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Ethical engagement and deep discourse on the pressing issues of the world is essential, if solutions are ever to be found for the seemingly intractable problems that plague humankind. Thankfully, there are many people all over the world, from a range of perspectives, who are willing and able to do this difficult work. These individuals inform, challenge, and guide us fearlessly, holding nothing back in pursuit of the truth.

One such global ethical leader was the recipient of the Inamori Center's 2023 Inamori Ethics Prize: advocate for the free press and Eastern European Bureau Chief for Voice of America, Myroslava Gongadze. After a long struggle against corruption, she succeeded in gaining justice for her husband, whose murder was orchestrated and covered up by the former government of Ukraine. She established herself as a trustworthy and intrepid journalist, and she has reported on the war in Ukraine since Russia's illegal invasion of her home country in 2022. In this issue, you will find a transcript of her Inamori Ethics Prize recipient's lecture, "Courage, Service, and the Pursuit of Truth" and also the transcript of an insightful conversation with Myroslava Gongadze, Dan Moulthrop, and Raymond Ku asking, "Are Free Speech, a Free Press, and Civic Discourse Essential to Human Flourishing?" for the Inamori Ethics Prize Academic Symposium.

In addition, you will find in this volume of the *International Journal for Ethical Leadership*:

- Transcripts of two episodes of the NPR radio show *Talking Foreign Policy*, on the topics of Climate Justice and the Age of Strongmen,
- An article from scholars Bharat Ranganathan and Jeremy Sabella exploring what ethical leadership in medicine might look like if conceived through the lens of a particular faith tradition,
- An extensive study by researcher Kyle Payne on what ethical followership looks like in the field of professional engineering, and

- The transcript of a compelling and stimulating discussion among clinical ethics experts Olubukunola Dwyer, Georgina Morley, and Ben Schwan on “Intersections in Clinical Ethics, Nursing, Law, and Liability.”

The mission of the Inamori Center is to create and sustain internationally recognized programs and initiatives devoted to ethical inquiry in both its practical and theoretical aspects and to facilitating the development of future leaders who will, in the words of Dr. Inamori, “serve humankind through ethical deeds rather than actions based on self-interest and selfish desires.” With every issue of *IJEL*, we hope to encourage others to join one of the many in-progress conversations on how to demonstrate ethical leadership in any and every worthy area of human endeavor and how to establish a more ethical world where all humanity can thrive.