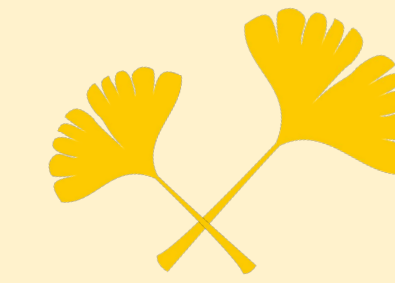


# Parr Center's Carolina Forum For Ethics



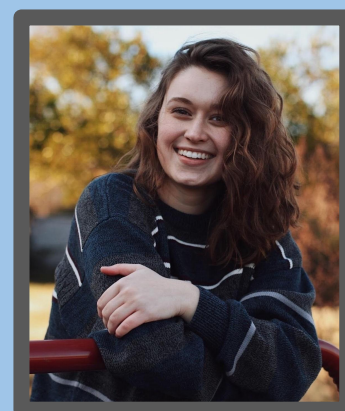
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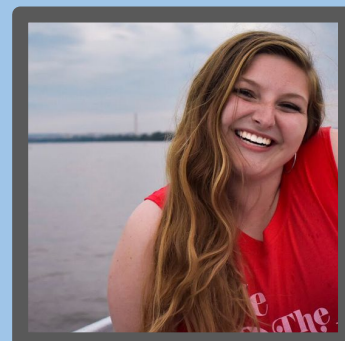


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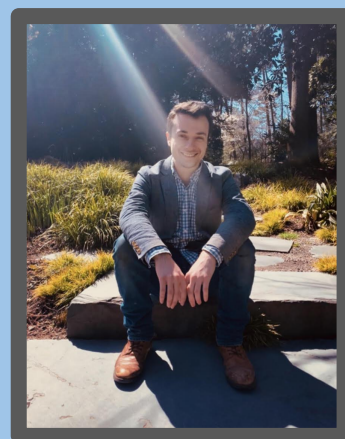
**OUR MISSION:** Through our events, panels, speakers, and discussions, we hope to advance the objectives of the Parr Center by bringing ethical consideration to the forefront of the minds of our fellow students and staff, regardless of their major or background. We aim to promote thoughtful and informed ethical engagement about the most pressing issues of our time in a welcoming and insightful setting.



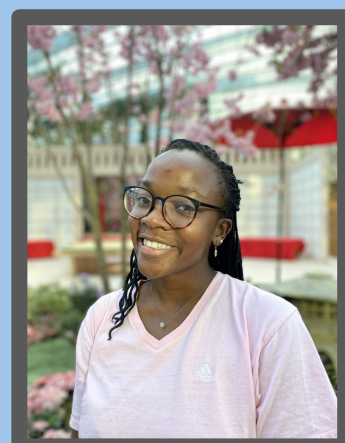
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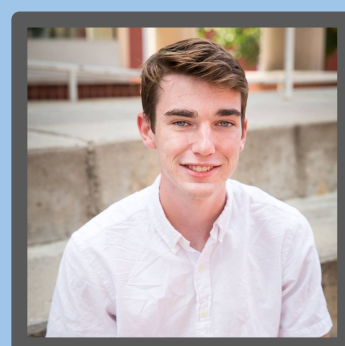
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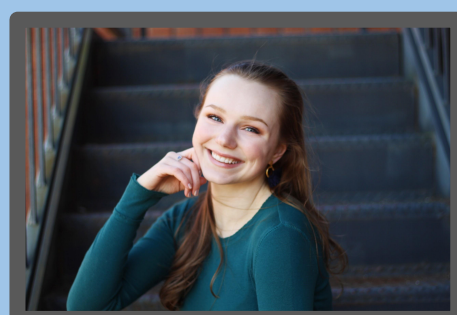
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## Creepy Crawlins Caldwell: Discussion Stations

