

In my I.S. project I am defining the differences between the environmental movement and the environmental justice movement and how this divide is connected to the division between the theories of environmental ethics and environmental justice. The real separation here begins at the fundamental level of defining ethics and justice. This is before 'the environment' is even mentioned. Ethics is meant to identify the good so that we can distinguish between right and wrong actions. Justice, on the other hand, focuses on how humans are supposed to interact with each other. Within environmental discussions this means that environmental ethics explores how we are supposed to act towards the environment while environmental justice concentrates on how we should act towards other humans in regards to the decisions we make about environmental issues.

After establishing the historical, organizational, and conceptual backgrounds and divisions I will determine appropriate criteria with which to judge the relative quality of the two branches of discussion. I will then choose a "winner" (which I anticipate will be environmental justice) and articulate the reasons why it is a more promising movement as well as why the philosophical argumentation behind it is stronger. I also intend to include a prescription for what should be done next in regard to our philosophical discussions and the overall movement for change in environmental perspective since both of these movements stem from a larger environmental framework.

I am asking for this award as reimbursement for the trip that, by the time you are reading this, I will have taken to the University of Dayton for the Richard R. Baker Philosophy Colloquium. Although I may not be awarded Copeland funds, I am paying for this opportunity with my own funds because it will be such a valuable experience for me. I ask for reimbursement because it would really help me if my trip were to be subsidized by the Copeland Fund. I did not apply for the funding last semester because this philosophy colloquium was not announced until after the spring application deadline.

This experience will be valuable to me for the following reasons: Andrew Light is giving a lecture called "What Killed Environmentalism." In the course of an email exchange with Professor Light to get a better understanding of what he would be presenting at the colloquium I discovered that his talk is a further elaboration on one of the papers I reference centrally in my I.S. He is also one of the two main authors that I draw upon. I have received an email back from another of the speakers whose talk ("Our Right to Health and Our Duty to Nature") directly relates to ideas I want to include in my I.S. and about which there is currently little literature available. This conference will also provide me with the opportunity to discuss environmental philosophy with other philosophers and to discover more sources for my research.

#### **Budget:**

Miles to Dayton from Wooster:	170
Total Miles:	340
Copeland Committee Car Mileage Reimbursement Rate:	\$0.445 per mile
Total Mileage Reimbursement:	\$151.30
Cost of Housing through the University of Dayton:	\$50 per night
Nights of Housing Needed:	2
Total cost for Housing:	\$100
Registration fee for the conference:	\$0
Total cost:	\$251.30