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Summary

In August 2014, the Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education awarded Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs a five-year grant to support the Council’s research and educational programming exploring the ethical dimensions of a globalized world. Carnegie Council is deeply grateful to the Uehiro Foundation for its ongoing support.

In the fifth and final year of the grant period, support from the Uehiro Foundation enabled Carnegie Council to:

- **Sponsor the U.S. Delegation to the 2019 Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Ethics Conference** on “Rethinking Bioethics for the 21st Century,” May 21-22 in Oxford
 - U.S. delegation presenters included: Jennifer Hawkins of Duke University, Jeffrey Kahn of the Berman Institute for Bioethics at Johns Hopkins University, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong of Duke University, and Jonathan Anomaly of the University of San Diego.
- **Present an ongoing series of lectures and studio interviews on the theme of “Ethics and the Governance of Emerging Technologies”**
 - This year, topics included: Climate Engineering; Gene editing; Internet Governance and Privacy; Cybersecurity; Surveillance; and AI Governance.
- **Create a year-long podcast series, “1919: The Year of the Crack-up,”** hosted by Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow Ted Widmer
- **Convene the Fifth Annual Student Research Conference** in New York City on May 3, 2019
 - Presentations covered topics such as: Propaganda and Public Health, Climate Change, American Democracy, International Trade Dispute Resolution, Gender Equality, Poverty Reduction, State-sponsored Terrorism, Immigration, Student Activism, and Humanitarian Aid Policy.
- **Hold the 2019 International Student Essay Contest** on the topic “Internet Responsibility”
- **Publish the Quarterly Peer-Reviewed *Ethics & International Affairs* journal**
- **Publish dozens of additional videos, podcasts, and articles** broadcast through the Council’s online networks.

- **Prepare for the 2020 Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Ethics Conference** on “The Ethics of the Human Condition in an Age of Science”
- **Support the work of the Carnegie-Uehiro Fellows Wendell Wallach and Ted Widmer**

Activities

2019 Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Ethics Conference: “Rethinking Bioethics for the 21st Century”

In May 2019, scholars from Japan, Europe, and the United States convened over two days for the annual Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Ethics Conference, this year hosted by the Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics at Oxford University. The conference sought to confront and address new challenges emerging in medicine, genetic and biological research, public health, and the field of bioethics itself.

Within the American delegation, **Jennifer Hawkins** of Duke University called for more targeted applications of philosophies of well-being to real world challenges. **Jeffrey Kahn**, director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, examined the development of bioethics as an independent field and raised important questions for its future, particularly as new technologies emerge. **Walter Sinnott-Armstrong**, also of Duke University, considered how artificial intelligence and machine learning could improve moral judgements in bioethics. And **Jonathan Anomaly** of the University of San Diego discussed how modeling from economics could help applied ethics to better assess and offer solutions to complex problems.

Lectures, public events, and studio interviews on the theme of “Ethics and the Governance of Emerging Technologies”

Artificial Intelligence

This year, Carnegie Council continued to advance and expand debates around the positive uses and hazards of artificial intelligence, following on the success of the 2018 Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Conference, “The Future of Artificial Intelligence.”

In November, the Council hosted an evening program with computer scientist and University of Pennsylvania professor **Michael Kearns**, who discussed potential algorithmic solutions to ethical challenges caused by AI. Throughout the fall, Alex Woodson, host of Carnegie Council’s Global Ethics Weekly podcast, also interviewed several contributors to a special *Ethics & International Affairs* journal roundtable dedicated



to artificial intelligence. These included a conversation on human rights and AI with **Mathias Risse** of Harvard's Kennedy School, a discussion of improper and misguided uses of AI tools with **Heather Roff** of Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, and a talk with **Fritz Allhoff** of Western Michigan University about new applications of AI emerging in the Arctic frontier.

