Racism’s VICE

INJUSTICE, DISRESPECT & ILL-WILL

October 19, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN
John Roach Center Auditorium (JRC 126)

For conference details visit the Minnesota Philosophical Society website
http://sites.google.com/site/minnesotaphilosophy
Dr. Jonathan Stoltz
UST Department of Philosophy

Claims about Knowledge across Cultures: The Role of Experimental Philosophy

Do Western cultures’ views of knowledge differ from those of Asian cultures? Do beliefs about knowledge depend on one’s socio-economic status?

This presentation will examine the status of philosophical intuitions, specifically focusing on our intuitions about knowledge. Dr. Stoltz will discuss recent experiments carried out by philosophers seeking to show that different cultures have different intuitions about what knowledge is.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
Quaerentes Veritatem
The Truth Seekers

Pope Pius XII
And the Third Reich

Why Did the Church Sign a Treaty with the Nazi Government in 1933?

Prof. Michael Hollerich, UST Department of Theology
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
OSF Library Leather Room (108) Noon – 1:00 pm

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Dr. Heidi M. Giebel
UST Department of Philosophy

With (Tough) Love From Ancient Greece and China

The Confucians agree with classical Western philosophers like Plato and Aristotle on most ethical topics: for example, the centrality of virtue, the importance of good government, and the need for positive influence from family and friends. However, these ethical traditions do have at least one sharp disagreement. Plato and Aristotle argue that punishment plays a necessary and positive role in moral development—it helps tame the “beast” within us and can lead us to develop good habits. The classical Confucians, in contrast, argue that punishment is actually detrimental to moral growth—it causes us to become evasive and shameless. Based on this conflicting advice from two great ethical traditions, what should we do when people we love behave immorally? Should we help them avoid or soften the negative consequences for their actions, or will they be better off with a “tough love” approach? In this talk on punishment and moral development, Dr. Giebel will explore the reasons and assumptions behind this disagreement between Confucianism and the Platonic/Aristotelian traditions, and will suggest some possibilities for harmonizing their competing insights.

Thursday, November 21, 2013
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
2013-2014 UST Philosophy Prize Competition

The Thomas D. Sullivan Medal in Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy invites UST undergraduate students to participate in a prize competition for the best essay in philosophy.

Essays — 3500 words or less on any philosophical topic — must be submitted by midnight, 18 December 2013.

The authors of the three best submissions will receive the Thomas D. Sullivan Medal in Philosophy and a “Tom and Ginny Sullivan Scholarship” — $1,000, $500, or $100 applied to Spring 2014 UST tuition bills.

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Poland’s Impact On Bl. John Paul II’s Faith

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
JRC Auditorium (JRC 126)
Noon — 1:00 pm

Dr. Ken Kemp - Department of Philosophy
Dr. Paul Wojda - Department of Theology
Dr. Michael Rota
UST Department of Philosophy

Historical Arguments for Christianity

How strong is the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus?

In this talk, Dr. Michael Rota will explore some recent work by philosophers, theologians, and biblical scholars on this question, and will argue that the historical evidence is in fact quite strong.

Thursday, March 13, 2014
12:00pm-1:00pm   JRC 126

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Philosophy Colloquium

Thurs, April 24, 2014 — 12:00-1:15 p.m.
MHC 205 (Murray-Herrick CTR—Former Student Union)

Featuring: Student Essay Contest Winners

Maureen Harrington
First Prize
Brower’s Argument for Non-human Survivalism is Unsound

Ethan Hokamp
Second Prize
Aquinas on Death and Personhood

Brian Goulet
Third Prize
Nihilism Entails Eliminativism: A Critique of Contessa’s Non-eliminative Nihilism

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Dr. Ted Ulrich, UST Department of Theology
Thursday, May 1, 2014
OSF Library Leather Room (108) Noon – 1:00 pm

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