House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan, now the Republican Party’s nominee for Vice-President, claims that his budget proposals reflect, as best he can discern, Catholic Social Teaching on the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. His critics say he is abusing Church teaching, using subsidiarity as an excuse to help the rich and forget the poor. Ryan thinks his critics are losing sight of subsidiarity in their quest for solidarity. The presentation will not decide who has the correct interpretation, but it will closely examine these three concepts in Catholic Social Teaching.

Tuesday, September 25, 2012
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
Dr. Bradley Thames
UST Department of Philosophy

What Does It Mean To Be Open-Minded?

Open-mindedness is usually praised in everyday as well as academic discourse, but is it a virtue? Dr. Thames will argue that despite reasons to be skeptical, it is indeed a virtue, the status and character of which can best be grasped in light of a hermeneutical conception of practical agency.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
Sooner than you may realize, Earth will no longer be everyone’s home. At least one plan for space colonization is already underway, while others are achievable in the near future. After calling attention to these developments, Dr. Kent will examine some overlooked philosophical implications of the fast-approaching expansion of the human habitat.

Come for an out-of-this-world presentation!

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  JRC 126
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- Only one submission per student will be considered. If more than one submission is received from a student, a single paper will be selected at random for consideration.
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Lincoln’s Faith

GOD and the FIERY TRIAL of the CIVIL WAR

Dr. David Williard, UST Department of History
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126) Noon – 1:00 pm
Colloquium

Dr. Mark Spencer
UST Department of Philosophy

Arguments from Desire and Beauty

Sometimes we argue that our views are true or our actions are good because our views or actions are desirable or beautiful to us. Such arguments may seem to be poor arguments.

In this talk, Dr. Spencer will show how some arguments based on desire and beauty are good arguments. He will consider what the world must be like for such arguments to work, and he will argue that such arguments are essential for understanding reality.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013
12:00pm-1:00pm    JRC 126

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Can Beauty Be Objective?

Many people are persuaded that beauty is merely “in the eye of the beholder” and that attributions of beauty are actually reports of a certain kind of subjective experience. In his talk Dr. Lu will consider the question of the subjectivity of beauty and consider some of the different ways in which the subjective experience of beauty might nonetheless be related to some objective reality.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
Oceans of Plastic

The planet’s oceans are rapidly becoming the world’s trash dump. Every mile of ocean now contains an average of 74,000 pieces of plastic. What will be the long-term impact of this “plastic pollution?” Can anything be done to clean up the oceans?

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March 20th
JRC 126 Auditorium
Free food at 5:00 p.m.
Movie begins at 5:15 p.m.

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Faith in a Post-Christendom World

Fr. Michael Keating
Department of Catholic Studies

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126)
Noon — 1:00 pm

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Dorothy Day: A FAITH THAT MADE HISTORY

Dr. Anne Klejment
Department of History

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
O’Shaughnessy-Frey Library
Leather Room 12:00pm-1:00pm

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PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013
12:00-1:00 p.m. JRC 401

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JOSEPH SCHOLTEN
FIRST PRIZE
Forms of Parts in Higher-Order Substances

WILLIAM MANAKER
SECOND PRIZE
Do Essences Have Being in and of Themselves?

CONTRATULATIONS TO THIRD PRIZE WINNER
JOSEPH CAMPBELL
McTaggart and the Unreality of Time

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