HCOL 40023: Nature of Values: Giving and Philanthropy

2018 Spring Semester

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ThePhilanthropyLab
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ThePhilLab

■ Honors College Student Pledge

As a member of the John V. Roach Honors College, I pledge to dedicate myself to intellectual inquiry, life-long learning, and critical thinking, to demonstrate personal and academic integrity, and to engage others in earnest and respectful discussion with an open mind.

■ Syllabus Note

This syllabus represents my current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunities or work around speakers' schedules. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

■ Mission Statements

TCU Mission Statement:
To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.

John V. Roach Honors College Mission Statement:
Dedicated to enriching the intellectual life of TCU, the John V. Roach Honors College seeks to empower, inspire, and motivate high-achieving students to become leaders in our global society. To accomplish the mission, the TCU Honors College will:

1. Promote self-discovery, critical thinking and conscientious understanding of world cultures through rigorous academic endeavors
and creative inquiry in the context of big questions, great ideas, and relevant issues that transcend the curriculum.

2. Offer unique residential, curricular, and co-curricular opportunities, fostering a community of scholars for whom vigorous engagement with local, national, and global communities becomes a way of life.

### Honors Colloquia

Honors Colloquia are broadly conceived, generally going beyond conventional disciplinary boundaries and focusing on topics of major and enduring significance. Courses include *On Human Nature*, *The Nature of Society*, and *The Nature of Values*; they deal with the central concerns of a liberal education and consider ways students can build on their learning to serve as civic catalysts.

Colloquia are intellectually rigorous in that they stimulate intellectual curiosity and discussion and engage students with interdisciplinary thinking about learning. Professors expect Colloquia participants to read intensively, analyze thoughtfully, speak intelligently, and write well. Typically, readings are texts rather than textbooks and may include film and other media in addition to print; they convey to students the experience of inquiry and discovery rather than simply presenting results.

### Overview

“Nature of Giving,” an upper-division Honors colloquium, will concentrate on two primary learning outcomes:

First, students will gain an understanding and appreciation for the meaning/importance of philanthropy. Students will examine the scope and diversity of the philanthropic sector through historical figures like Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller and current philanthropists Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, who co-founded The Giving Pledge—a challenge directed toward the wealthy to give away a majority of their wealth to charitable causes. This work will introduce students from a range of disciplines to the complex roles various foundations currently play in US
society and culture, and encourage them to examine further the intersections of philanthropy with policy, the arts, business, law, and society.

Second, students will solve problems associated with philanthropy by participating in real philanthropic endeavors. Students will research various nonprofit organizations located in both Fort Worth and international locations, visit and conduct interviews, develop various memoranda/briefing notes, and ultimately, in Scharbauer Hall’s Debate Chamber, argue the merits of each organization under consideration. Students taking the course will help determine the goals of our philanthropy, the number and size of our gift(s), the mode of our awarding the gift(s), and our plans for evaluating the success of our gift(s). The work in this course will affect real lives in meaningful ways, and students will discuss and make moral judgments as they engage micro-decisions while considering macro-consequences. Students will direct and control over $75,000 (donor-funded gifts to the course); it is up to the students’ collective wisdom to grant these funds responsibly under rules we create as a class and with the guidance of TCU.

Nature of Giving is designed to prepare students to live thoughtful, philanthropic lives. For some, the course will help imagine how giving can become a vocation—particularly in non-profit organizations. For all, the course should point out the importance of giving as an avocation in the future.

- Specific Course Description: Chronology & Philanthropic Work

Few universities offer courses in philanthropy or grant making. An even fewer number offer those courses in areas outside business schools, public policy/management programs, and graduate courses. John V. Roach Honors College students taking this course are fortunate to have this class because of The Once Upon A Time Foundation... who has founded “The Philanthropy Lab” and is funding similar classes at Harvard U, Yale U, Stanford U,
Princeton U, Northwestern U, the U of Michigan, the U of Pennsylvania, the U of Texas, the U of Chicago, the U of Virginia, Middlebury U, UCLA, and Baylor, among others. Students in this course are also fortunate because TCU Donors like Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Kelly Dillard, Mr. Ed Schollmaier, and Mr. Eric Brenk have taken an interest in the course and support it financially. Because of these gifts, TCU students will have the opportunity to both study and practice philanthropy by making substantial grants to a small group of nonprofit organizations.

