to determine our operational model, tools, and philosophies, as well as our operational and strategic partnerships.

3. OUR SPACE: We can better utilize the power of our physical proximity and resources at CWRU and at the Tinkham Veale University Center.

Our space is well resourced, and our campus location is ideal for exposure and engagement with students, staff, and faculty, as well as proximity to campus and University Circle partners.

This year's Inamori Center annual report will be framed in the context of these three lessons learned (pg 2-7); our 2021-22 outcomes (pg 8-12); and our key priorities for 2022-23 and goals for the next five years (pg 13).

OUR STORY: Our Mission can be a Mouthful

The Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University was [established](#) in 2007 through the vision and generosity of Dr. Kazuo Inamori, founder of the Kyocera Corporation, KDDI, and the Inamori Foundation of Kyoto, Japan.

Our Mission: *The Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence is dedicated to exploring ethical issues from a global perspective; to nurturing international awareness and understanding of our common humanity through the study, teaching, and practice of ethics; and to the pursuit of excellence in all human endeavors.*

Our Charge: *The Inamori Center is charged with creating internationally recognized programs and initiatives devoted to ethical inquiry in both its practical and theoretical aspects, and to facilitating the development of future leaders who will, in the words of Dr. Inamori, "serve humankind through ethical deeds rather than actions based on self-interest and selfish desires."*

Our Goals:

- *The promotion of research, education, teaching, and practice related to a broad range of ethical issues from both theoretical and practical perspectives.*
- *The development of knowledge and ethical perspectives that lead to excellence in business, law, politics, economics, medicine, technology, and all other fields of human activity.*
- *The advancement of local, national, and global leaders who can make the ethical choices needed to protect humankind and the environment.*
- *The facilitation and promotion of, and partnering with, CWRU's existing ethics and ethics-related initiatives and programs, as well as with institutions in the larger community.*
- *The pursuit of these goals and objectives from interdisciplinary and global perspectives.*

When trying to develop and serve local, national, and international audiences, we recognize that this is a lot of information to communicate or take in at one time. We also often only have a few moments to engage a potential new student, audience member, panelist, or partner. As such, we have been investing creative time to develop various ways to describe the what, why, and how of the Inamori's Center mission, programs, and resources depending on the circumstance and time available. The following are a few basic examples of evolving descriptive statements to demonstrate some of our progression in thinking over time:

At the Inamori Center,

- We exist to embed ethics everywhere we can.
- We provide opportunities for individuals to develop as ethical leaders and responsible global citizens.
- We help people develop as ethical leaders and global citizens.
- We help people live ethical lives and create a more ethical world.

We are eager to begin working with CWRU's and other marketing and communications professionals this fall. Together, we will build on our foundational ideas and core content to create a comprehensive Inamori Center identity and materials that can help us engage more people.

OUR STORY: Core Content - What is at the Center of our Center?

In our pursuit to help people live ethical lives and create a more ethical world, the Inamori Center has two main targets for the programs that we offer and the initiatives we pursue:

- **1st Target: Conversations and Action on Ethics, Values, and Justice** - We aim to create space and provide support to advance scholarship and service on topics of Ethics, Values, and Justice
- **2nd Target: Excellence Through Ethical Leadership** - We aim to cultivate and honor Excellence made possible through Ethical Leadership

It is important to note that the terms “Values” and “Justice” were thoughtful and purposeful new additions we feel are important to include when discussing ethics and describing our work at the Inamori Center. We believe that living an ethical life and creating an ethical world requires:

- Clarifying our core VALUES and then ensuring our actions are consistent with them and doing the hard work of either reconciling or prioritizing our core VALUES when they come into conflict, and
- Striving for genuine equity and JUSTICE because a more just and ethical world gives everyone the best chance to flourish and live up to their potential.

What does helping people to live an ethical life and create an ethical world look like in practice?

- Teaching, training, and mentoring students of all ages and stages.
- Advising and funding of scholarship, research, and service projects.
- Consulting on partner grants, programs, and new initiatives.
- Creating Inamori Center and partnered programs and events.
- Editing and publishing, in-print and on-line, *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership*.
- Presentation of the Inamori Ethics Prize to global ethical leaders who demonstrate exemplary ethical leadership and have greatly improved the condition of humankind.
- Advising and mentoring the CWRU student organization, Global Ethical Leaders Society (GELS) to develop future ethical leaders and responsible global citizens.

What ethical topics does the Inamori Center cover or consider?

