Debating Science, our NSF sponsored program has completed its 2nd year.

Close to one hundred students applied to the program. The 28 students selected had outstanding academic preparation and demonstrated a commitment to the broader ethical issues surrounding their scientific research. Universities such as Rice, Cornell, Yale, Stanford, Michigan State, Arizona State and Iowa State were represented. Students came from backgrounds ranging from agronomy to earth systems science, environmental engineering, chemistry, animal sciences, atmospheric & oceanic sciences, biochemistry, philosophy, and molecular biology. Below are two replies from the post-workshop survey:

- “The whole workshop was great. I think the lectures were very interesting and well balanced among the three areas (nanotechnology, climate change, and biotech). The organizers did a great job finding top of the shelf speakers who addressed the different aspects of these areas. These five days were at the same time provocative and stimulating.”

- “The best part was just meeting people who are interested in how science relates to society and vice versa. I loved being able to use each other as sounding boards, learning new ideas from each other, learning how to better communicate our ideas on different issues.”

Read a full report by Dr. Christopher Preston at www.umt.edu/ethics

2008 Environmental Ethics Institute:

This year we hosted our 3rd annual EEI featuring nationally known environmental philosophers Karen Warren and Andrew Light. Both Professors Warren and Light offered classes, attracting students and professors from across the country, as well as evening talks. One of the highlights of the institute was a lively panel on the presidential candidates and climate change policy. UM professor emeritus Dick Barrett moderated the event. Panelists included Juliet Eilperin, from the Washington Post, Jim DiPeso from Republicans for Environmental Protection, Mike Philips from the Montana State House of Representatives and Andrew Light, of George Mason University and the Center for American Progress (pictured here from left to right). The event was well attended and video, professionally produced by MCAT, from this and other summer events may be viewed on our website:

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**Events**

**Fall Semester 2008**

**Dave Webster**
Department of Religion, Philosophy, and Ethics
University of Gloucestershire, England

"Ethics Beyond the Classroom"
Monday, October 6, noon-1pm, UC Room 331 (3rd floor, South end)

**Sharon Barrett**
The University of Montana School of Journalism

"Ask Me No Questions"
Monday, October 20, 12:10-1pm, UC Alumni Board Room (3rd floor, South end)

**Dane Scott**
The University of Montana Center for Ethics

"IT'S JUST BUSINESS:
Cynicism, Culture and Character"
Monday, November 3, 12:10-1pm, UC Room 331 (3rd floor, South end)

**Laure Pengelly Drake**
The University of Montana Davidson Honors College

"Bodies on the Wheel:
The Role of Religion in the Early New Left"
Monday, November 17, 12:10-1pm, UC Alumni Board Room (3rd floor, South end)

Events are free to attend and all are welcome - www.umt.edu/ethics - (406) 243-6632