Over the course of the first 5 weeks, studies of current and historical philanthropists will shape how students evaluate the operational strategies and goals of local philanthropies. Starting week 2 and ending week 6, students will conduct due diligence research on nonprofit organizations, picking personal favorites and assessing those organizations’ potential suitability for receipt of a grant. Guest speakers—including representatives from the Once Upon a Time Foundation, TCU Advancement and Development staff, the Fort Worth Zoo, TCU Donors, and the Amon Carter Foundation—will inform our research of regional nonprofit organizations during this time and throughout the rest of the semester.

For weeks 7 & 8, students will produce and read persuasive written descriptions (briefing documents) about nonprofit organizations and vote for 15 finalist organizations. For weeks 10-12, students will divide into teams and complete background research (including on-site visits) on the finalist organizations, and then prepare a formal publication and group presentation for the benefit of other students in the class.

In weeks 13-14, the teams will present their persuasive arguments for donating either all or a part of the $75,000+ gift to their assigned organization in a presentation. Finally, during weeks 15 and 16, the class will debate the merits of each organization and reach a consensus on which 5 (or fewer) organizations will receive funds.
On Friday, 4 May at 3:00 pm, students will arrange a public presentation of the award(s) to the nonprofit organization(s) and reflect on what they have learned and experienced.

**Outcomes and Actions Steps**

**Primary Learning Outcome**

To participate in the philanthropic process, perform due diligence, discuss moral judgments, and make micro-decisions while considering the macro-consequences.

**Action Steps:**

Graduates of this course will

- Practice strategic philanthropy
- Connect readings and discussions to real life through interactions with practitioners.
- Formulate and explain an individual opinion/philosophy on the subject of giving.
- Determine what it means to “give away smartly” and understand why giving is actually difficult.
- Engage a decision-making and due diligence process with real-world implications

**Responsibilities of Colloquium Members and Course Policies**

Communicate effectively and clearly: The colloquium requires students to write persuasively, speak effectively in public, debate ideas, listen carefully, conduct independent research and bring ideas from your own fields of specialization.
Be professional, you are always representing TCU: The written assignments have length limits because conciseness and professionalism are key. Be mindful of your status as representatives of TCU in all contacts with external organizations. You are not students in many of the situations this course will place you: you are professionals with over $50,000 to give away responsibly.

Be dependable and present: Because class progress will often depend on your work, it is important to provide assignments on time by whatever means necessary. Even if you have to miss, the class needs your work product—notes, memorandums, and evaluations. Regular attendance is crucial to success in this course. Only official university-sanctioned absences are excused. Students missing class either to represent TCU in a university-mandated activity or attend conferences for professional development should provide official documentation of schedules and turn in work in advance. Two absences will result in your failing the course.

Be prepared: I expect every course member to read all of the assigned texts in advance of class and prepare for discussion by taking notes. As you read, plan to make at least two contributions to the discussion. A planned contribution is mulled over in advance of class and can take the form of a question, illustration of a point in the reading, a disagreement, or a contrast with other readings.

Respect your colleagues: Once in class, be prepared to listen to and work with colleagues. At all times be prepared to comment on colleague’s statements or to summarize perspectives that have been presented. Always

Liberality lies not in the multitude of the gifts but in the character of the giver.

--Aristotle
treat seriously any comment offered in earnest. If you disagree with a colleague, clarify your position using appropriate evidence or explanation.

Seek help when needed: Course members are welcome to secure additional help on papers at the William L. Adams Writing Center (ext. 7221). For writing-center information visit <http://www.wrt.tcu.edu/> online. Students who receive tutoring—formal or informal—from individuals or programs other than the William L. Adams Writing Center are responsible for ensuring that the tutoring adheres to ethical standards consistent with those followed at the writing center (e.g., tutors do not write any portion of a student’s paper; tutors do not proofread; tutors do not assist students with take-home exams). Students whose tutoring does not meet such ethical standards violate the university’s code on academic misconduct and are subject to its penalties.

TCU Online: We will use the TCU Online learning platform extensively in this course. We will share all documents, have multiple threaded discussions, and track your grades on our class site.

Philanthropy Fridays: This speaker series will take place during already established Fridays this semester. During these sessions, we will have a lunch and spend time with a speaker who will give a short presentation and answer questions regarding their work and thoughts on philanthropy, as well as your work in this class.