All of them. The study of ethics has no limits and our celebration of excellence through ethical leadership seeks to recognize all aspects of human endeavor. The broad range of topics we are able to cover in pursuit of these topics is possible through in-house expertise at the Inamori Center and through our network of partnerships.

The Inamori Center offers expertise on topics of **Ethics, Ethical Leadership, Military Ethics, Ethics of Emerging technologies**, as well as topics of **Values** and **Justice**. We also recognize the differences when we can speak to topics directly and other times we can create space to amplify other voices, such as our students and partners or others in the local and global community. Some examples of the topics of **Values** and **Justice** that are covered in Inamori Center programming include: **Human Rights, Climate Change, LGBTQ+, Access to Healthcare, Identity, and Race and Privilege**. The depth and breadth of topics only expands from here thanks to the continuing contributions of Inamori Ethics Prize winners and Inamori Affiliates, including visiting scholars, research associates, and student fellows.

OUR STRUCTURE: How We Meet Our Mission

The Inamori Center staffing consists of a Faculty Director and a Staff Associate Director. Given the leanness of our infrastructure, it is imperative that we are as efficient and effective as possible with time and resources and prepared to consider and respond to new opportunities as they arise. Our excellent outcomes also reflect the depth of our network of partners and the success of our operational model, tools, and philosophies.

- [Shannon E. French, Ph.D.](#) has served as the Director of the Inamori Center since 2008. She is the Inamori Professor in Ethics; Professor of Philosophy (primary) and Law (secondary); and the General Hugh Shelton Distinguished Visiting Chair in Ethics (U.S. Army CGSC Foundation). Her primary research field is military ethics, with special focus on conduct of war, ethical leadership, command climate, sacrifice and responsibility, ethical responses to terrorism, future of warfare, and emerging technology.
- [Beth Trecasa, MA](#) joined the Inamori Center in 2019 as Associate Director and Managing Editor of *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership (IJEL)*. She has served in various CWRU roles since 2013 and also from 2002-2007. Her primary areas of focus include: student development, ethics and leadership, organizational and strategic planning, and management and leadership in higher education.
- The Inamori Center hires CWRU undergraduate and graduate students as [Student Associates](#) for assistance with office reception, event support, and research and writing projects.

Our previous staffing structure so heavily relied on the Faculty Director role that Professor French was unable to ever take a sabbatical (generally taken every six years) since her arrival to CWRU in July 2008. This is not sustainable - organizationally or individually. The Inamori Center's staffing model was re-envisioned in 2019, which elevated the Associate Director position from a coordinator role to co-collaborator and head of strategic operations. This shift has allowed the Inamori Center to better define our operational model and philosophies; create planning and operational tools; and provide the level of staffing necessary for Professor French to take her first sabbatical at CWRU from January through August 2022. Trecasa served as Acting Director of the Inamori Center and Senior Executive Editor of *IJEL* during this time.

