How to Become a Better Philosopher: Tips from Aristotle

(Part 1 of 2)

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Tuesday, October 6, 2009  12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
OEC Auditorium (OEC 101B)
The UST Philosophy Club Presents:

PART 1: SET UP
NOON Thur OCT 1 MEET BRIEFLY IN
BEC 120 TO DISCUSS THE DEBATE
TOPIC, RULES & FORMAT.
FORM TEAMS &
PREPARE FOR
PART 2

HEALTHCARE
DEBATE!

PART 2: DEBATE & WATCH
FREE PIZZA
LEARN THE ISSUES
& WATCH THE TWO TEAMS
DISCUSS & DEBATE. STUDENTS ARE
WELCOME TO WATCH, EVEN IF YOU
DON’T ATTEND PART 1. NOON Thur
OCT 8, BEC 120

Questions? Contact Ann Hale at amhale@stthomas.edu or Thomas Durfee at tjdurfee@stthomas.edu
Colloquium

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Thursday, October 22, 2009  12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
OEC Auditorium (OEC 101B)
The Truth Seekers

Is There a Right to Health Care?

Dr. Robert Kennedy

Professor, Catholic Studies and College of Business

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126) · Noon – 1:15 pm

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For more information contact Dr. Lemmons, Philosophy Department (mlemmons@stthomas.edu)
What can philosophy contribute to multiculturalism and the study of diversity?

The contemporary university has seen an emergence in programs dedicated to the studies of other cultures and groups as a significant intellectual enterprise. These studies have attempted to raise awareness about power, identity, alienation, gender, and so on. This talk will offer some thoughts on how a philosopher might approach such studies.
Can Computers Have Souls?

Where: JRC 126
When: November 24 at 12:00 PM
Why: It’s interesting! Plus there’s free pizza!

Come discuss the nature of personhood in a respectful and controlled environment. All views are welcome.

Questions? E-mail Ann Hale, Philosophy Department Coordinator, at philosophy@stthomas.edu
The Truth Seekers

Panel Discussion:

Faith in My Profession

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
McNeely Great Hall (MCH 100)
Noon – 1:15 pm

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Dr. Stephen Laumakis
Professor, Philosophy Department

Confucius & Plato on Playing Golf and Living the Good Human Life

Although it may seem odd to those who have some knowledge of philosophy to suggest that Plato or Confucius would have anything of value to say about either the nature of the game of golf or how to play it, I want to suggest that both philosophers have profound, important, and even useful things to say about how to think about and play the game of golf—as one element in the pursuit of living a good human life.

As a result, the purpose of this presentation is to present a double comparison between an Idealist (i.e., Plato) and a Realist (i.e., Confucius) or Pragmatic view of philosophy, and an Eastern and Western view of reality—especially as these views are applied to the nature, practices, and aims of the game of golf. I will conclude by trying to show that in order to be successful at the game of golf (and life in general) one must somehow combine both realism (i.e., the Confucian approach) and idealism (i.e., the Platonic approach) in order to fully realize both the mental and physical aspects of golf and the good human life.
Dr. Britain Scott
Professor, Psychology Department

BABE-WATCH: A Look at Psychological Research on the Sexual Objectification of Women

Popular media are saturated with images of women as sex objects. What effects—if any—do these images have on the thoughts, feelings, and behaviors of the women and men who view them? Come find out from Dr. Scott what psychological science has to say about this question.

Thursday, March 18, 2010  12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126)
Thursday, April 15, 2010
12:00 noon—1:00 PM    JRC 201

BILLY WATSON

The Tragedy of Modernity:
Plato’s Response to Nietzsche

Philosophy Colloquium featuring Student Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to the first and second runners-up:
Matthew Marshall  Does Knowledge Need Justification?
Kathryn Pogin  “Objective” Knowledge: The Role of Subjectivity in Knowledge Formation
This paper explores the significance of knowledge for happiness (well-being) in Aristotle and Confucius. Virtue contributes to human flourishing in Aristotle and Confucius for it enables one to order well one’s life, do what is right in relation to others, while having the right emotions, appetites, desires and pleasures. Asking questions about the proper objects of knowledge, how one acquires them and if knowledge is affected by others’ recognition, I show how an Aristotelian account is superior. Consequently, Aristotle can offer Confucians the resources for a better account of knowledge and happiness.

Dr. May Sim
Department of Philosophy
College of Holy Cross

I compare Aristotle’s more discrete approach to metaphysics and our environment (including our relation to it) with the more continuous approach to metaphysics and our surrounding world the Neo-Confucian, Zhu Xi, endorses. My comparative analysis between these two thinkers will show that Zhu Xi’s more continuous approach to our knowledge of first principles and our surrounding world could be a resource for a friendlier account of ecology, engendering a better relationship between human beings and the environment. This lesson about our relation to the environment is one that the Aristotelians can learn from the Neo-Confucian, Zhu Xi.
Philosophy Club
Info Meeting

DATE: May 4
Time: 12 - 1:00
OEC 212

Informational meeting to discuss the Philosophy Club’s activities for the next school year.
All are welcome.
PIZZA will be supplied.

Questions? Contact Ann Hale at 2-5350 or philosophy@stthomas.edu

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