Computers, Air Media, & Markers: Students are welcome to use computers in class as long as the work pertains to class. Texting, emailing, and other forms of communication are not allowed. Because we will often work in groups and are in a tech classroom, students bringing computers to class must have Creston AirMedia downloaded and ready to go on their computers. To download AirMedia, please visit www.tcu.edu/airmedia. All students need to bring an EXPO dry-erase marker.

Submitting Papers: All papers, drafts, and briefing documents are due at the time designated on TCU Online. Any material handed in after the assigned
time will be counted a day late. Excuses other than those that are university-approved will not persuade me to make an exception to this policy.

**Make-up work:** Except for university-approved absences, students are not allowed to make up missed daily assignments. This includes activities missed by being late for class or leaving early.

**Absences:** When an absence is not university-approved, I will not provide you with information, notes, handouts, or other class materials that you have missed. Thus, if you must be absent, make arrangements with another member of the class to get copies of handouts for you, allow you to copy notes, etc. Similarly, I will only bring graded assignments to class on the day they are to be returned. After that, they may be picked up in my office during office hours. One unexcused absence will warrant lowering your final grade one letter; 2 absences will result in your failing the course.

## Course Organization and Content

**Classes:** Our classroom will prioritize class discussion and expect smart participation from every member in the class. Our goal is to provide a seminar-like experience and opportunities to learn through inquiry rather than simple regurgitation.

**Class Participation:** Your success in this course depends heavily on participation. Participation comes in many forms. You are expected to participate as a speaker willing to share ideas and make arguments or evaluations. You are expected to participate as a listener willing to pay attention in class and follow the discussion. You are expected to participate as a dedicated writer willing to discuss nonprofits and ideas online. I expect a lot from you as a class participant. To help you succeed in this area, I have a system that depends on weekly self-reflection, my evaluation, and regular feedback. After every Tuesday class, you will fill out a self-
evaluation through TCU Online. I will read these evaluations to see if my observations line up with your self-evaluation. If these do not line up, I will schedule a meeting with you. Evaluating group members through TCU Online is also key to your participation. Meetings for people who I deem as needing one will take place quarterly during weeks 4, 8, 12 and 15.

One-page reflections and responses: Over the course of the semester, you will have one-page statements and responses. These exist to help you reflect and make meaning from key events/moments in class. These documents will be turned in via TCU Online in a drop box.

Initial White Papers: You will produce five one-page white papers nominating nonprofits for consideration. These white papers should provide contact information (in case a reader wants to see more) and summarize purpose, achievements, financials (if readily available), pros, and cons. To write these white papers, students will not need to visit the nonprofits or make contact. These documents will be turned in via TCU Online in a drop box.

Top 50 Briefing Documents: These 3 page small-group studies of assigned nonprofits dig deeper than the one-page white paper and provide a greater sense of due diligence. A closer examination of financials and a discussion of needs (based on site visit and communication with the nonprofit) is key to this document. These documents will be turned in via TCU Online in a drop box.

Final Group Briefings and Presentations: Groups of 4-5 students will produce these materials, which are extensive 10-15 page documents analyzing finalist organizations. The documents should reflect complete due diligence and clearly communicate the specific needs of nonprofits. The presentation should use multimedia, last 10 minutes, and provide 5 minutes for questions.

Final Personal Reflection and Letters to Donors: One-page documents turned in via TCU Online to drop box.
Evaluation

In this class I will meet with you regularly to evaluate your progress. In order to receive a passing grade for this course, you must satisfactorily complete all major assignments on time with a cumulative passing average. One unexcused absence will warrant lowering your final grade one letter; 2 absences will result in your failing the course. Final grades will be calculated using the grade book provided through TCU Online: Grades will be calculated using the following scale:

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Class Participation
White Paper Proposals of 5 Initial Charities
Briefing documents: Top 50 Charities
Group Briefings and Presentations: Top 15 Charities
One-page reflections and responses on process and learning
Final Reflection Paper and Letter to Donors

Selected Readings (All assigned material will made available on TCU Online)
Books


Articles

“America’s Worst Charities.”
http://www.tampabay.com/topics/specials/worst-charities.page


Brief History of Charitable Giving. www.givingbetter.org (online)

Carnegie, Andrew. *The Gospel of Wealth* (online)

“Due Diligence Done Well: A Guide for Guidemakers.”


