Welcome Announcement

Ethicists,

Welcome to Ethics Online! My name is Dr. Biro and I am your professor for the Summer 2025 term. I look forward to working with you over the next several weeks. I teach Philosophy classes here at Marist, with a focus on applied ethics. This semester we will look at both the attractions and the difficulties involved in several prominent ethical theories. In doing so, you will discover for yourself what thinking philosophically is all about.

The texts for our course are: *The Fundamentals of Ethics and The Ethical Life* edited by Russ Shafer-Landau, 6th edition. Oxford: 2024. These are great books. The *Fundamentals of Ethics* (abbreviated *FE*) is clear and well-argued, and will serve as a supplement to the primary source readings that we will examine this semester. These primary source readings will be found in the *Ethical Life* (abbreviated *EL*).

**Textbooks must be purchased through Perusall**: We will be completing the weekly readings through an online annotation platform called Perusall. You will need to purchase both course textbooks from Perusall, as there are assignments attached to each reading. Therefore, please do not purchase any of the required course readings from the campus bookstore or from Amazon.

**Accessing Perusall**: Link to the Perusall course site from the Checklist in Brightspace. Here you will see the class library, where you will purchase your textbooks with a credit card. Please procure both texts ASAP so that you can keep up with the weekly readings!

- Links to additional resources such as news, videos, supplementary articles, are embedded within each weekly Brightspace unit.

**Reliable internet connectivity is a requirement for all 8 weeks of this course.** Being away for a few days without an internet connection will not bring you success in the class so please plan accordingly.

Lessons and assignments will be posted every Saturday by 9 AM, ET. If you have any questions please email me: sasha.biro@marist.edu.

I look forward to our semester together,

Dr. Biro