Inamori Affiliates

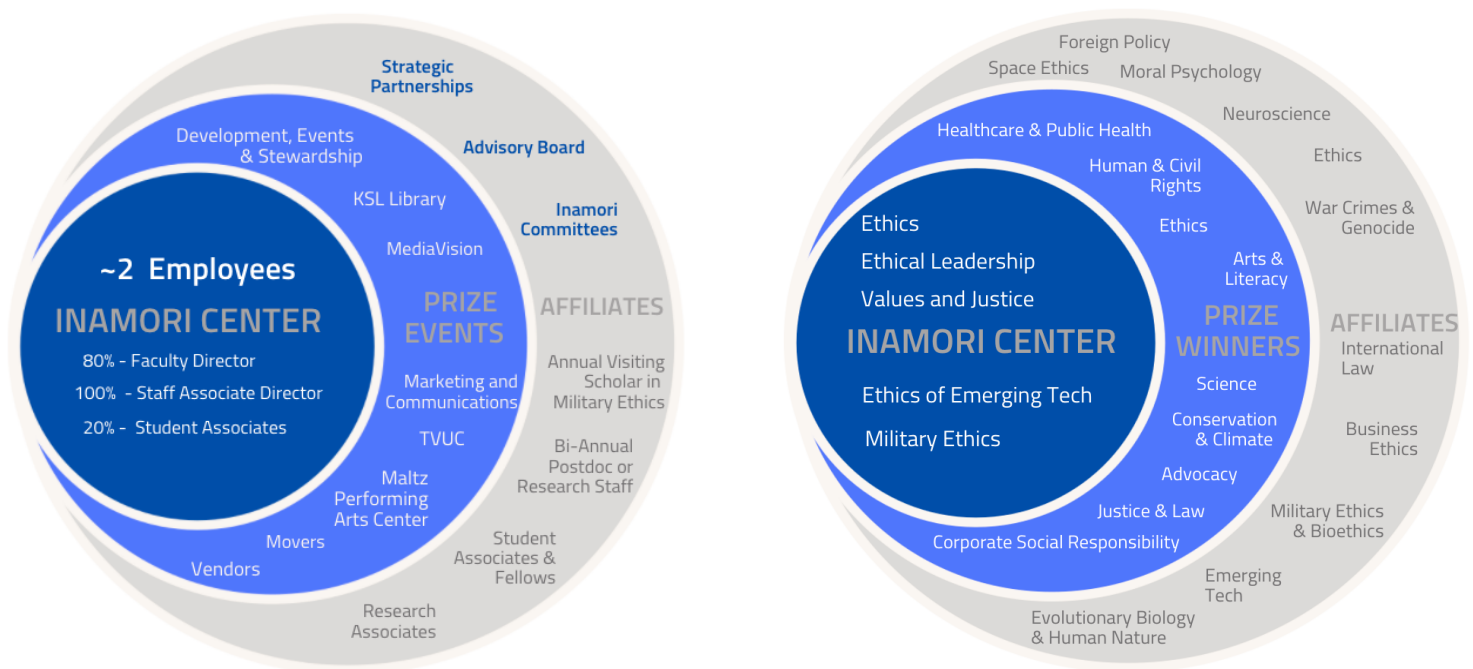
Inamori Affiliates are the individual and organizational partners that comprise the village of support that makes the Inamori Center's staffing structure, as well as our international reach and excellent outcomes, possible.

- [Inamori Ethics Prize](#): This award not only honors the kinds of excellence made possible through ethical leadership, it expands the scope and reach of the Inamori Center and the topics we cover. We are grateful that winners continue to collaborate and contribute to the Inamori Center even after receiving the Prize. The nomination and selection process requires the guidance of CWRU leadership, the [Inamori Center Advisory Board](#), and the Inamori Affiliates Committee. To create event experiences commensurate with the honor of the Inamori Ethics Prize, the expertise and efforts of our **operational partners**, from event planning to communications to development, are critical to the successful planning, promotion, and management of the Prize presentation, ceremony, and events.
- [Visiting Scholars](#): This kind of Inamori Affiliate provides temporary staffing to expand the Inamori Center's infrastructure and support key research, teaching, and programmatic initiatives. Once again, the efforts of these scholars expand the topical areas the Inamori Center can advise on when asked. While these roles are dependent upon funding, we are generally able to host a **Visiting Scholar** in Military Ethics each Spring semester in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences. Separately,

the Inamori Center hosts, bi-annually, a postdoctoral scholar or research assistant on varying topics.

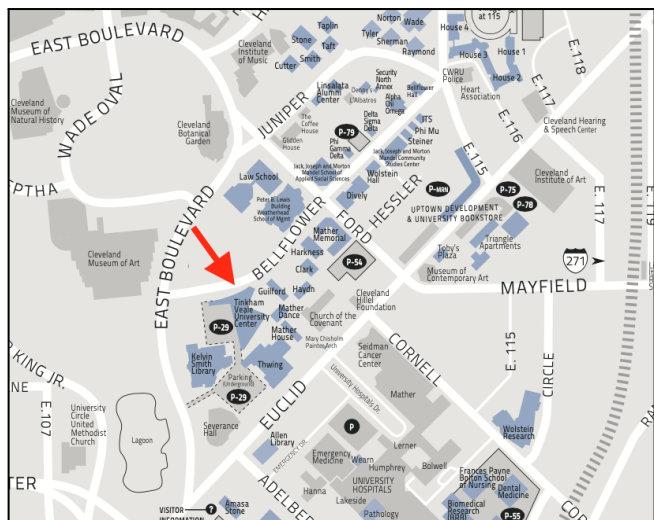
- [Research Associates and Student Fellows](#): This kind of Inamori Affiliate includes research associate affiliations for select CWRU faculty, local and global academics, and applied professionals to pursue ethics research, scholarship, and service relevant to our mission. At this time, these are volunteer roles, but **Research Associates** are able to utilize Inamori Center resources, physical infrastructure, and receive research assistance from funded Inamori Center Student Fellows. This summer, two **Student Fellows**, an undergraduate and a Law student, researched crimes of war and genocide committed in Yemen in support of a Research Associates new book project.
- The Inamori Center relies on a network of partners to achieve its mission. In 2021-22, we especially relied upon our campus partnerships at Case Western Reserve and local and global partnerships with:
 - Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities
 - Callahan Foundation
 - Cox International Law Center - School of Law
 - Culture Change for Climate Change
 - Cuyahoga Community College
 - Department of Computer Science - Case School of Engineering
 - Department of Philosophy - College of Arts and Sciences
 - Eaton
 - Euro-ISME
 - Global Ethical Leaders Society
 - Flora Stone Mather Center for Women
 - King's College London - Centre for Military Ethics
 - Marshall and Yuko Hung Foundation
 - Office of Energy and Sustainability
 - Office of Multicultural Affairs
 - School of Graduate Studies
 - Social Justice Institute
 - Third Federal Foundation
 - Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
 - US DARPA, the Department of Defense
 - US Naval Academy & War College
 - Ward 7 Cleveland City Council

