



**2026
CANDIDATES STANDING
FOR ELECTION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election period: April 1 to April 14, 2026

**BIOGRAPHY STATEMENT FROM THE 2026 CANDIDATES STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION
ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Raquel Diaz-Sprague, PharmD
Former Visiting Scholar University of Alabama at Birmingham

I am a scientist with wide-ranging interdisciplinary interests and a practical ethicist. I was born and raised in Trujillo, Peru and came to the US as a Fulbright Scholar. I am committed to educating and advocating for the pursuit of truth, moral reasoning and social justice. I am particularly moved to address gender and race-related ethical and societal issues. My recent research endeavors focus on detecting invective and combatting cyberbullying and hate speech and on encouraging the conceptualization, design and

development of prosocial apps.

I've been involved in professional societies including APPE and in community groups since 1993. I've organized sessions, presented at conferences, reviewed papers, worked as a case writer for the Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl and as a judge for both the Regional and National IEB. Currently, as a member of the APPE Board, I co-chair the Outreach & Engagement Committee and serve in the IEB, Membership, Programming and Governance committees. Throughout all activities I strive to promote intercultural understanding particularly with the Latino population. In 2015, I organized an APPE session to examine the Latino Threat Narrative. For this year's conference I instigated a late-breaking session to examine ethical issues in the US immigration policy.

If reelected to the Board, I plan to focus in membership growth and engagement and on outreach to high school students and others to promote the development of prosocial apps through an Ethics in Action Challenge modeled after a similar challenge I co-chaired at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

I believe that APPE members need to engage more with one another and work together to advance ethics in action. Our troubled nation needs us. It needs a moral refresher, a reawakening of the moral principles on which it was founded. Each of us whether elected to office or not, has a role to play. I urge APPE members to volunteer to work in committees to produce programming aimed to position APPE as a thought leader in the nation's moral landscape. Our organization must grow and its activities must steadily permeate the fabric of society. We cannot be just ethics curious--we must be ethics leaders. Ethics is everybody's business.

We need not be in positions of authority and prestige to be ethics leaders. Each of us can do small things wherever we are. As staff at Ohio State University, I obtained support from several academic units to establish a Women in Science Day program, which each year brought hundreds of gifted middle school girls to spend a day with OSU women scientists. As Adjunct Instructor in the OSU College of Medicine I designed elective courses and spearheaded medical student exchanges between OSU and Universidad Nacional de Trujillo, and I led a group of volunteers to found La Clinica Latina, a free clinic that serves the uninsured and undocumented population.

If elected to the Board I will devote the best efforts of my mind and spirit to increase APPE's influence in the nation's moral conscience. Thank you for considering me for your vote.



Alex Richardson, Ph.D.
Associate Director for Content Strategy and Engagement at The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics DePauw University

I am Associate Director for Content Strategy and Engagement at The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, where I also teach in the Department of Philosophy. I oversee the Institute's ethics education resource libraries and digital experiences, along with national engagement initiatives designed to expand access to high-quality ethics education. In addition to my work at DePauw, I serve on the Board of Directors of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) and as Chair of the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Pre-College Philosophy.

I have served on the APPE Board since 2022. During this term, I have chaired the Governance Committee and now chair the APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB) Committee. I have also served on the Finance Committee. In these roles, I have worked with colleagues to strengthen board processes, support careful financial oversight, and ensure that our flagship programs remain mission-aligned and sustainable.

My engagement with APPE extends beyond board service. I have supported the annual conference as a reviewer, presenter, and session chair. I have long been involved in the Ethics Bowl community at both the High School and Intercollegiate levels, serving as a frequent judge and moderator at regional and national events. I am Organizer of the IEBOnline Regional Competition, sit on the APPE IEB Council as a Regional Representative, and have served on the National Case Writing Committee for two years. These experiences have given me a broad perspective on the organization's scholarly, programming, and pedagogical aims.

If reelected, I look forward to continuing our shared work to advance ethics education and strengthen APPE's signature programs. That includes stewarding the long-term vitality of the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, supporting a vibrant and inclusive annual meeting, and maintaining governance practices that are transparent, responsive, and forward-looking. I would be honored to continue serving the membership in this role.

**BIOGRAPHY STATEMENT FROM THE 2026 CANDIDATE STANDING FOR ELECTION TO FIRST TERM AFTER ELECTION TO A PARTIAL TERM IN 2024
ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Liza Dawson, PhD, MA is Chief of Bioethics, IRB chair, and Research Integrity officer at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)

WRAIR is a DOD-funded research institution conducting research in infectious diseases and brain and behavioral health in the US and at multiple international sites. Dr. Dawson leads a bioethics consultation service at WRAIR to assist researchers and leaders grappling with ethical issues in research, and provides training and education on Responsible Conduct of Research for WRAIR investigators and research staff. In 2020, Dr. Dawson's team initiated

a Community Engagement program for WRAIR in the DC metropolitan area in conjunction with COVID-19 related research conducted at the institute. Within bioethics, Dr. Dawson's main interests and publications are in the area of clinical trial design, community engagement, intersection of research and public health activities, and oversight of human research. She is co-editor of a case series in the American Journal of Bioethics, with Dr. Liza Johnson, on challenging cases in research ethics consultation.

