Notre Dame celebrates 19th annual Ethics Week, Feb. 8-11

The 2016 edition of Notre Dame Ethics Week will explore a range of issues that have shaken the business world and larger economy in recent years, from data breaches and accounting scandals to the meltdown of the financial industry in 2008. The series will take place Feb. 8-11 in the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

Finance expert Susan Ochs, founder of the Better Banking Institute who frequently appears on MSNBC and other major media outlets, will serve as the keynote speaker. The series also will feature a showing of "Margin Call," a highly rated 2011 movie about the collapse of a Wall Street investment bank that critics described as a realistic, thought-provoking depiction of the 2008 economic meltdown.

Notre Dame Ethics Week takes place annually in February, and brings in experts from a diverse array of industries to explore current ethics issues. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business and the Notre Dame Deloitte Center for Ethical Leadership.

The talks take place in the Giovanini Commons, located in Mendoza’s lower level, unless otherwise noted. The full schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 8, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: John D'Arcy, associate professor, Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics, University of Delaware, "Data Breach: Failures and Follow-ups."
- Feb. 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Larry Katzen, former partner at Arthur Andersen and author of "And You Thought Accountants Were Boring," "The Collapse of Arthur Andersen: So Who Was Really at Fault?"
- Feb. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Susan Ochs, senior fellow and founder, Better Banking Project, New America Foundation, "Managing Mindsets: The Key to Better Corporate Behavior."
- Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m.: Screening of "Margin Call" in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. "Margin Call" will be followed by a panel Q&A session, featuring Mendoza faculty members Walt Clements and Jessica McManus Warnell, as well as Kevin Frost, a management consulting major.

Now in its 19th year, Notre Dame Ethics Week was established to encourage the discussion of ethical matters in undergraduate and graduate business classes at Notre Dame and to secure a foundation for future discussions inside and outside the classroom. The event continues the legacy of John Houck, a Notre Dame management professor who authored numerous works on business ethics, including "Is the Good Corporation Dead?" Houck died in 1996.

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