

JHR 511 - Community Embedded Seminar: Research in Ethics & Public Affairs

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The seminar provides the students with the opportunity to work in a partnership with a non-profit public community organization that deal with issues related to social justice and human rights. The instructor, the student, and each partner organization will identify an ethical challenge that the organization is facing in its work or an ethical issue that is of interest to the organization. Each student will conduct research and explore the state-of-the-art academic knowledge on the ethical issue, and in coordination with the partner organization, will deliver the results of the research in a way that will be of use to the organization (for example, via a written report, training material, presentation to the employees, etc.). Towards the end of the semester, we will hold a workshop in which students will report their findings to the other students and to representatives of the partner organizations. As a background and initial direction for the research, readings and class discussion will survey approaches and issues in ethics and public affairs.