



MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



## **Excellence in Ethics: Dissertation Proposal Competition**

The Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide at the University of Notre Dame is hosting its sixth annual dissertation proposal competition, the first and most established competition in this area. The objective of the competition is to recognize and award Ph.D. candidates whose research will further our understanding of the ethical issues facing the business community. Candidates in all business disciplines—including accounting, finance, management and marketing—as well as other disciplines that speak to business ethics issues, such as social psychology and sociology, are encouraged to submit their proposals. Proposals will be judged on the contribution that they make to the scholarly understanding of ethical issues in business as well as on their theoretical and methodological rigor. Finalists will be asked to present a short summary of their dissertation at the “*Behavioral Business Ethics: Ideas on an Emerging Field*” conference, to be held May 21-22, 2010 at the University of Notre Dame’s Sante Fe Building in Chicago, IL. All finalists will receive a travel stipend of up to \$500 and winners will also receive a \$1000 honorarium.

Past winners of the ***Excellence in Ethics: Dissertation Proposal Competition*** include:

***The Agency Costs of Managerial Indiscretions: Sex, Lies, and Firm Value***

*Adam Yore, Drexel University*

***Scurrilous Competitors: Risk-takers, Bribers & Saboteurs in Promotion Tournaments***

*Niro Sivanathan, Northwestern University*

***Stewardship: Theoretical Development and Test of its Determinants***

*Morela Hernandez, Duke University, 2006*

***Financial Misrepresentations: Antecedents and Performance Effects***

*Jared Harris, University of Minnesota, 2005*

***Entrepreneurial Virtue: New Business Creation as a Teleological Pursuit***

*Carter Crockett, Robert Gordon University, Scotland, 2004*

### **Submission Guidelines**

- All Ph.D. candidates who have defended their dissertation proposal in 2009 are invited to attend.
- Proposals must be received by February 1, 2010.
- Proposal length is 12 pages of text and 5 pages of references and exhibits in normal font (12 point) and acceptable margins (1”).
- Proposals should be accompanied by an application form, available at <http://www.ethicalbusiness.nd.edu>.

Proposals and or questions should be sent to: Ann Tenbrunsel, Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, Attn: Dissertation Competition, Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-0399 or to [atenbrun@nd.edu](mailto:atenbrun@nd.edu).