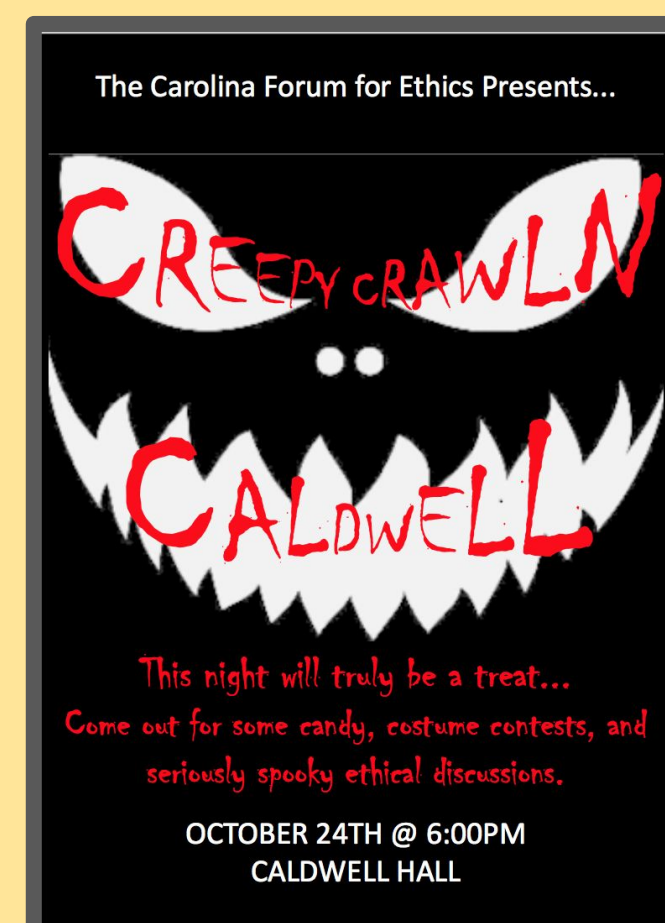
We decorated the entire department and prepared stations for our guests to learn about spooky ethical topics!



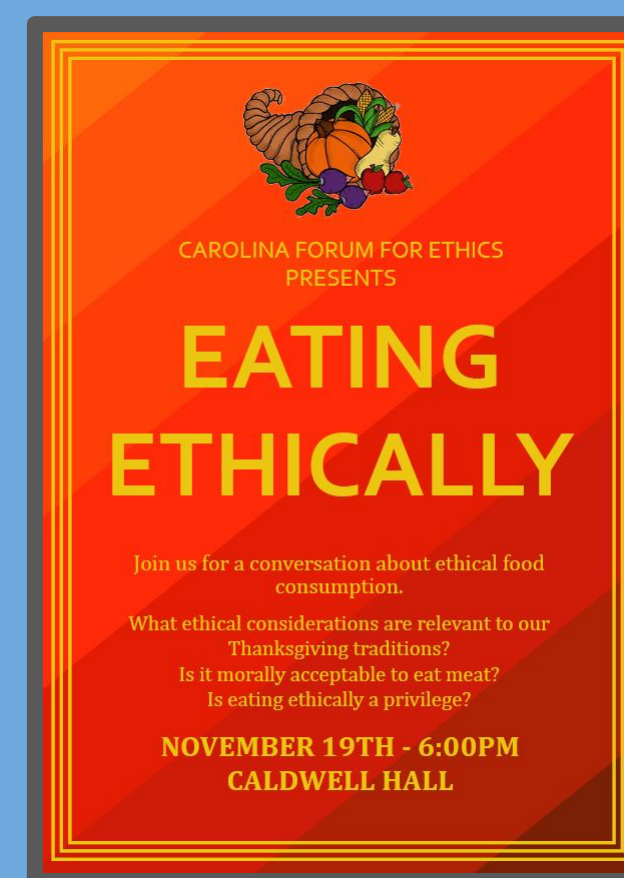
**Physician Assisted Suicide:** *Is it permissible for individuals to, with the help of a physician, take their own life? Under what conditions? Must individuals make this decision for themselves or can loved-ones decide what is best on the individual's behalf?*

**Environmental Considerations for Halloween:** *Most halloween costumes are only worn once, then thrown away. Costumes, makeup, decorations, etc create a tremendous amount of waste that takes a real toll on the environment. Why don't we think about these things? What should we do to fix them?*

**Violence in the Media:** *Does our frequent exposure to violence in movies, video games, and TV shows make us more prone to commit acts of violence ourselves?*



## Ethical Eating: Panel Discussion



On Tuesday, November 19, 2019, from 6pm-8pm, The Carolina Forum for Ethics hosted a panel discussion on Ethical Eating. Thanks to local catering, inspirational holiday recipes, and effective outreach, this event was able to fill up the room. The panel featured UNC faculty and experts, guiding an open conversation through the different ethical considerations around food. As an event that was open to the public, not only did it encourage students to thoughtfully consider their food practices over thanksgiving break, it also introduced many new people to The Carolina Forum for Ethics and the Parr Center.

