The Department of Aerospace Engineering is pleased to announce the Outstanding Engineering Alumnus Lecture for Spring 2016

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Engineering Ethics - The Challenge of Recognizing, Saying, and Doing the Right Thing

Often the problems faced in the world are not black and white, there are often no clear lines between "right" and "wrong", just shades of gray. But then, there are times when things are simply black and white. Regardless, decisions on what to say and do involve a complex set of variables that extend way beyond the math equation in an engineering text book. Knowing how to recognize these variables and place proper weight on them is critical to determining a course of action. And once a course of action can be identified, taking it may be perilous and require a great deal of courage. In this context, the personal attributes of competence, candor, courage, and commitment, and the nature of the dilemmas that require them, will be explored.