

MELDEN LECTURE

“Virtuous People and Moral Reasons”

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ABSTRACT:

One problem in developing an ethics of virtue is the difficulty in relating virtue to morality - that is, to what we take to be our pretheoretical idea of morality. In this paper I look at two objections to virtue ethics on the grounds that it fails to provide something required by morality. I argue that the objections misconceive the nature of virtue ethics, and also that they illustrate a problem with the notion of morality.

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Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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“Intelligent Virtue”

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“The Morality of Happiness”

“Hellenistic Philosophy of Mind”

“An Introduction to Plato’s Republic”

“Aristotle’s Metaphysics M and N”