Some of the questions discussed, which remain relevant and worthy of your consideration:

*Given that healthy and sustainable foods are generally more expensive, do lower income consumers have a moral obligation to purchase them?*

*Are consumers morally responsible for researching the foods and producers they buy from?*

*Given the important role that agriculture plays in the US economy, how do we reduce environmentally damaging foods without significantly harming the food industry and its employees?*

*Should the FDA, or other similar bodies, permit the consumption of foods that are considered healthy by some, but also pose significant health risks - e.g. Raw Milk?*

## Fourth Friday Food for Thought: Quad Conversations



Every fourth Friday of the month, the members of the Carolina Forum for Ethics went out to picnic on the quad and engage members of the Carolina community in important contemporary ethical topics. Armed with cookies and informational flyers, we asked students questions about their stances on ethical issue.

In January we discussed the use of social media to create unattainable standards.

*Is editing photos before you post them unethical? Do we have an obligation to be genuine and honest in our representations of ourselves online?*

In February, we discussed whether or not there exists a moral duty in addition to our civic duty to vote.

*Are we doing something immoral if we choose not to vote? Who are we wronging with this choice? Do some people have more of an obligation than others? Does the moral weight associated with deciding to vote look different in different countries?*

In March, we planned to discuss blood diamonds and the ethics of diamond labor production.

*How much research are we obligated to do before we buy a diamond? Who does the responsibility for ensuring products are produced ethically lie with? What does a cultural tendency to show affection through purchasing expensive goods reflect?*

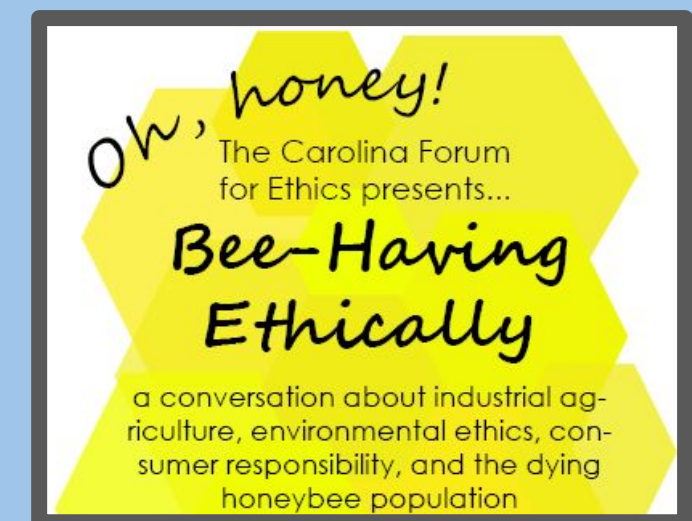
In April, we planned to discuss state-level forgiveness of groups for past injustices in collaboration with the Podcast Pod.

*Should states forgive groups for past injustices? Are there harmful results from this process? Does apology absolve responsibility?*

Unfortunately, we were unable to participate in March and April's events due to the outbreak of COVID-19.



## Coming Soon...



This event was originally planned for March of 2020. However, with the presence of COVID-19, we have it rescheduled for Fall of 2020. Stay tuned!

### RESEARCH

- From the National Resources Defense Council:
  - 1/3 of the food we eat relies in part on the honeybee population
  - 42% of bee colonies collapsed in 2015
  - Top four factors that put bee colonies at risk:
    - urbanization leading to the loss of habitat
    - pesticide use
    - disease and pathogens from mites
    - climate change

### IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

*Is it more worthwhile to pursue efforts to save the bee population, or efforts to make our food supply less dependent on bees?*

*Is there any intrinsic value in protecting species from decline and extinction?*

*What moral obligations do we have to animal species such as bees?*

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