Welcome to the second issue of the Journal of the TTU Ethics Center. This multidisciplinary journal aims to capture a variety of current trends, present diverse research and opinions from across disciplines. Our goal is to share this work with a wide readership. The journal includes insight from thought leaders in their fields about current and future challenges that may influence our well-being. From the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs’ Global Ethics Day partnership and the Ethics Center’s Ethics Faculty Symposium, top research papers from each program appear in this issue. Also included are papers from the TTU School of Law and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, as well as submissions from student and faculty paper award winners.

The Ethics Center’s symmetrical approach to multidisciplinary scholarship is meant to expand intellectual disciplinary engagement with the numerous complex issues that impact the university and broader communities. As a multidisciplinary vehicle, the hope is that the journal can bring vision builders together to facilitate innovative engagement and identify pathways to address social and scientific problems. Hopefully, readers will be inspired by our journal to connect across disciplines and professions. Local, national, and international events are reshaping the conversation making it necessary to acquire greater knowledge and the ability to be agile and to adapt in order to innovate and improve research.

The future is promising. Our goal is to prepare for this future through knowledge and wide-ranging engagement. The Ethics Center looks forward to sharing more diverse opinions and research through our multidisciplinary journal.

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