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Records of the Program in Applied Ethics

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Lisa H. Newton, a professor of philosophy at Fairfield from 1969 until 2011, was the founding Director of the Program in Applied Ethics. She served in that position from 1982, when the Program was established through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, until 2009. Now known as the Patrick J. Waide Center for Applied Ethics, the Program in Applied Ethics was developed to provide Fairfield's increasing number of business and pre-professional students with a greater awareness of the moral dimensions of their chosen professional fields. Drawing faculty from a wide array of disciplines (including philosophy, religious studies, business, and the sciences), it was designed to offer an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to ethical questions in business, health care, research and technology, law, politics, and government.

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Historical/Biographical Note: Fairfield University's Program in Applied Ethics was established in 1982 through a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities. Geared to the needs of Fairfield's growing numbers of business and pre-professional students, this flexible, interdisciplinary program was intended to raise student awareness of the moral dilemmas in their chosen fields of practice as well as in the wider world. With faculty drawn from a wide array of fields (initially including philosophy, religious studies, politics, business, nursing, and biology), the Program was designed to offer an integrated set of courses, seminars, lectures, colloquia, and workshops. In 2018, the Program was renamed the Patrick J. Waide Center for Applied Ethics. Its course offerings currently encompass professional ethics, ethics for the citizen, and ethical dimensions of global studies.

Lisa H. Newton received her Ph.D. in philosophy from Columbia University in 1967 and joined the faculty of Fairfield University in 1969. She served as the founding Director of the Program in Applied Ethics, continuing in that role until 2009. From 1985 to 2005, she also served as the Director of the Program in Environmental Studies. Dr. Newton is the author of numerous scholarly articles and 14 books, including *Permission to Steal: Revealing the Roots of Corporate Scandal—An Address to My Fellow Citizens* (2008) and *Ethics and Sustainability: Sustainable Development and the Moral Life* (2002). She retired from Fairfield University in 2011.

Sources: Fairfield University, "Applied Ethics," Academic Catalog 2024-25, *Fairfield.edu*; Fairfield University, Undergraduate Course Catalog (1983-84), Fairfield University Archives & Special Collections; Fairfield University, Undergraduate Course Catalog (2008-09), Fairfield University Archives & Special Collections; Fairfield University, Undergraduate Course Catalog (2010-11), Fairfield University Archives & Special Collections; Fairfield University, Undergraduate Course Catalog (2011-12), Fairfield University Archives & Special Collections; Newton, Lisa H., "Curriculum Vitae," in Newton, Lisa H., NEH Grant Application for Program in Applied Ethics, c.1980, Records of the Program in Applied Ethics, Box 1, Folder 2, Fairfield University Archives & Special Collections; Springer Link, "Urban Agriculture and Community Values: The Green Transformation of Cities—About the Author," <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-39244-4>

Scope and Content of Papers: This collection is comprised of the files created and/or maintained by Dr. Newton and the Program in Applied Ethics at Fairfield University between 1980 and 2005. The contents include annual reports; grant applications and awards; lecture series conference agenda; committee notes; course catalogs and syllabi; lecture transcripts; materials related to the hiring of adjunct faculty; materials related to Earth Day events and the Environmental Studies program; letters from Dr. Newton in support of colleagues' applications for tenure; and papers and articles authored by her. Topics covered include business ethics, stewardship of the earth, surrogate motherhood, and abortion.

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