



Ethics Center student interns interview Holocaust survivors to learn about moral behavior. Photo courtesy of Kristen Monroe, Social Sciences, and iStock.

- Established in 2003 and has grown to include 28 core faculty researchers
- Topics pursued include:
 - Altruism of organ donation and transplants
 - Bioethics and stem cells
 - Cooperation, evolution, and game theory
 - Doctor-patient relations
 - Evolution, science, religion, and altruism
 - Happiness and drugs
 - Human trafficking
 - Nuclear proliferation
 - Psychology and terrorism
 - Religion and politics

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What causes moral behavior? Scholars affiliated with the UCI Interdisciplinary Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality use scientific research to investigate the origins and causes of ethics and moral behavior. UCI faculty and graduate student researchers address topics that reflect critically on the moral implications of new frontiers in science such as the ethics of stem cell research, the origins of altruism, causes of genocide, prospects for peace among conflicting nations, and how ordinary people compose a moral life.

investigate

Through innovative and collaborative studies, lectures and community outreach, researchers increase and facilitate scholarly findings and public awareness of ethics and morality.

innovate

The center is currently working with NGOs and other scholarly groups in an ambitious program to coordinate academic and political efforts to combat genocide and ethnic cleansing. From 2008–12, the center is sponsoring a series of international meetings to bring together scholars, activists, NGOS and governmental officials to discuss forming an international organization capable of combating genocide.

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