How We Meet Our Mission and Our Collective Reach



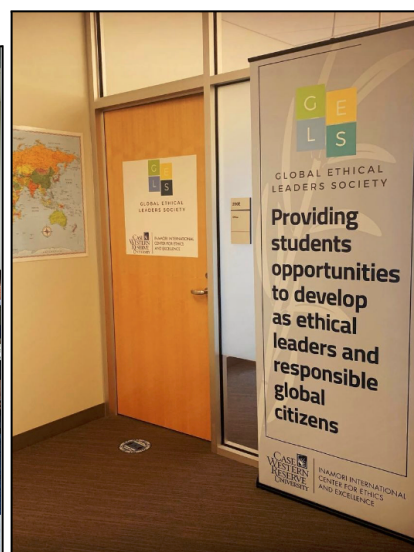
OUR SPACE: Using Our Strengths

Where the Inamori Center may be lean in staffing or human infrastructure, we are abundant and grateful for the physical infrastructure and space we have at the CWRU Tinkham Veale University Center (TVUC). Thanks again to Dr. Kazuo Inamori and the Inamori Foundation's investment in Case Western Reserve University, we have a beautiful and well resourced space in a prime campus and community location.



The Inamori Center's space and resources includes:

- 1 classroom that seats ~ 27 seminar style and more for lectures; projector and teleconferencing
- 1 conference room that seats 15 - 20; projector and teleconferencing
- 3 individual offices
- In-house library with nearly 1700 materials ([online catalog](#))
- Multiple desks/computers for student use, plus in-office and lendable technology
- Kitchen shared with our neighbor, the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women



The Inamori Center space is most often utilized by CWRU faculty and students for undergraduate, graduate, and professional courses, most commonly in Philosophy, Political Science, and Law. This year, the Inamori Center made a commitment to acquire all of the textbooks that faculty require for courses taught at the Inamori Center. We make these materials available for use to all CWRU students while within the Inamori Center. Courses offered in the 2021-22 academic year include:

- *Philosophy 305/405: Ethics*
- *Philosophy/Law 317/417: War and Morality*
- *Philosophy 330/430: Ethics of AI/Emerging Technologies*
- *Philosophy 336/436: Military Conflicts, the Military Profession, and International Law*
- *Philosophy 384/484: Ethics and Public Policy*
- *Political Science:388/488: Politics, Policy, and Global Environment*
- *Political Science 390/490: International Relations - Human Rights*
- *Political Science 391/491: Comparative Politics - Reconciliation vs Revenge*

When there are no courses in the classroom and conference room, the Inamori Center uses these spaces for various types of conversations, including lectures, panel discussions, and campus and community meetings. In addition to formal courses, daytime utilization by the CWRU campus community, and Inamori Center programming, the space is also accessible and utilized by Student Associates, GELS Executive Members, Military Ethics students, and visiting Inamori Affiliates outside of regular hours.

The TVUC provides multiple opportunities to share the Inamori Center's story. We are collaborating with our TVUC partners to create direct advertising on media sources within the building, as well as our classrooms and the entrance way of the Inamori Center, to make more clear the availability of our offerings and resources. We are also identifying new ways to engage with individuals who are in the footpath of our Center within the TVUC, as well as online through our ever-growing website and social media channels.



2021-2022 Inamori Center Outcomes

The Inamori Center offers and sponsors ethics teaching, training, research, and scholarship and collaborates with partners and programs locally and globally. We host a series of guest speakers and panel discussions each year to audiences that include CWRU students, faculty and staff, and local and global community members thanks to our ability to livestream most events. Events are also recorded and available on our [website](#).

