

The **UCF Center for Ethics** hosts the **Be Better Club**, a discussion group of students, faculty, and staff interested in contemporary ethical issues and their implications on our lives and communities.



## SPRING 2022 DISCUSSIONS

Each Discussion Held on Zoom

**JAN 31** **Ethics Topic Challenge**  
What theme, issue, or set of ideas should we discuss this semester? Help us decide and help shape the conversation.

**FEB 14** **Morally Neutral or Morally Neutered?**  
The volume is up in the critique against perceived political bias in higher education. What gives? What does the future look like?

PODCAST Coaston, J. 8 December 2021. [Can a New University Really Fix Academia's Free Speech Problem?](#) *The Argument.*

**FEB 28** **Rise of the Robots**  
As robotics becomes more advanced, robots play a bigger and bigger role in tasks that humans traditionally do. What are the ethical limits, if any, to their rise?

PODCAST Beard, M. 25 December 2020. [Should Robots Replace Humans?](#) *Short and Curly.*

**MAR 16** **Facial Recognition, AI, and You**  
Like the old western, there's good, bad, and ugly here. We'll talk them through and see where you stand.

PODCAST MIT. 12 October 2021. [How AI is Destroying Our Moral and Civil Efficacy.](#) *Bold Stories. Future Focused.*

**MAR 30** **Baby Xenobots and Other Potential Horrors**  
So xenobots procreated. We'll talk implications, both positive and negative of the rise of artificial life.

PODCAST Levin, M. 12 October 2021. [Synthetic Living Organisms.](#) *Ethically Speaking.*

**APR 13** **The Bystander Effect**  
Why do sometimes we know the right thing to do, but do not do it? We'll talk psychology, ethics, and care.

PODCAST Gordon-Smith, E. 6 December 2020. [Bystanders Standing By.](#) *Bad Little Thing.*

**APR 27** **Humans, Inhumans, and the In-Between**

Chatbots push us down the hill into uncanny valleys, but also might help us connect. [UCF Postdoctoral Researcher Stevie Carnell](#) will join us to talk about her cutting-edge work on the Ethics of Conversational User Interfaces.

PODCAST. 5 May, 2019. [The Ethics of Chatbots.](#) *The Conversologist, Ep2.*

**Be Better Club**  
Every other Wednesday  
12:00-1:00 pm

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