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*Founding Director of The Center for Practical Ethics
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Professor of Philosophy, University of Mississippi*

Education

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D., 2007
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.A., 2003
- Pacific University, B.A., 1998

National Leadership

- Board of Directors, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 2021 – present
- Board of Directors, Philosophy Learning and Teaching, Organization, 2018 – present
- President, Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC), 2012 – 2018
- Executive Committee, SEAC, 2008 – 2012, 2024 – present
- Researcher, National Institute for Civil Discourse Research Network, 2018 – present

Selected Honors and Awards (5 of 19)

- Senior Scholar Award for Research and Creative Scholarship, University of Mississippi Arts and Humanities, 2025
- Distinguished Service Award, Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, 2023
- Research Professorship, Youngstown State University, 2009 – 2010, 2011 – 2012, 2015 – 2016
- Distinguished Professorship for Service, Youngstown State University, 2015
- Best Formal Paper by an Early Career Scholar for “The DIT, Sentimentalism, and Moral Judgment,” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2012

Funded Grants as PI (5)

- **Mower, Deborah S. (PI)** and Melissa Jones (Co-PI). 2024. “‘The Character of Leaders’ Initiative: Integrating Moral, Civic, and Intellectual Virtues,” Wake Forest University via Lilly Endowment. \$960,947.
- **Mower, Deborah S. (PI)**, Ethan Davis (Co-PI), Grace Rivera (Co-PI) and Saijun Zhang (Co-PI). 2024. “Promoting School Climate and Violence Prevention through the Connections Program in Mississippi,” Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, O-BJA-2024-172090: STOP School Violence. \$1,942,318.
- **Mower, Deborah S. (PI)**, Glen Miller (PI) and Qin Zhu (PI). 2024. “Collaborative Research: Mapping AI Ethics Education Through Intervention Types, Faculty Perceptions, and Institutional Contexts,” National Science Foundation, NSF 23-630: Ethical and Responsible Research (ER2). Lead Submission. \$199,984.
- **Mower, Deborah S. (PI)** and Carolyn Freiwald (Co-PI). 2023. “NEH Collaborative: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of the Methods, Goals, and Ethics of Memorialization,” National Endowment of Humanities, Collaborative Research Division, Convening Category. \$50,000.
- **Mower, Deborah S. (PI)** and Phyllis Vandenberg (Co-PI). 2015. “Moral Psychology and

Education: Putting the Humanities to Work.” National Endowment for the Humanities. \$155,747.

Selected Publications: Books, Articles, Invited Chapters (11 of 27)

- **Mower, Deborah S.**, Vandenberg, Phyllis and Wade Robison (eds.). 2015. *Developing Moral Sensitivity*, Studies in Ethics and Moral Theory. New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** and Wade Robison (eds.). 2012. *Civility in Politics and Education*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2025. “The Role of Ethicists in Civic Learning, Engagement, and Civil Discourse.” In *A Companion to Doing Ethics*, edited by A. Preti and T. Weidel, 277-296. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2023. “Fostering the Intellectual Virtue of Civility in Online Contexts.” *Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities* 34: 67-90.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2022. “Moderating Conviction through Civility in Education.” In *Bias, Belief, and Conviction in an Age of Fake Facts*, edited by A. Finger and M. Wagner, 134-155. New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2021. “Civility.” In *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 3rd Edition, edited by Hugh LaFollette. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell: 1-8.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2020. “The Role of Listening in Philosophy.” In *The Handbook of Listening*, edited by Debra Worthington and Graham Bodie, 217-232. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2019. “The Real Morality of Public Discourse: Civility as an Orienting Attitude.” In *A Crisis of Civility?: Political Discourse and its Discontents*, edited by R. Boatright, S. Sobieraj, D. Goldthwaite Young and T. Shaffer, 210-232. New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2019. “Reflections On...Shifting the Educational Narrative.” *Teaching Ethics* 19: 91-111.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2018. “Increasing the Moral Sensitivity of Professionals.” In *Ethics Across the Curriculum—Pedagogical Perspectives*, edited by Elaine E. Englehardt and Michael S. Pritchard, 73-88. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.
- **Mower, Deborah S.** 2008. “Teaching Sympathetic Moral Reasoning,” *Teaching Ethics*, 8: 1-14.

Selected Invited Talks/Lectures (10 of 25)

- “Cultivating Civility as an Intellectual, Moral, and Civic Virtue” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, “Ethical Deliberation for the High School Classroom: A Workshop for North Carolina Teachers,” December 2023
- Plenary Speaker/Consultant, “Incorporating Ethical Reasoning into General Education Courses,” Eastern Connecticut State University, Eastern Liberal Arts Core (ELAC) Course Planning Institute, June 2023
- “Fostering the Intellectual Virtue of Civility in Online Contexts” Yale Law School, “Tech Law and the Humanities” Symposium, Yale University, November 2022.
- “Cultivating Civil Discourse” Keynote Speaker, Ethics Awareness Week: “Ethics Education and Democracy,” Utah Valley University, September 2022
- “Civility in the Outrage Culture” Summer Seminar, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley

University, May 2019.

- “Moral Conviction and Civility” Invited Symposium: “Moral Psychology and Cognitive Science,” American Philosophical Association Central, February 2018.
- “Marketing the Marketplace: Civility in Academia and Beyond” Keynote Address, Common Ground Summit: Have the Liberal Arts Become Too Politicized? The Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley State University, June 2014.
- “Structural Conditions for Civility” American Conversations Speaker, The Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley State University, February 2014.
- “Scripting Situations in Moral Education” Center for the Study of Ethics in Society Lecture Series, Western Michigan University, April 2010.
- “Situationism and the Embeddedness Model of Confucian Virtue Ethics” Invited Symposium, “Virtue Ethics with a Cross-Cultural Perspective,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting Main Program, April 2009.

Selected Conference Presentations (6 of 51)

- Rivera, Grace N., Oakes, Nathan, and Deborah S. Mower. “Fostering Virtues Through High-Impact Co-Curricular Just Conversations Events” 26th Annual Conference for the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Villanova University, October 2025.
- “The Intellectual Virtue of Civility” 32nd Annual Conference for the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2023.
- “Developing Civility Through Co-Curricular Events” 31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2022.
- “Moral Conviction and Civility” University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, Humility and Conviction in Public Life, February 2019.
- “Civility and Democratic Deliberation” 27th Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2018.
- “The DIT, Sentimentalism, and Moral Judgment” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2012.

Selected Director or Organizer (4 of 6)

- Co-Director, “The Ethics of Engagement,” 23rd International Conference for the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Oxford, MS, October 2022
- Organizer, “Moral Sensitivity” Track (5 Panels), 19th Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, San Antonio, March 2013.
- Co-Director, 14th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum on “The Art of Morality: Developing Moral Sensitivity Across the Curriculum,” Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2012.
- Co-Director, 11th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum on “Citizenship and Civility,” Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, November 2009.

Selected Interviews and Media Coverage (2 of 5)

- Mower, Deborah S. On Moral Psychology, Education, and Civic Life for “Five Questions” on WYSU with Tim Francisco, 2016.
- Mower, Deborah S. On *Civility in Politics and Education* for “Lincoln Avenue” with Sherry Linkon on WYSU, February 2012.