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## Keller takes helm at UVSC's ethics education center

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OREM -- David Keller is Utah Valley State College's new director of the Center for the Study of Ethics.

He succeeds Elaine Englehardt, assistant vice president for academic affairs, as director of the center.

Keller, an assistant professor of philosophy, has been the program coordinator with the ethics center for the past three years, said Derek Hall, college relations director. He was responsible for a variety of conferences and speakers that focused on the need for professional and practical ethics.

The Center for the Study of Ethics was established in 1992 to enhance awareness of ethical issues, Englehardt said.

"Facilitating the college community and the Utah Valley community in awareness of ethical dilemmas is vital at UVSC," said Englehardt. "The center promotes the study of ethics within the institution throughout the curriculum."

Ethics Across the Curriculum, an eight-year-old program developed by the center, is being disseminated to select universities and colleges around the country, Englehardt said.

The center works with faculty and area businesses to incorporate principles of ethics that will be necessary for students to perform ethically for that business, Hall said. The study of ethics is further integrated into the students curriculum in most majors at UVSC.

The Center works with more than 50 faculty from disciplines such as nursing, auto mechanics, drafting and business management. The faculty develop ethics case studies for students to help prepare them for potential problems in their future employment.

Keller said he was pleased with the opportunity to continue Englehardt's work at the

center.

"As director, I am trying to help people improve the strength of our democracy by making rational and reflective judgments about morality," he said. "There are many big difficult issues out there like abortion and gun control. We want to help people sort through the shades of gray to arrive at a logical decision."

Keller joined the UVSC faculty in 1995. He was recently awarded the UVSC Outstanding Faculty for the 1999 school year.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in Philosophy.

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