# 2020 PHILOSOPHY OF CHARACTER RESEARCH GROUP

## ACCOUNTABILITY AS A VIRTUE

The **Philosophy of Character Research Group** provides researchers interested in moral philosophy (broadly conceived) with the opportunity to deeply engage with new work in this field. In 2020, the research group will focus on **the virtue of accountability**, drawing particularly on new work being produced by the *Accountability as a Virtue* Templeton Project at Baylor University led by **Professor C. Stephen Evans**.

**Professor C. Stephen Evans**
Baylor University

The contemporary world talks constantly about accountability. Citizens want politicians to be accountable, business executives are held accountable to shareholders, and the lack of accountability can be devastating for any organisation. However, most talk about accountability focuses on holding people accountable. We will explore new work on the importance of accepting accountability as a virtuous trait which contributes to human flourishing.

The research group has three main activities:

### 1. Reading Group | Semester One

A recurring, interdisciplinary reading group focusing on new work on accountability as a virtue.

### 2. Winter Masterclass | 13-16 July

Led by **Professor C. Stephen Evans**.

### 3. Annual Lecture | 15 July

2020 Moral Philosophy & Ethics Education Annual Lecture delivered by **Professor C. Stephen Evans**.

The research group is an initiative of the **Moral Philosophy and Ethics Education (MPEE)** research focus area of the Institute for Ethics & Society at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

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