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Message from the Editor

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The Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence is dedicated to promoting meaningful conversation and scholarship from diverse perspectives on issues relating to ethical leadership and the ethical dimensions of every worthwhile human endeavor. This *International Journal of Ethical Leadership* is intended to be an accessible, engaging, and respectful forum where pressing topics in ethics and ethical leadership can be explored and global concerns addressed. We hope you will find it useful and inspiring.

The Inamori Center was founded in 2006 at Case Western Reserve University through a generous gift from Dr. Kazuo Inamori and the Inamori Foundation of Kyoto, Japan. Since 1985, the Inamori Foundation has presented the prestigious Kyoto Prize—Japan’s highest private award for “those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind,” in the categories of Basic Sciences, Advanced Technology, and Arts and Philosophy. Guided by this example, the Inamori Center at Case Western Reserve University has, since 2008, presented the annual Inamori Ethics Prize, which recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exemplary ethical leadership on the global stage, making lasting contributions while trying to improve the condition of humankind.

These are the first nine recipients of the Inamori Ethics Prize:

- Dr. Francis Collins, leader of the Human Genome Project and current Director of the United States National Institutes of Health (2008)
- The Honorable Mary Robinson, former (and first female) President of Ireland, former U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, and founder of the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice (2009)
- Mr. Stan Brock, conservationist and founder of the health care nonprofit Remote Area Medical (2010)

- Advocate Beatrice Mtetwa, Zimbabwean human rights lawyer and defender of social justice (2011)
- Dr. David Suzuki, Canadian environmentalist, author, award-winning broadcaster and documentarian (2012)
- Mr. Yvon Chouinard, American entrepreneur, leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and founder of Patagonia, an outdoor clothing and gear company committed to ethical and sustainable practices (2013)
- Dr. Denis Mukwege, physician and women's health and rights advocate in the Democratic Republic of Congo and international activist against sexual violence (2014)
- Prof. Martha C. Nussbaum, renowned Philosophy scholar and global expert on ethics, human rights, moral and political theory, education, social equality, emotions, feminism, and ancient Greek and Roman philosophy (2015)
- Dr. Peter Eigen, cofounder of Transparency International and global advocate for transparency and anti-corruption efforts and against abuses of power (2016)
- And in 2017, the prize will be presented to Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund.

In addition to an article updating the current work and honors of our previous prize winners, this issue of our journal includes contributions by our two most recent Inamori Ethics Prize recipients, together with essays from those who study and practice ethical leadership around the world, among them distinguished military ethicist David Whetham from King's College London.

2016 Prize recipient Dr. Peter Eigen's article, "International Corruption: Organized Civil Society for Better Global Governance," originally published by the journal *Social Research*, has been made available in this issue by Johns Hopkins University Press.

2015 awardee Professor Martha Nussbaum's article is graciously being made available to readers of *IJEL* by Taylor and Francis on their website. The article, "Philosophy and Economics in the Capabilities Approach: An Essential Dialogue," can be accessed through December 2017 at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/19452829.2014.983890>.

We are pleased to include an introduction to and transcripts of *Talking Foreign Policy*, which airs on the NPR affiliate WCPN in Cleveland, Ohio,