

Human Values Forum Membership Form 2016-17

Thanks for your interest in the Human Values Forum, a discussion forum comprised of senior faculty members and both graduate and undergraduate fellows with diverse academic interests and personal backgrounds. HVF meets on Monday evenings throughout the year for informal dinner discussions regarding current and enduring moral and ethical questions, with the aim of encouraging inquiry and public discourse, as well as providing undergraduates with the opportunity to engage professors and graduate students in meaningful discussion outside a classroom setting.

HVF Fellows are required to attend a minimum of **2** dinner discussions a year. Seats for all HVF events are generally filled on a first-come, first-serve, R.S.V.P. basis via email.

To become a fellow of the Human Values Forum, please complete the following membership form and email it to **Louly Saney (lsaney@)**, **Elliot Salinger (elliots@)**, **Jenna Spitzer (jennas@)**, **George Kunkel (gckunkel@)**, and **Alex Haykel (ihaykel@)**. Alternatively, you can submit a hard copy to **Kim Girman** at the **Center for Human Values at 5 Ivy Lane**. Please feel free to email us with any questions.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Year: _____

Email: _____ Res. College: _____

How did you hear about HVF?: _____

Academic Information

Department (actual or expected): _____

Specific Interests (Academic and Other): _____

Short Essay Question:

Please answer **ONE** of the following two questions in 250-500 words

a) When discussing moral and ethical questions, diversity of perspectives benefits all participants, as increased understanding of opinions and beliefs different from our own enables us to broaden our own views and understanding of the issue. Please briefly describe any specific academic interests, personal experiences, cultural and /or religious traditions that have influenced or informed your own views on various moral and ethical questions. What perspectives would you like to understand more?

OR

b) Please discuss one important moral or ethical issue that you have seriously engaged, either in your field of academic interest or in your personal experiences. What difficulties did you face in trying to understand the problem? Did your own views on the matter change after having engaged it through study, discussion, or experience?

Discussion Topic Recommendations:

The HVF experience is certainly enriched when members are excited by and interested in the topics being discussed. Thus, we ask that you generate one idea for a future dinner. You may suggest a particular professor you might like to invite (and a brief description of why) or a general question of moral or ethical significance that you would like to consider at an HVF meeting.