The Inamori Center also seeks to serve as a good partner, demonstrate our values, and help contribute toward larger efforts toward justice. Some of the ways we were able to partner this year included Trecasa's service:

- Speaking about ethics and the humanities on Cuyahoga Community College's *More Human* podcast;
- Mentoring undergraduate students and participating in the Flora Stone Mather Mentor program;
- Advising incoming first year students and teaching in the Diversity 360 program;
- Serving on search committees for the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities and Social Justice Institute;
- Judging the Three Minute Thesis competition organized by the School of Graduate Studies; and
- Collaborating on a Climate Action Week contest with CWRU campus partners.

[Graduate Studies in Military Ethics](#)

The Military Ethics master's degree program was created in partnership with the CWRU College of Arts and Sciences, School of Law, and the Inamori Center in 2017. Military Ethics focuses on the core values and moral principles that collectively govern those serving in the military forces of nations around the world. The ethical foundations that define the military have developed over millennia from the shared values and experiences, unique role responsibilities, and reflections of military members on their own practices – eventually coming to serve as the basis for various warrior codes and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Military ethics is a broadly interdisciplinary study, incorporating concerns about the conduct of war, decisions on how and when to engage in military operations, and issues relating to the moral psychology and care of those who serve and of veterans of military service. Traditional just war theory also plays a key role in international relations and international humanitarian law (IHL).

This program is aimed at individuals interested in learning more about this complex academic subfield that has roots that reach back to the work of Greco-Roman and medieval scholars, but is recently resurgent, thanks in part to media attention given to emerging military technologies, such as drones, human enhancement, and cyber conflict. The program has attracted military members, including chaplains, law students, and traditional graduate students. In the 22-23 academic year, we are looking forward to welcoming our biggest cohort of students to the program, including US and international military members, as well as traditional graduate students and integrated graduate studies students who are earning multiple degrees at CWRU.

In Spring 2022, we were honored to welcome the 2021-22 Inamori Distinguished Scholar in Military Ethics, Prof. Pauline Shanks Kaurin, to Case Western Reserve University and to our classrooms. She is Professor and Admiral James B. Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics at the United States Navy War College and specializes in military ethics, Just War Theory, and philosophy of law and applied ethics. Prof. Shanks Kaurin taught *PHIL 336/436: Military Ethics, the Military Profession, and International Law* from the Navy War College in Rhode Island while CWRU students gathered at the Inamori Center for class. She also advised current and incoming students. In her course, students were able to learn from various guest lectures:

- LTC Kevin Cutright, US Military Academy (West Point) Philosophy department, discussed his new book "Empathetic Soldier" and his experience in Iraq.
- Dr. Jeremy Davis, Post Doc University of Florida Philosophy department, discussed partiality and Military Humanitarian Intervention.
- Dr. Chris Akersen, New York University, Center for Global Affairs, discussed the warrior archetype and its implications for contemporary warfare.
- Dr. Jessica Wolfendale, Chair Marquette University Philosophy department discussed her work on moral injury and moral health.
- Col. Jeff Schneider, Military Professor, College of Leadership and Ethics, US Naval War College, discussed the Profession of Arms and his command experience in Iraq.
- Col. Tyrell Mayfield, USAF serves as the co-editor of *Redefining the Modern Military: The Intersection of Ethics and Profession*, which was one of the texts for the course. His visit gave students a chance to engage directly with the process of writing about Military Ethics.

Reaching beyond our local area, leading up to and during her sabbatical, Prof. French presented on ethics, ethical leadership, military ethics, and ethics of emerging technologies to audiences worldwide. Some of the conversations she has contributed to this year include: Australian Center for Defence Research; Cox Center Law Conference; Joint Special Operations Conference; SHB Securities Conference; US Army's CAS Ethics Instructors Training; US Army CGSC Keynote Address; US Institute for Defense Analysis; University of Southern Mississippi; and the *Voices of War* podcast. She was also interviewed for PBS' *Wisdom Keepers* and for NPR's Ray Suarez's *World Affairs*.

[Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity](#)

In partnership with the Centre for Military Ethics at King's College London, the Inamori Center launched an app for military ethics education. **Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity** covers broad areas of military ethics carefully curated and developed by leading researchers, ethicists, and legal specialists with LOAC and IHL expertise. First developed as a physical deck of playing cards, the app prompts discussion and debate to encourage and normalize the open consideration of ethical challenges that arise in the military and in and out of combat: *If a soldier is faced with an order they think is unjust, what should they do? Is there a difference between unjust and unlawful? Is it weakness to tell someone if you have been psychologically affected by combat?*

Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity, and the professional military ethics educational material it is based on, was beta tested by military personnel in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America, amongst others from 2019 through 2021. More material is added on an ongoing basis to keep the conversation current and inclusive. The app will continue to grow and be refined with feedback from military and academic users. The Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity app can be downloaded for free on Apple and Android operating systems and currently covers topics in English, Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Serbian, Turkish, and Ukrainian,.

[International Thesis Prize in Military Ethics](#)

In 2019, the Inamori Center established a new prize for the best thesis in military ethics, inspired by a similar prize offered by the esteemed European-International Society of Military Ethics organization. The Euro-ISME Thesis Prize is available to all eligible European students, so the Inamori International Thesis Prize is open to all

non-European students. The aims of the prize are to promote involvement in the study and application of Military Ethics. In order to improve the accessibility of the field of Military Ethics in languages other than English, the Inamori Center publishes in English, Spanish, and French. The print and online publication of the 2019 and 2020 winners' papers were released in July 2021 as a special print and online volume of *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership* and we look forward to releasing our 2nd volume, including our 2021 and 2022 winners, in the fall of 2022.

[Ethics of Emerging Technologies](#)

A closely related topic to Military Ethics is the ethics of emerging technologies because quite often the military develops or sees the latest advancements in physical and digital technology first. One example might be the use and ethics of prosthetic limbs and connecting humans to technology through neuromuscular interfaces. The field also encompasses a wide area of non-military advancements from computer coding of new website platforms to handsfree air-dryers that recognize all skin tones.

Leading up to and during her sabbatical, Prof. French has given several talks on the ethics of emerging technologies and is recognized as an expert in the field, including ongoing engagement and consulting for the Institute for Defense Analysis and the US Department of Defense on classified new technology in the military. Her lecture audiences greatly range from various ranks of military members to all computer science majors at CWRU to a Carnegie Council salon. Prof. French is also developing her new book, *Artificial Ethics: The Impact of Emerging Technologies on Human Value(s)*, (working title).

For the first time in several years, the Inamori Center hosted a postdoctoral scholar in ethics and AI/emerging technology. **Dr. Daniel Rosiak** joined the Inamori Center for a one-year appointment to help expand our infrastructure in this key teaching and research area. During his time at the Inamori Center, he helped to develop ethics modules with Prof. French and Trecasa that were piloted in computer science courses at the Case School of Engineering. Dr. Rosiak consulted on initiatives at the CWRU Weatherhead School of Business, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, and College of Arts and Sciences. He also taught *Philosophy 330/430: Ethics of AI/Emerging Technologies* in the Spring 2022 semester. Some of his talks at CWRU included:

- A Glimpse into Ethical Issues in Machine Learning
- Maps for Orienting Oneself in the Sea of Ethical Issues in AI: Narrow and Strong AI
- Ethical Issues in Machine Learning: A Closer Look at COMPAS
- A Few Ethical Issues Introduced via Dilemmas with Autonomous Vehicles
- A Sample of Ethical Issues in AI: Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning Issues

[The International Journal of Ethical Leadership](#)

For the past ten years, the Inamori Center has published an interdisciplinary journal, *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership (IJEL)*, in partnership with The University of Akron Press. This journal creates a trusted forum for an international exchange of ideas on the theory and practice of ethical leadership and for readers around the world to explore historical, current, and emerging issues in global ethics and leadership. With the support of the CWRU School of Law, *IJEL* was added onto the BePress platform in February 2020, which means that the journal, including all past issues, is available both in print and online. Since our online launch, *IJEL* articles have been downloaded nearly 20,000 times in 171 countries by individuals representing over 1200 different organizations.

[Inamori Ethics Prize and Associated Activities](#)

This annual celebration honors outstanding international ethical leaders whose actions and influence have greatly improved the condition of humankind. All events are open to the community free of charge. The Prize recipient also meets with groups of students and community members throughout the visit. These events are filmed and made available online and transcribed for *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership*.

