

Acknowledgment

It's not easy to pull together a cohesive, holistic collection of research to serve as a foundation for a new field of study. To do so, we need to bring together the appropriate voices, contextualize the relevant theories and methodologies, and frame the right questions. The effort must acknowledge the many complexities of the field, while also keeping the content accessible to a wide audience. Moreover, the study of ethics and games has additional challenges—it requires practitioners, researchers, and theorists from diverse disciplines to help define the field. Yet it is the very need for multidisciplinary lenses that makes the field of ethics and games so interesting and appealing. I believe this study—and the perspectives it brings—will truly innovate our thinking about what it means to be human in the 21st century.

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