

Society of Jewish Ethics

Call for Proposals

2021 Annual Conference

The next meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics will be held remotely January 7-10, 2021. The deadline to submit proposals is Friday July 31, 2020.

Proposals dealing with any aspect of Jewish ethics—theoretical or applied, classical or contemporary—are welcome. We seek proposals on any topic, including projects that utilize philosophical, historical, social scientific, cultural studies, literary, or critical theoretical approaches to matters of Jewish ethics. We welcome proposals addressing issues such as sexual ethics (especially in the context of #metoo), criminal justice (with a focus on racialization and mass incarceration), bioethics and health policy, economic justice and business ethics, environmental ethics, ethics and law, animal ethics, the rabbinate and power, as well as the relationship between Jews and the Genocides of Others.

This year, we are particularly interested in presentations dealing with issues related to the coronavirus pandemic or the 2020 election. What specific responsibilities do ethicists and teachers have in these areas? What concerns or perspectives do Judaism and Jewish ethics bring to these issues? What values shape Jewish individual and communal responses to the situation, and how are they deliberated?

Presentations might also include innovative syllabi in ethics-related disciplines. We are also interested in presentations that highlight activism, for example, the role of Jewish ethicists as activists and consultants, or the intersection of the study of Jewish ethics and activist practice. Panel proposals involving members of the Society of Christian Ethics and Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics are welcome.

This year we are requesting proposals for individual papers, panels, and creative offerings that may be possible in the context of a virtual conference. We welcome proposals for papers to be either presented in a virtual session or pre-circulated and discussed during a virtual session. All proposals should include: a tentative title, an abstract (500-700 words), an abbreviated abstract of 100 words to appear in the conference program (this can be revised later), a selected bibliography, and the contact information of the presenter (name, institutional affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address). Panel proposals should include this contact information for all participants. All papers are reviewed anonymously.

We encourage authors to submit their completed papers for publication in the Journal of Jewish Ethics. All presenters must become members of the SJE.

Proposals should be sent via e-mail to: admin@societyofjewishethics.org

Questions about the conference may be sent to conference co-chairs, Adrienne Krone and Amanda Mbuvi: sjeprogramchairs@gmail.com

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The Society of Jewish Ethics is an academic organization dedicated to the promotion of scholarly work in the field of Jewish ethics, including the relation of Jewish ethics to other traditions of ethics and to social, economic, political and cultural problems. The Society also aims to encourage and improve the teaching of Jewish ethics in colleges, universities and theological schools, to promote an understanding of Jewish ethics within the Jewish community and society as a whole, and to provide a community of discourse and debate for those engaged professionally in Jewish ethics. All participants in the Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics must be members of the Society. For membership forms and other information, please consult the website: <http://societyofjewishethics.org>.