Pallotta, Dan. “Why Can’t We Sell Charity Like We Sell Perfume?” The Wall Street Journal. 14 September 2012. (online)


Videos
Bezos, Mark. “A Life Lesson from a Volunteer Firefighter.” TED Talk. (online)
“Eli Broad.” 60 minutes, 2011. (online)
Fulton, Katherine. “You are the Future of Philanthropy.” TED Talk. (online)
Gates, Bill. Harvard University Commencement Speech, 2007. (online)
“The Giving Pledge.” ABCnews. (online)
Palotta, Dan. “The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong.” TED Talk. (online)

Resources

General Sites:
Idealist.org (clearinghouse for nonprofit ideas and news)
NonprofitHub.com (large list of links organized by category)
Urban Institute (general social and economic policy research institute, with section devoted to nonprofits and philanthropy)
Guidestar (basic data covering nonprofits, including tax form 990 images, free but registration required)
Harvest Today (nonprofit and philanthropy news service)
GiveWell.org (Research on Charities)
National Center for Charitable Statistics (http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/)
On Philanthropy:
The Chronicle of Philanthropy (national weekly devoted to covering philanthropy)
The Non-Profit Times (monthly news magazine)
Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University (www.philanthropy.iupui.edu)
EPanoramic.org
Philanthropy News Digest (http://fdncenter.org/pnd)
American Association of Fundraising Counsel (http://www.aafrc.org: Organization dedicated to ensuring ethical behavior amongst philanthropies)
The Philanthropic Initiative (www.tpi.org: offers strategic services to philanthropists)
American Institute of Philanthropy (www.charitywatch.org: general purpose philanthropy website, including ratings of organizations)
Center for Strategic Philanthropy & Civil Service (http://cspcs.sanford.duke.edu)
Non-Profit Quarterly (www.nonprofitquarterly.org)

Past Gifts Made by Nature of Giving Alumni

$615,000 / 46 gifts

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TCU Online (Brightspace by D2L)

- If you have not yet taken the TCU Online Student Tutorial, please do so immediately. To access it, click on the "TCU Online Student Tutorial" on your home page. Follow the instructions. Good luck!
- If you experience any technical problems while using TCU Online, please do not hesitate to contact the HELP DESK (at D2L). They can be reached by email, phone, or chat 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
  - email: helpdesk@d2l.com
  - phone: 1-877-325-7778
  - chat: Chat is available within TCU Online. Look for the Chat widget on My Home.

For information about logging into TCU Online, view these instructions: http://tcuonline.tcu.edu/kb/how-do-i-log-in/

If you have a course related issue (course content, assignment troubles, quiz difficulties) please contact me during office hours or by email.

Academic Misconduct

The John V. Roach Honors College expects students to adhere to the university’s code of student conduct, especially as it pertains to academic conduct (Sec. 3.4 from the Student Handbook). Any act that violates the academic integrity of the institution is considered academic misconduct. The procedures used to resolve suspected acts of academic misconduct are available in the offices of Academic Deans and the Office of Campus Life and are listed in detail in the Undergraduate Catalog. Specific examples include, but are not limited to:
- **Cheating**: Copying from another student’s test paper, laboratory report, other report, or computer files and listings; using, during any academic exercise, material and/or devices not authorized by the person in charge of the test; collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or laboratory without permission; knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in its entirety or in part, the contents of a test or other assignment unauthorized for release; substituting for another student or permitting another student to substitute for oneself.

- **Plagiarism**: The appropriation, theft, purchase or obtaining by any means another’s work, and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of that work as one’s own offered for credit. Appropriation includes the quoting or paraphrasing of another’s work without giving credit therefore. I reserve the right to use Turnitin as for plagiarism detection.

- **Collusion**: The unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing work offered for credit.

- **Fabrication and falsification**: Unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification involves altering information for use in any academic exercise. Fabrication involves inventing or counterfeiting information for use in any academic exercise.

- **Multiple submission**: The submission by the same individual of substantial portions of the same academic work (including oral reports) for credit more than once in the same or another class without authorization.

