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Across disciplines, development has many definitions: development as human flourishing, development as embryogenesis, development as technological progress, as optimization of resource allocations, and development in education and political organization and implementation. These notions of development connect at a fundamental level - that of change. With change, ethical concerns are often raised: How do we determine the value of development in practice, what ethical considerations inform and constrain our decisions? The fourth issue of the Jefferson Journal of Science and Culture, *Ethics and Development*, aims to address these questions in a focused and open-minded way by presenting papers summarizing the proceedings of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation's 2015 Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue on the same topic.