Over the winter, Woodson spoke with other distinguished experts on the topic, including IBM AI Ethics Global Leader **Francesca Rossi**; New School professor of Media Studies **Peter Asaro**; **Stuart Russell**, professor of computer science and engineering at University of California, Berkeley; and **Rumman Chowdhury**, global lead of responsible AI at Accenture.

Please find the transcript from the talk with Michael Kearns in **Appendix A** and from the conversation with Francesca Rossi in **Appendix B**.

Biotechnology

From genetic engineering to neural implants, the development of biotechnologies is a defining trend in the 21st century so far, and its influence on life is only poised to grow in years to come.

In a series of interviews conducted over fall and winter 2019 for the Global Ethics Weekly podcast, Alex Woodson interviewed several prominent experts on ethics and gene editing. In November, he spoke with **Robert Klitzman**, professor of psychiatry at Columbia University, who offered an overview and outlined near-future implications of these technologies. Soon after, he talked with **Jeffrey Kahn** of Johns Hopkins about the governance of genetic engineering technologies. In December, the podcast featured **Julian Savulescu** of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, who discussed the promises and quandaries of human enhancement. Then, to close the series, Woodson spoke with **Françoise Baylis**, university research professor at Dalhousie University, about slow science, social consensus, representation, and the governance of gene editing.

The transcript of the conversation with Jeffrey Kahn is included as **Appendix C**.

Cybersecurity, Surveillance, and Internet Governance

Cyber domains are increasingly vital, and increasingly contested, in the contemporary world. Carnegie Council's public programs over the past grant year explored the challenges, dilemmas, and dangers associated with activities in cyberspace.

In June, Senior Fellow Devin Stewart spoke with **Joshua Eisenman** of the University of Texas about China's Belt and Road Initiative and its practice of exporting surveillance equipment to developing countries. Soon after, the Council welcomed UN Special Rapporteur **David Kaye**, who highlighted the challenges of internet governance and the proliferating threat of state censorship. **Arthur Holland Michel**, co-director of the Center for the Study of the Drone, also gave a talk at the Council on the emergence and deployment of high-resolution aerial surveillance technologies, capable of observing all activities in a wide area. In July, the Council published a podcast interview with **Arun Vishwanath**, chief technology officer at Avant

Research Group, on the evolution of interstate cyber operations. And in February, the Carnegie New Leaders program hosted an event with **Jason Healy** of Columbia University, who discussed the state of cybersecurity norms and international frameworks.

Please find a transcript of the lecture by Arthur Holland Michel in **Appendix D**.

Podcast series “1919: The Year of the Crack-up” and accompanying educational products and activities

Created and hosted by **Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow Ted Widmer**, “1919: The Year of the Crack-up” accompanied a year-long series of essays in *The New York Times* reflecting on the events of 1919 and the ways they shaped the modern world. Widmer worked closely with editors at *The Times* to curate topics and authors. In the podcast series, he interviewed those authors, and over the summer, two New York City high school teachers created worksheets and lesson plans based on the conversations.

1919: The Year of the Crack-up

Widmer spoke with sixteen historians over the course of 2019, focusing on the changes that were underway in the United States and across the globe a century earlier. On separate occasions, he discussed themes of national self-determination with **Christopher Pastore** of the University at Albany, **Kyung Moon Hwang** of the University of Southern California, **Gyan Prakash** of Princeton University, **Jeffrey Wasserstrom** of the University of California, and **Erez Manela** of Harvard University. They spoke respectively about nationalist movements in Ireland, Korea, India, China, and Egypt.

Widmer’s podcast also addressed shifting dynamics in American culture. He talked with **David Bordwell** of the University of Wisconsin about the rise of Hollywood, and with **David Sager** of the U.S. Library of Congress about the emergence of jazz. **Matthew Avery Sutton** of Washington State University joined for a podcast on the birth of Christian fundamentalism in the United States, and **Maurice Isserman** of Hamilton College discussed the legacy of socialist presidential candidate Eugene V. Debs. **Nan Woodruff** of Penn State University and **Adam Green** of the University of Chicago each addressed painful moments in the long history of racial violence in America, while journalist **Anna Clark** and **Brian C. Black** of Penn State Altoona explained how vast highway networks and fossil fuel burning cars became a staple of the American landscape.

