

## Ethics and Social Responsibility

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The purpose of the Christos and Mary Papoutsy Chair in Ethics and Social Responsibility is to educate students, staff, and the SNHU community about the social and ethical issues facing today's global environment. One of the goals of the Chair is to "develop state of the art theory and research in ethics."

This position is a two year appointment which will commence in the fall 2010. In order to achieve the goals of the Chair, the first year the Chair will be awarded a sabbatical-type leave to conduct research. The second year of the appointment will focus on fostering campus and community-wide dialogue and debate about ethical practices.

Southern New Hampshire University trains intellectually and culturally enriched individuals to be successful in their careers and contribute to their communities.

SNHU's educational philosophy challenges students' intellectual potential and prepares them for professional lives in an ever-changing and increasingly interconnected world. It provides a supportive and close-knit learning community, delivering engaging instruction in a flexible variety of formats. Students develop the knowledge to understand a complex world, the skills to act effectively within that world and the wisdom to make good choices. They do so within a community of teachers, staff and peers that is encouraged to add its scholarly, creative and pedagogical contributions to the larger social good.

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**Southern New Hampshire University is pleased to announce the two year appointment of Dr. Michele Goldsmith as the holder of the Christos and Mary Papoutsy Distinguished Chair in Ethics and Social Responsibility.**

**Michele Goldsmith, Ph.D.**, is highly regarded worldwide for her contributions in science, especially in the field of primatology. As a biological anthropologist Dr. Goldsmith has been studying gorilla behavior and well being in Africa since 1991. For her doctoral research she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to examine poorly known populations of western lowland gorillas in the Congo Basin. Later, as a National Geographic researcher, she was the first primatologist to analyze the impacts of ecotourism on mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda. Always interested in ethical issues surrounding conservation, her most recent publications explore the impacts of habituation (reducing animals fear towards humans) for both research and tourism. Dr. Goldsmith, whose work has been featured in the media, has published many scientific articles and her edited volume, *Gorilla Biology: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, published by Cambridge University is used in Universities across the globe. Dr. Goldsmith joined the Department of Science at Southern New Hampshire University in the fall of 2008.

**Education:**

- Ph.D. in Biological Anthropology (Interdisciplinary Program with Ecology & Evolution, Anatomical Sciences & Anthropology), Univ. at Stony Brook
- Two masters Degrees: M.A. in Anthropology, Univ. at Stony Brook & M.S. in Biological Sciences, Bucknell Univ.

**Chair Activity:**

- Continue research on ethics of gorilla conservation in Bwindi, Uganda
- Create teaching materials to integrate environmental ethics in SNHU's curriculum
- Move towards a more sustainable future by instilling an environmental ethic

**Professional Experience:**

- Scientist-in-Residence, Science Program, Emerson College, Massachusetts, 2003-2008
- Assistant Professor, The Centers for Conservation Medicine and Animals & Public Policy, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Massachusetts, 1998-2003
- McKenna Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, 1996-1998

**Research Interests:**

- Impacts and Ethics of Ecotourism
- Mountain Gorillas
- Behavioral Ecology & Conservation

## **The Christos and Mary Papoutsy Distinguished Chair in Ethics and Social Responsibility**

This chair was established in 1999 to assist students in learning about and leading ethical professional and personal lives, drawing upon the works of ancient Greek intellectuals whose teachings have shaped the history of Western civilization from antiquity to the present.

Christos Papoutsy partly attributes his successful career in the electronics industry to the education he received at SNHU, where he earned a B.S. degree and later was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Through his keen interest in Greek history and culture he met his wife, Mary, a classicist by training. Together the Papoutsys encourage the study of classical antiquity and Hellenism, pointing out their lasting impact upon western development and thought.

