



## The Ethical Society of Austin

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### **“Building Capacity for Ethical Behavior within Individuals and Organizations”**

The future is created one decision at a time. Because we share the future with everyone making decisions, it's in our interests to enhance every person's ability to make wise choices. Current circumstances with BP highlight the enormous impact that one person or one organization's decisions can have on the health of people and the environment. The situation highlights the need for ethical reasoning in the workplace. One hopes that such examples will result in a higher valuation of ethical behavior. Yet intention does not always translate into action – in part because people simply don't have the skills needed to wrestle with very real ethical dilemmas. We believe that the capacity for ethical behavior relies on the ability to think beyond the self, beyond economics, and beyond the present. The key is stimulating conversations that encourage reflection, moral courage, and ethical action at the leadership level.