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Statement on TCU’s Discrimination Policy:

TCU prohibits discrimination and harassment based on age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, predisposing genetic information, covered veteran status, and any other basis protected by law, except as permitted by law. TCU also prohibits unlawful sexual and gender-based harassment and violence, sexual assault, incest, statutory rape, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence, bullying, stalking, and retaliation. We understand that discrimination, harassment, and sexual violence can
undermine students’ academic success and we encourage students who have experienced any of these issues to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. Review TCU’s Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Conduct or to file a complaint: https://titleix.tcu.edu/title-ix/.

**Title IX at TCU**

As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep any information your share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I have a mandatory reporting responsibility under TCU policy and federal law and I am required to share any information I receive regarding sexual harassment, discrimination, and related conduct with TCU’s Title IX Coordinator.

Students can receive confidential support and academic advocacy by contacting TCU’s Confidential Advocate in the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education office at (817) 257-5225 or the Counseling & Mental Health Center at https://counseling.tcu.edu/ or by calling (817) 257-7863. Alleged violations can be reported to the Title IX Office at https://titleix.tcu.edu/ or by calling (817) 257-8228.

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**Inclement Weather Policy**

In the event of inclement or threatening weather, everyone should use his or her best judgment regarding travel to and from campus. Safety should be the main concern. If you cannot get to class because of adverse weather conditions, you should contact me as soon as possible. Similarly,
if I am unable to reach our class location, I will notify you of any cancellation or change as soon as possible through email (ideally 3 hours before class starts) to prevent you from embarking on any unnecessary travel. If you cannot get to class because of weather conditions, I will make allowances relative to required attendance policies. However, a cancelled class does not mean that assigned work is not due; rather, we will always remain on schedule with our reading and due dates.

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

— Winston S. Churchill
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<td>Introduction to experience and Syllabus Not a course Poem: “OKAY” (Read in class) How to begin Evaluating Nonprofits and developing SROI How to research and write-up nonprofits for white papers</td>
<td>1. Begin to identify nonprofits: Each student is responsible for identifying and writing up 5 nonprofits they want to nominate</td>
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<td>Lab Grant letter, contract, and appendices for Spring 2018 and Sign/Seal/Deliver</td>
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<td>Warren Buffet, and Bill Gates</td>
<td>What would your giving pledge look like? What about a course giving pledge?</td>
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nonprofits and write white papers
| WEEK 4 | Tuesda y, 6 Feb | Work on course giving goal and SROI | 1. Turn in white papers and start reading them and ranking them personally by what interests you and what does not | Watch:  
1. Bill Gates, Harvard Commencement  
2. Norton, TED Talk, How to Buy Happiness  
Read:  
1. Bronfman & Solomon essays  
2. John Rawls, “The Veil of Ignorance”  
Watch:  
3. Videos on The Veil of Justice  
Due:  
4. Tuesday, 6 Feb (9:00 PM): White Paper Nominations Due |
| Giving: Locations at TCU ... You are connected to this topic  
The Veil of Ignorance |
### WEEK 5:
**PHILANTHROPY FRIDAY**

