Dr. Kennedy recently traveled to the developing nation of Myanmar as a part of research project to understand some of the complex cultural, social and economic reasons for the continued acceptance of child labor in Myanmar with an aim to make recommendations for social and policy change, in light of these reasons, in order to promote health, justice and education for Myanmar’s youth.

The problem of child labor in Myanmar is one of the worst in the world. Although the surface reason for the widespread and devastating practice is poverty, the situation is also a symptom of a deeply broken educational system in the country.

In this talk Dr. Kennedy will discuss both, her empirical work conducting interviews of child laborers in collaboration with the International Labor Organization in Myanmar, as well as philosophical theories of global justice for children. She argues that empirically informed philosophy has a role to play in the solution to this problem.