Does acting virtuously require having good intentions? Some have thought that Huckleberry Finn presents a counter-example to the traditional view that good intentions are necessary for virtuous action. We will examine Huck’s decision about his friend Jim to see whether we should abandon the traditional understanding of the relation between virtue and good intentions.
In Search of the Missing Virtue: Benevolence and the Ethics of Thomas Aquinas

Dr. Heidi Giebel  
UST Department of Philosophy

Thomas Aquinas’s ethical theory includes a persuasive defense of four traditional cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. It does not, however, include an account of another seemingly important virtue: benevolence. In this talk I explore options for locating benevolence within Thomas’s framework, and I suggest a minor modification to Thomistic virtue ethics that would allow a more natural place for benevolence, along with a few related virtues.
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DISCUSSING THE ETHICS OF HUMAN CLONING

Thursday, October 6, 2011
12:00 p.m. in JRC 222

All are welcome to join and discuss.
Pizza will be provided.

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DISCUSSING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
12:00 p.m. in JRC 401

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Quaerentes Veritatem (The Truth Seekers)

Traditional Christianity and the New Atheism:

God vs. the Flying Spaghetti Monster

Dr. Mathew Lu, UST Department of Philosophy

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126) - Noon - 1:15 pm

Quaerentes Veritatem (The Truth Seekers) is a faculty-student interdisciplinary group interested in discussing the intersection of life and thought with faith. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Catholic Studies and the Department of Philosophy.

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This paper offers a comparative evaluation of the value of external goods in the pursuit of “happiness” and human flourishing in three major philosophical traditions. The foci of comparison are the philosophical and theological views of an Aristotelian and Thomistic approach, and a broadly Buddhist conception of the value of external goods and the role(s) of external goods in the pursuit of human flourishing and the good human life.
Philosophy Club

DISCUSSING ALTRUIISM VS. EGOISM

Thursday, November 17, 2011
12:00 p.m. in JRC 201

All are welcome to join and discuss. Pizza will be provided.

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**The Thomas D. Sullivan Medal in Philosophy**

*for the Best Undergraduate Philosophical Essay*

**Word Limit** 3,500 words (includes text, notes, works cited, title, etc.)

**Criteria** One paper on any philosophical topic per UST undergraduate student. Papers should state and defend a philosophical thesis. Sorts of theses that may be defended include (but are not limited to) claims about solutions to philosophical problems, about analysis of philosophical concepts, and about interpretation of philosophical texts. Papers should be clear and well-written. They should exhibit skill in philosophical argumentation, evidence of high-quality philosophical research (where appropriate), and independent thought.

The author’s name **MUST NOT** appear anywhere on the paper.

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2 **Runners-Up:** Each of the two runners-up will receive a prize of $100.

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DISCUSSING ANIMAL ETHICS

Thursday, December 1, 2011
12:00 p.m. in JRC 222

All are welcome to join and discuss. Pizza and Pop will be provided.

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Colloquium

Dr. Gary Atkinson
UST Department of Philosophy

Why Some Don’t Believe in Moral Truth and Knowledge: A Very Bad Argument

There’s a very bad argument for disbelieving in moral truth and knowledge, the Argument from Unresolved Widespread Disagreement. This talk will present the argument, show why it’s bad, and explain what we know when we know that some act is morally right or morally wrong.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012  12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126)

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Dr. Mathew Lu
UST Department of Philosophy

Is There a Specifically Christian Philosophy?

In this talk I explore the question of whether there is a specifically Christian philosophy. What, if anything, does being a faithful Christian entail for the work of a philosopher? Is there one specific philosophical tradition to which faithful Christian philosophers must belong?

Tuesday, March 6, 2012  12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
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