Transcripts from the podcast episode featuring Erez Manela is included as **Appendix E**.

Teaching Resources

Two teachers, **Elena Shanbaum** and **Stephanie Kountourakis**—both of Bronx High School of Science—joined the Council during summer 2019 to create accompanying resources about the events of 1919 for high school social studies classrooms. Their work is featured on the Education Section of the Council’s website and on our official partner page on ShareMyLesson.com, a

curriculum website hosted by the American Federation of Teachers. These include lessons on alcohol prohibition in the U.S., Theodore Roosevelt’s political legacy, the May 4th Movement in China, the Amritsar Massacre in India, the March 1st Movement in Korea, Japanese foreign policy after World War I, and Woodrow Wilson’s relationship with the concept of national self-determination.

Fifth Annual Student Research Conference

On May 3, 2019, Carnegie Council hosted its fifth annual Student Research Conference. This is a regular opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to share their ongoing and completed work with a broader audience, and with their peers at universities across the New York metropolitan area. Out of 36 applications, eleven projects, including one group project from The New School, were selected to present at the conference. The presenters, schools, and topics were:

- Genevieve Abele, Yale University, “American Democracy as ‘Critical Infrastructure.’”
- Jennifer Dikler, Hunter College, “Dispute Resolution in the World Trade Organization: How the Continuity of a Matter Affects a Case’s Outcome.”
- Demme Durrett, Barnard College, “Fashioning Diplomacy: How Fashion Shaped and Exported American Identity at the 1959 American National Exhibition in Moscow.”
- Robin Happel, Fordham University, “Women and Climate Related Displacement.”
- Lauren Hudak, United States Military Academy, “Weapon of the Weak? Examining the Conditions Surrounding Varying Instances of Terrorism.”
- Ousseyni Kalilou, New York University, Understanding Climate Change Mitigation: How Gum Arabic Production May Lower the Levels of Violent Conflicts in the Sahel.”
- Josephine Marrocco, Fordham University, “Sex, Drugs and Propaganda: Why AIDS Persists in the Russian Federation.”
- Colin O’Brien, New York University, “Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in China.”
- Sarah Sakha, Princeton University, “Trump-Efekten: Sweden’s Integration of Iranian Migrants as a Model for the United States.”
- Jessica Seekatz and Emma Pulido, The New School, “Security and Humanitarianism in Lesbos, Greece and Sicily, Italy.”
- Momo Wilms-Crowe, University of Oregon, “Challenges to Democratic Inclusion and the Contestation of Space: Contemporary Student Activists in Transforming South Africa.”



The top presentation, chosen by a panel of judges, was by Josephine Marrocco of Fordham University in New York with the presentation, “Sex, Drugs and Propaganda: Why AIDS Persists

in the Russian Federation.” It examined the use of government propaganda in the context of Russia's AIDS crisis.

The next Student Research Conference will take place on May 8, 2020 via Zoom due to current restrictions related to COVID-19.

2019 International Student Essay Contest: Internet Responsibility

In fall 2019, with Uehiro Foundation support, Carnegie Council held its annual International Student Essay Contest. This year, the prompt asked: “Is there an ethical responsibility to regulate the Internet? If so, why and to what extent? If not, why not?”

Students approached the topic thoughtfully. Many weighed implications for human rights and free expression, and most addressed the real-world challenges of implementing regulation. They considered their own experiences and offered fresh perspectives on an increasingly important set of global issues.

The Council received entries from students around the world with representation from: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Italy, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Tanzania, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, and Zimbabwe.