Prior to joining WRAIR in 2019, Dr. Dawson worked at the National Institutes of Health, including eleven years at the NIAID Division of AIDS (DAIDS) and three years in the NIH Office of Science Policy. While at DAIDS, she spearheaded a unique grant program for bioethics scholarship in research which funded grants from 2012 to 2016, as well as serving as a bioethics consultant for the Division. She previously worked as a faculty Research Associate at the Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, focusing on international research ethics and ethical issues arising in novel scientific areas such as stem cell research. Dr. Dawson studied molecular microbiology and public health and received a PhD at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a Master of Arts in Philosophy and Social Policy from George Washington University.

BIOGRAPHY STATEMENT FROM THE 2026 CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION TO FIRST TERM ASSOCIATION FOR PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Matthew Altman, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor of Philosophy, Central Washington University

I am honored to be considered for the APPE Board of Directors. I have been actively involved in APPE since 2009, and it has been a source of both friendships and professional collaborations. I regularly participate in annual meetings, with a total of twelve individual presentations, two author-meets-critics sessions, two authors receptions, and two panels. I review conference and award submissions every year. I was an Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl coach for seven years, including one trip to the national championship. I am excited to get even more involved in APPE so I can help the organization to thrive.

I received my Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Chicago in 2001, and I have taught at Central Washington University since 2003. I am proud to work at a public institution that serves many first-generation and Latino/a students. As Department Chair, I oversee the CWU EthicsLab, which sponsors public programming such as the Good Life lecture series and the Human Library. I have been both president and bargaining team chair of CWU's faculty union, and I was recently elected as Vice President of United Faculty of Washington State. I now work with the state legislature in Olympia as CWU's Faculty Legislative Representative.

I specialize in applied ethics, the philosophy of law, and the history of philosophy. I have published numerous articles and nine books, most recently on medical ethics (*The Hackett Introduction to Medical Ethics* [Hackett] and *Ethics and Medical Technology* [Springer]) and punishment theory (*A Theory of Legal Punishment* [Routledge]).

I am especially interested in using my training to address issues outside of the academy. I have published several pieces of public philosophy and served on many governing boards and committees. Most notably, I am an elected member of the Board of Commissioners for Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 1 (2016-present), providing governance oversight of a hospital and several clinics. I was also appointed to the Washington Rural Collaborative Ethics Committee (2022-present), which advises healthcare providers throughout the state on difficult moral problems, after being part of Washington's Crisis Standards of Care Regional Clinical Triage Team during the COVID pandemic.

If elected, I will lead outreach efforts to recruit members into APPE and increase participation in the annual conference. There are fruitful ways to partner with academic and other professional organizations that would encourage both individual and institutional memberships. For example, APPE could offer occupation-specific pre-conference workshops followed by recommended paper sessions and panels as continuing education for medical providers and healthcare administrators, engineers, businesspeople, and other professionals.

With your support, I will advance APPE's strategic goals as a member of the Board of Directors.



Rockwell F. Clancy, PhD

Research Scientist, Engineering Education, Virginia Tech

Areas of expertise include global technology ethics, AI ethics and security, research ethics, and moral psychology.

I have been involved with APPE since 2021, attending and presenting at conferences, reviewing submissions, acting as a judge for Ethics Bowl, and working closely with APPE leadership and members to write the report for the National Dialogue on the State of Research Integrity and publish work that highlights the positive contributions of APPE.

These experiences have solidified my conviction that ethics cannot be an academic pursuit alone and must involve stakeholder engagement to serve the public. I have been inspired by the examples of colleagues from APPE doing in this kind of work, understanding and responding to the needs of diverse groups across academia, government, and industry.

I am happy to have been nominated to serve on APPE's Board of Directors. I look forward to working with other members of the board to serve the needs of APPE members, and to expand the membership base and positive impact of APPE. I am particularly interested in contributing to APPE through fundraising and coalition building, engaging with policymakers in government and thinktanks.

My research and expertise span a range of methodological approaches, including not only normative ethics but also empirically informed (quantitative and qualitative) and cross-cultural approaches of engineering and AI ethics, and programs to promote research integrity among diverse disciplinary groups. I have served in various leadership roles (Secretary/Treasurer, Program Chair, and Division Chair) in the Ethics Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, and the Forum on Philosophy, Engineering, and Technology. I have spent large parts off my life (+12 years) living, studying, and working outside the US, in Europe and Asia, and I believe these experiences would help me to serve APPE.



