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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

We are pleased to present the first issue of *Business Ethics Quarterly*, the journal of the Society for Business Ethics. The publication of this journal is especially timely in light of contemporary crises in ethics and economics. These crises are illustrated not merely by particular cases of questionable behavior, and corporate misdemeanors, but also on the macro level precipitated by the savings and loan crisis.

The concept and realization of this publication is a result of a number of thoughtful members of the Society for Business Ethics including the past and present Executive committee: William Frederick, Michael Hoffman, Jennifer Moore, and Lisa Newton. The financial and moral support of the members of the Society for Business Ethics and Loyola University of Chicago have made *BEQ* possible. The work of Al Gini at Loyola has produced the actual copy.

The first issue includes articles by leaders in the field, Norman Bowie, Thomas Dunfee, Kenneth Goodpaster, Ronald Green, Richard De George, David Vogel, and a review article by Stewart Herman. The diversity of backgrounds and previous contributions to business ethics exemplified by these authors makes this first issue particularly outstanding.

Future issues of *BEQ* will include articles by Clarence Walton, Michael Hoffman, Peter French, Manuel Velasquez, Amitai Etzioni, Edward Freeman, and other well-known scholars. We invite all our readers to submit papers on any aspect of the relationship between business and ethics from every disciplinary point of view. From time to time, *BEQ* will also publish historical articles and papers on methodology and pedagogy. One of the aims of *BEQ* is to develop a dialogue between disciplines, and we strongly encourage discussion pieces in response to any of the articles published in previous issues.

At least once a year, one issue of *BEQ* will focus on a particular topic. Themes for projected special issues include: (1) international business, (2) business and law, (3) methodologies in business ethics, (4) historical perspectives on ethics and economics, (5) business and public policy, (6) employment, and (7) pedagogy. We welcome recommendations for other themes on which special issues of this journal can focus.

Thank you for your support in creating this important and exciting publication. We look forward to your submissions and recommendations.

Patricia H. Werhane, *Editor-in-Chief*

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