The winners in the high school category were:

1. Seungki Kim, BC Collegiate School, South Korea, “Big Data, Surveillance, and the Tradeoffs of Internet Regulation”
2. Justin Oh, Chadwick International School, South Korea, “Internet Regulation: The Responsibility of the People”
3. Jennifer Baek, Jericho High School, USA, “Internet Regulations Are the Superbugs of Speech”

The winners in the undergraduate category were:

1. Evgeny Nedoborskiy, St. Petersburg State University, Russia, “IF Internet — THEN Free”
2. Sasa Jovanovic, Bowdoin College, USA, “Sharing is Caring: Governing the Internet”
3. Zahra Niazi, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan, “Global Internet, Global Regulations”

Lastly, the winners in the graduate category were:

1. Romain Forestier, Sciences Po, France and Università Bocconi, Italy, “Compromising on Censorship? The Case for a Bilateral Agreement Over the Internet”
2. Margarita Valkovskaya, Syracuse University, USA, “In Favor of the Public Interest: Social Media Should be Regulated”

The first-place essays in each category are included as **Appendix F** (high school), **Appendix G** (undergraduate), and **Appendix H** (graduate).

Quarterly Peer-Reviewed Journal *Ethics & International Affairs*

With Uehiro support, the Council published quarterly issues of its flagship journal *Ethics & International Affairs*. This year, featured symposia and roundtables included:

- The roundtable “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Global Affairs” in the Summer Issue, featuring essays from **Heather M. Roff**, **Steven Livingston** and **Mathias Risse**, **Jeffrey D. Sachs**, **Amandeep Singh Gill**, **Sara E. Davies**, and **Patrick Lin** and **Fritz Allhoff**.
- The roundtable “Economic Sanctions and Their Consequences” in the Fall Issue, featuring essays from **Joy Gordon**, **Dursun Peksen**, and **Idriss Jazairy**.
- A symposium in the Winter Issue around the paper “Just War and Unjust Soldiers: American Public Opinion on the Moral Equality of Combatants,” by **Scott D. Sagan** and **Benjamin A. Valentino**. Response pieces were authored by **Michael Walzer**, **Jeff McMahan**, and **Robert O. Keohane**.
- A roundtable “World Peace (And How We Can Achieve It)” in the Spring 2020 Issue, featuring contributions from **Alex J. Bellamy**, **Pamina Firchow**, **Nils Petter Gleditsch**, **A.C. Grayling**, and **Jacqui True**.

Steven Livingston and Mathias Risse’s essay on artificial intelligence is included as **Appendix I**, and the article by Scott D. Sagan and Benjamin A. Valentino appears as **Appendix J**.

Additional Videos, Podcasts, and Articles

Uehiro Foundation support over the past year helped Carnegie Council to live-stream, record, edit, and publish dozens of videos, podcasts, and articles across its platforms—ensuring that our work could reach a broad international audience of scholars, business leaders, policymakers, students, and members of the general public.

This year, highlights from our live public programming included a lecture by legal scholar **Cass Sunstein** about movements and the factors that influence broad social change; a special panel co-hosted with Macaulay Honors College about the Treaty of Versailles, featuring historians **Erez Manela**, **Sean McMeekin**, and **Seiji Shirane**; a discussion of global threats to democracy by political scientist **Larry Diamond**; a conversation on the social dimensions of international power transitions with political scientist **Michelle Murray**; and a talk on morality and the American Presidency by **Joseph Nye**.

Carnegie New Leaders (CNL)—the Council’s membership program for early to mid-career professionals—continued this year offering events with distinguished experts. These included an off-the-record briefing with **Major General Nina Armagno** of the U.S. Air Force, who discussed space-related acquisitions within the Department of Defense; and an evening public

event with **Eban Goodstein** of Bard College, who spoke about the transformations already underway to make solar energy a viable and attractive alternative to fossil fuels.

Our Ethics in Business limited video series—a project on which the Council partnered with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and CFA Institute—recently came to a successful conclusion. During the last grant year, interviewees included **David Wu**, Vice Chairman of Deloitte China; **Hiro Mizuno**, Executive Managing Director of Japan’s Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF); **Emilio Gonzalez**, Group CEO at Pental; and **Kevin Dancey**, CEO at the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). The project resulted in a polished video series that spotlights ethical business practices and leadership.