Robert V. Doyle, PhD
Professor of Religious Studies & Director of MA in Religious Studies Program, Felician University

Robert is an ethicist and moral theologian at Felician University in Rutherford, NJ, whose scholarship and teaching engage sexual ethics, healthcare ethics, business ethics, and Catholic social thought.

The work of practical and professional ethics requires intellectual rigor, institutional courage, and a deep commitment to inclusive dialogue. Diversity, equity, and representation are not peripheral concerns but essential conditions for ethical discourse that is credible, responsive, and transformative. As a queer scholar and interdisciplinary ethicist, I understand both personally and professionally the importance of creating spaces where historically marginalized voices are not simply present, but influential in shaping the conversation. These commitments are not abstract ideals for me; they are guiding principles for institutional leadership.

I have been an active member of APPE for over 10 years, presenting regularly at the Annual Conference and contributing to its ongoing programming. I currently serve on both the Conference and Programming Committees. Several years ago, I initiated a partnership between my home institution and APPE, which has allowed me to collaborate with many of you while organizing and moderating four Ethics Roundtables each year, facilitating dialogue on issues such as mental healthcare access, the ethical implications of AI for marginalized communities, and climate justice. In addition, I am honored to chair the Moral Theory Affinity Group, working to strengthen connections between normative theory and applied practice.

Beyond APPE, I bring extensive experience in institutional leadership and ethics education. As a professor and program director, I develop interdisciplinary courses that engage students in moral reasoning across religious, philosophical, and professional contexts. My scholarship examines the common good within Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, and I have published and lectured widely on healthcare ethics, AI and social responsibility, LGBTQ+ justice, business ethics, and Catholic social thought. I also serve in faculty governance and on multiple university committees, contributing to policy development and ethical institutional practice.

If elected to the Board, I would work to strengthen APPE's role as a national leader in ethics education and public engagement. I am particularly interested in expanding interdisciplinary collaboration, deepening support for affinity groups, and ensuring that emerging issues such as AI governance, climate responsibility, and healthcare equity are integrated into our programming and strategic vision. I am committed to helping APPE remain a welcoming, rigorous, and forward-looking community for scholars and practitioners alike.

It would be a privilege to serve and to contribute to APPE's ongoing mission of advancing thoughtful, practical, and inclusive ethical inquiry.



Jessica McManus Warnell
Teaching Professor, Department of Management & Organization
Rex & Alice A. Martin Faculty Director, Notre Dame Deloitte Center for Ethical Leadership
Managing Director for Research Strategy, Operations, and Engagement, Human-centered Analytics Lab
Mendoza College of Business
University of Notre Dame

I am grateful for the nomination and opportunity to stand for election to the APPE Board. I have been a member of APPE for over twenty years, and it is one of my most meaningful professional affiliations, bringing together colleagues across disciplines who are committed to advancing ethics scholarship and practice. I welcome the opportunity to serve at the Board level. I previously served on the Membership Committee and currently serve as the Co-Chair of the Business Affinity Group, alongside Dr. Brian Ray. This fall, I am leading our ethics center's partnership with APPE, the Prindle Institute for Ethics, and the Poe Business Ethics Center to present the third annual "Strategic Decision Making & Ethical Leadership" conference for undergraduate students.

In addition to my teaching and research, I serve as the faculty director of Notre Dame's applied ethical business leadership center, and as managing director of one of our newest research labs, focused on human-centered analytics. I have sought to connect research, education, and practice in my work, which reflects APPE's mission. I teach undergraduate, MBA, and executive courses in business ethics, sustainability, inclusive leadership, managing early career employees, and business and culture in Japan. My research explores values in business education, inclusive leadership, worker dignity, and sustainable recovery in the wake of natural disasters. I also maintain ongoing collaborations with scholars and business leaders in Japan following my appointment as a visiting fellow at Reitaku University.

Across these roles, I focus on building meaningful connections among students, faculty, and practitioners. Through our ethical leadership center, I work with interdisciplinary faculty and senior corporate leaders to translate research into practice. As we launch our human-centered analytics lab, I help advance conversations about responsible technology and the ethical implications of emerging tools such as generative AI. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to ensuring that academic work remains accessible, relevant, and engaged with real-world challenges.

If elected, I would bring to APPE a collaborative leadership style, experience fostering interdisciplinary communities, and a strong commitment to supporting emerging scholars and practitioners. I am particularly motivated by APPE's efforts to promote more inclusive participation, strengthen connections between scholarship and practice, and mentor the next generation of ethical professionals. It would be an honor to contribute to APPE's continued growth and service to its members.