- 2008: **Dr. Francis Collins** (USA), physician, geneticist, former director of the NIH
- 2009: **The Honorable Mary Robinson** (Ireland), Elder, humanitarian, and former President of Ireland
- 2010: **Stan Brock** (UK), philanthropist and founder of Remote Area Medical (now deceased)
- 2011: **Advocate Beatrice Mtetwa** (Zimbabwe), lawyer, human rights and press freedom activist
- 2012: **Dr. David Suzuki** (Canada), academic environmentalist, scientist, and broadcaster
- 2013: **Yvon Chouinard** (USA), corporate social responsibility entrepreneur, environmentalist
- 2014: **Dr. Denis Mukwege** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), physician, advocate against sexual violence, 2018 Nobel Peace Prize recipient
- 2015: **Prof. Martha Nussbaum** (USA), ethics scholar and UN advisor philosopher, professor, author, board member of the Human Rights Program
- 2016: **Prof. Peter Eigen** (Germany), lawyer, economist, anti-corruption pioneer and founder of Transparency International
- 2017: **Marian Wright Edelman** (USA), founder of the Children's Defense Fund, civil rights activist
- 2018: **Dr. Farouk El-Baz** (Egypt and USA), NASA Apollo program scientist and conservationist
- 2019: **Mr. LeVar Burton** (Germany and USA), creative arts, literacy and HIV/AIDS advocate
- 2020-21: **Conversations on JUSTICE**
- 2020, awarded in 2021: **Judge Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi** (Argentina), international human rights expert, diplomat, judge, and former president of the International Criminal Court
- 2022-23: **Conversations on JUSTICE: Inequities in Healthcare**

During the pandemic and the 2020-21 academic year, the Inamori Center programming shifted from an in-person presentation of an Inamori Ethics Prize to virtual "[Conversations on Justice](#)." The ten-event series involved several prior Inamori Ethics Prize recipients (Suzuki, Wright Edelman, El-Baz, and Burton) and our 2020 Inamori Ethics Prize winner, Judge Silvia Alejandra Fernández de Gurmendi, alongside local and global academic and professional experts having conversations of consequence on topics of justice.

In the Fall of 2021, we were finally able to gather in person and award Judge Fernández the Inamori Ethics Prize on campus at CWRU. Judge Fernández is a leading figure in international justice, humanitarian law, and human rights and the first woman to serve as president of the International Criminal Court (ICC). She played a central role in the creation of the ICC and has worked tirelessly to see that those who commit war crimes and crimes against humanity are held accountable for their actions.

For the 2022 Inamori Ethics Prize, the Inamori Center and Case Western Reserve University selected Paul Farmer, a physician and medical anthropologist who dedicated his life to improving healthcare for the world's most in need. Only a few weeks after this announcement, the world was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Farmer. Since the Inamori Ethics Prize is not awarded posthumously, the Inamori Center will spend a year in conversation exploring inequalities in healthcare. The [2022-23 Conversations on JUSTICE](#) series will again include conversations with the global community and previous Inamori Ethics Prize winners and other local and global experts.

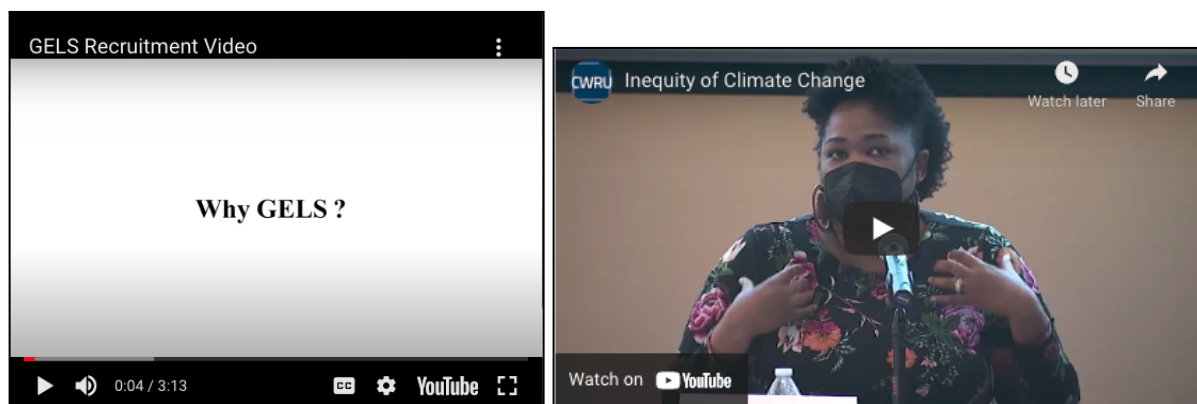
[Global Ethical Leaders Society \(GELS\)](#)

This inspiring CWRU student organization was the vision of Prof. French before coming to CWRU. GELS is advised and sponsored by the Inamori Center and governed by a student administrative body. Membership is open to undergraduates, graduate students, and professional students. GELS members learn how to enhance their leadership skills, analyze complex moral issues, inspire others to support ethical policies, and play an active role in promoting moral progress on a global scale.