These represent just a few examples of the countless publication opportunities made possible with Uehiro Foundation’s support for Carnegie Council’s digital platforms and general operations. We are humbled and grateful for the Foundation’s past and ongoing support for our work.

Plans for the Coming Year

In the coming year, Carnegie Council will continue developing its programs on Ethics and Emerging Technologies. In particular, we expect to embark on expanded projects on the governance of AI with our Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow **Wendell Wallach**, on emerging surveillance technology with newly-appointed Senior Fellow **Arthur Holland Michel**, and on biotechnologies and data privacy in collaboration with **Jeffrey Kahn** of Johns Hopkins. Events scheduled for spring 2020 in each of these areas have been postponed due to COVID-19. As soon as it is safe to do so, we expect to move ahead with these gatherings.

This spring, Wendell Wallach coordinated a large international convening in Prague, the International Congress for the Governance of AI, originally set to meet in April 2020. It has been postponed, with a tentative goal of gathering in October. Arthur Holland Michel had a workshop on wide-area surveillance scheduled for April 1 at the Council, which has been delayed. Jeffrey Kahn was scheduled to present on data privacy at the Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Conference in Kyoto in May, which has, of course, been postponed until after the summer.

The Council is adapting to the physical challenges posed by the global pandemic. But we are not letting the pandemic hold our work back. We are hosting frequent webinars with experts over Zoom, recording podcasts remotely, and continuing operations to the fullest extent possible. Recordings of the first three Zoom webinars, hosted every Wednesday, are available on our website. So far, they have featured:

- Senior Fellow **Nikolas Gvosdev** in a talk entitled “Fractured Globalization & Dissolving Ethics”
- **Effy Vayena** of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and **Jeffrey Kahn** on “Health Data, Privacy, & Surveillance: How Will the Lockdowns End?”
- Senior Strategy Director of the Council’s C2G Initiative **Cynthia Scharf** on “Prospects for Global Coordination in an Age of Pandemics and Emerging Climate Technologies”

While we anticipate continued disruptions, we are making the best of the current crisis and global situation. In a time like this, we know our work is vital, and that our discussions of ethics and governance have an important place in the international conversation.

About the Carnegie-Uehiro Fellows



Wendell Wallach is Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He is also a consultant, ethicist, and scholar at Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, a scholar with the Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics, a fellow at the Institute for Ethics & Emerging Technology, and a senior advisor to The Hastings Center.

Previously, Wallach was founder and president of two computer consulting companies, Farpoint Solutions and Omnia Consulting Inc.

Wallach is the author of *A Dangerous Master: How to Keep Technology from Slipping Beyond Our Control* and, along with Colin Allen, he is co-author of *Moral Machines: Teaching Robots Right From Wrong*. He has also published dozens of articles in professional journals.



Ted Widmer is Senior Fellow and Carnegie-Uehiro Fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He is a distinguished visiting scholar and director of the Humanities Lab at the Macaulay Honors College of the City University of New York. Previously, Widmer was the director of John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. Prior to that he was the director of the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University, and the founding director of the C. V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College.

Between 1997 and 2001, Widmer was a foreign policy speechwriter and senior adviser to President Clinton. He also served in the Department of State during the Obama administration, as a senior adviser to Secretary Clinton. Prior to that, Widmer taught at Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D., AM, and AB degrees.

His books include *Listening In: The Secret White House Tapes of John F. Kennedy* (2012); *Martin Van Buren* (2005); *Campaigns: A Century of Presidential Races* (with Alan Brinkley, 2001); and *Young America: The Flowering of Democracy in New York City* (1999). Widmer also edited the two volumes of *American Speeches: Political Oratory from Abraham Lincoln to Bill Clinton* published by the Library of America (2006).

Widmer is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Politico*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The American Scholar*.