**Friday, Noon — 1**

**Philanthropy Friday**

**Speaker:** Mr. Ed Schollmaier

**Due:**
1. Ranking of your top 35 nonprofits
2. Wednesday, 14 Feb. (10 am):
   - Respond to Preference Qualtrics

**Due:**
- Response to Tuesday's decision process and cut

### WEEK 6

**Tuesday, 13 Feb**

**Debate, Discuss, Decide**

Narrow 100 nonprofits to 35

**1. Determine interest level in top 35 and start developing stronger briefing documents for your assigned nonprofit.**

**Read:**
1. All White Papers

**Due:**
- Ranking of your top 35 nonprofits
- Wednesday, 14 Feb. (10 am):
  - Respond to Preference Qualtrics

**1. Continue working on briefing document.**

**Read:**
1. Morozov, “Rockefeller gave away money for no return. Can we say the same of today’s tech barons?”

**Tuesday, 20 Feb**

**Increased Due Diligence**

Thinking strategically and analyzing nonprofits

How should we evaluate nonprofits
| WEEK 7 | Tuesda
    y, 27 February | Class Speaker: Mr. David Dena
Fort Worth Zoo | 1. Finish briefing document and turn in. Toward end of week and weekend, read the briefing documents. | Read:
    1. Dena 990 Examples and notes
Watch:
    1. Bill and Melinda Gates, “Why giving away our wealth has been the most
| 2. Brest & Harvey, essays from Money Well Spent
3. Don Williams Case Study | Watch:
    1. Pallotta, “The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong”
    2. Fulton, “You Are the Future of Philanthropy” |
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<th>Week 8</th>
<th>Tuesday, 6 March</th>
<th>Debating, discussing, deciding</th>
<th>1. Determine interest level in top 15 and start analysis to build briefing books on assigned nonprofits.</th>
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<td>Narrow 35 nonprofits to 15</td>
<td>Read: 1. The 35 Briefing documents</td>
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|         |                 |                               | Due: Friday, 9 March 5 PM  
|         |                 | SPRING BREAK                  | Reaction paper to decision process                                                             |
| WEEK 9  | Tuesday, 13 March | SPRING BREAK                  | 1. Continue researching and developing briefing books and presentations                        |
| WEEK 10 | Tuesday, 20 March | Class Speaker: Jeff and Kelly Dillard | 1. Continue researching and developing briefing books and presentations                        |
|         |                 |                               | Read: 1. Brest & Harvey, essays from Money Well Spent  
|         |                 |                               | 2. Ditkoff & Grindle,                                                                         |
| WEEK 10: PHILANTHROPY FRIDAY | Friday, 23 March Noon – 1 | Alumni Evaluation of Past Gifts | “Audacious Philanthropy”  
3. Quick Guide to Conducting a Site Visit  
4. Due Diligence Done Well, GEO |
| WEEK 11 | Tuesday, 27 March | 1. Continue researching and developing briefing books and presentations | Read:  
1. Don Williams Case Study  
2. Reich, “A Failure of Philanthropy”  
3. “What makes
| WEEK 12 | Tuesday, 3 April | Class Speaker: Mr. Geoffrey Raynor
Once Upon a Time ... Foundation and Q Investments
Philanthropy Lab Ambassadors Conference: Information and stories | 1. Finish researching and developing briefing books and presentations | Watch:
Read:
1. “A Monday Morning Checklist;”
Tierney and Fleishman |

Due: Evaluation of Group Members

Due: Friday, 6 April:
### Comparison of Dillards, Schollmaier, and Raynor as Philanthropists

**WEEK 12: PHILANTHROPY FRIDAY**

**Friday, 6 April Noon – 1**

- **Speaker:** Mr. John Robinson
- **Amon Carter Foundation**

1. **Final Briefing**
   - Books and Presentations due for first 8

**WEEK 13**

**Tuesday, 10 April**

- **Group Presentations of Briefing Books for first 8**
- **Business Casual & Classy**

1. **Read briefing books and provide questions for clarification**

**Read:**

1. “The Mistakes We Make When Giving to Charity”
2. Penley, “Giving Poorly Can Be Worse Than Not Giving At All”

**WEEK 13: PHILANTHROPY FRIDAY**

**Friday, 13 April Noon – 1**

- **Alumni Evaluation of Past Gifts**

1. **Final Briefing**
   - Books and Presentations due for final 7
| WEEK 14 | Tuesday, 17 April | Group Presentations of Briefing Books for final 7 Business Casual & Classy | 1. Read briefing books and provide questions for clarification | 2. Philanthropy Lab Ambassadors Conference Letters of Nomination / Interest Due: Friday, April 20, 5 PM 3. Evaluation Leader Letters of Interest Due: Friday, April 20, 5 PM 4. Due: Evaluation of Group Members |
| WEEK 15 | Tuesday, 24 April | Final Debates & Decisions in Debate Chamber Determine a framework for measuring if a grant met your objectives or not and decide what information should be requested from grantees at the one and two-year marks | 1. Develop framework for decision making and evaluation 2. Begin making decisions | Don’t be an enemy of the good |
| WEEK 16 | Tuesday, 1 May | Final Debates & Decisions in Debate Chamber  
Don’t be an enemy of the good | 1. We will not leave the class until final decisions—nonprofits and amounts—are finalized.  
2. After decisions are made, nonprofits chosen and not chosen are to be contacted professionally |
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| **GIVING Ceremony** | Friday, 4 May  
3:00 PM – Debate | Professional Dress for Official Ceremony, Celebration, and Reception  
Participation required | 1. We will do evaluation for the course after the giving ceremony  
2. Due: Final Reflection |
| Chamb | this is regarded as your final for the course | 3. Due: Letter to Donors |