The Inamori Center funds GELS students to travel for experiential learning projects and conference attendance and research, service and other activities, domestically and internationally. GELS students learn about leadership in a variety of settings, including attending national character and leadership conferences, such as those at our nation's service academies (US Naval Academy and US Air Force Academy). At the Inamori Center, they also receive mentoring and workshops on ethics, leadership, character development, and conflict resolution. Some students have also served as interns in local companies and nonprofits. In Summer 2022:

- Olivia Thomas reviewed lessons for community health promoter candidates to ensure that they align with the most up-to-date Ministry of Health policies and protocols in Nicaragua.
- Issac Opoku participated in a medical brigade to Honduras to serve at a clinic and aid with the distribution of needed medical equipment to the most vulnerable communities in that area, specifically, clinics near Ojo de Agua, Yuscarán.
- Sophie Taus conducted field work in Singapore to analyze the city-state through the lens of social geography and explore how the international community can ethically support the continued recovery and prevention of colonization and military occupation in the region.
- JD Harrison, [Third Federal Summer Ethics Fellow](#) and Amanda Martinez Moreno, [Baker-Nord Summer Ethics Fellow](#) collaborated to support the efforts of Councilwoman Stephanie Howse and the Ward 7 Cleveland City Council. Ward 7 includes Asia Town, Downtown, Midtown, Hough and the St. Clair-Superior neighborhoods.

In Spring 2022, GELS members moderated a panel discussion, [The Inequity of Climate Change](#), on climate through the lens of finance, public policy, and environmental justice with three leaders in the Ohio area sustainability space: Callia Téllez, Councilwoman Stephanie Howse, and Andrew Watterson. Each brought a unique perspective; from Cleveland's first Chief of Sustainability to a climate advocate and researcher on Ohio's Environmental Council to an elected official tasked with implementing environmental policies.



Metrics and Partnership Opportunities

The Inamori Center's activities have historically been measured by usual and customary metrics, such as attendance at events, number of grants awarded, research papers published, and presentations made. As part of our strategic planning process, we have also identified the following **five-year goals** that we are currently in the process of working toward.

OUR STORY: We will make our mission, capacity, and investment potential clear.

- Meet with current and potential partners to talk about Our Story, Our Structure, Our Space.
- Create a comprehensive Inamori Center identity and materials that can help us engage more people, especially internationally, and develop additional support and funding.

OUR STRUCTURE: We will develop more sustainability through human infrastructure.

- Develop pilot funding and endowed support for ethics at CWRU and create a Presidential/Provost-level fundraising campaign for:
 - additional Inamori Center human infrastructure through staffing;
 - at least two new CWRU Professorships in Ethics (at a CWRU School/College); and
 - the student organization, Global Ethical Leaders Society (GELS).

OUR SPACE: We will better utilize the power of our physical proximity and resources at CWRU.

- Increase Inamori Center space utilization by hosting additional courses on-site;
- Make Inamori Center library and resources more accessible to students and partners; and
- Creatively communicate with in-person and online potential Inamori Center guests

Some of our specific objectives and priorities in the **short term (2022-23)** include:

- Applying to database indexes to include *IJEL* to allow for citation tracking and increased individual and institutional indicators that affect rankings
- Formalizing the MA/JD track and create online Certificate option with strategic international partners to expand Military Ethics MA program
- Collaborating with CWRU strategic partners on high school engagement to collectively develop and steward relationships and increase participation
- Improving the international exposure of the Inamori Ethics Prize and nomination process to increase nominations from and for individuals outside of the United States, as well as more nominations for female and non-binary individuals

The Inamori Center's mission, targets, goals, and priorities align with CWRU strategic plan, **Think Big**, and the first three pathways: *Ignite Interdisciplinarity; Integrate Humanity and Technology; and Achieve Social Impact.*

Conclusion

Over the last year, the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University provided excellent programs and participated in initiatives that contributed to an international and interdisciplinary understanding of the importance of ethics and the need for ethical leadership to guide every worthwhile human endeavor. It is only through our partnerships on campus, in the community, and around the world that we are able to meet our mission and accomplish our goals.