

JOHN & MARSHA RYAN BIOETHICIST LECTURE

MONDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 p.m. *Reception* | 5:30 p.m. *Lecture*

Lesar Law Building

**Confronting Power, Privilege and Identity to Achieve a
Healthier and More Equal World**

THE LECTURE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



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JOHN & MARSHA RYAN BIOETHICIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Senait Fisseha, MD, JD, *Professor*
Class of '96

Vice President of Global Programs at the
Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation

PROFESSOR SENAIT FISSEHA, a renowned figure in global public health, health equity, and gender equality, serves as Vice President of Global Programs at the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, leading its grantmaking efforts in reproductive health with a focus on strengthening health systems for women and girls. She concurrently holds the role of Chief Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization and engages in various advisory capacities including co-chairing the Conference on Public Health in Africa. A distinguished Obstetrician and Gynecologist, she previously led initiatives at the University of Michigan and founded the Center for International Reproductive Health Training, expanding its impact across Africa. Recognized for her influence, she has been named among the 100 Most Influential Africans and received prestigious awards for her contributions. Dr. Fisseha graduated with her JD/MD from SIU School of Law and SIU School of Medicine in 1999. Ethiopian-born, she returned to Africa in 2020 and currently resides in Rwanda.



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