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Philosophy Present:

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"Love and Time"

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Can love at first sight exist? Can love endure over time, even as lovers change? Romantic myths and popular culture affirm that the answer to these questions is yes, but the stories they tell about such phenomena often involve sentimental and implausible ideas about love being a matter of cosmic destiny, being written in the stars, and similarly silly claims. As a result, many sensible people have rejected love at first sight and enduring love, holding that the first is impossible and the second is, at best, rare and highly contingent. I believe, however, there is an attractive middle position, which sees love as more stable and less time-dependent than the skeptical view--and also allows for the existence of love at first sight--while at the same time avoiding the cosmic claptrap.

Speaker bio: Troy Jollimore is Professor of Philosophy at California State University, Chico. His books include *_Love's Vision_* (Princeton, 2011) and *_On Loyalty_* (Routledge, 2012) as well as the National Book Award-winning poetry collection, *_Tom Thomson in Purgatory_* (2006).

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