

## **Philosophy Department Colloquium Series**



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Presents:

# A Culture of Justice

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:45 – 5:00 pm

Liberal Arts Building, Room 114

In *A Theory of Justice*, John Rawls argued that individuals must have self-respect in order to demand justice. This raises three difficulties. First, it is argued that people cannot have duties to themselves. Second, self-respect can be inhibited by forces beyond one's own control. Third, some elements of culture which undermine self-respect are politically protected, such as in some religious beliefs. I address these challenges and argue that citizens and institutions have a moral obligation to foster a culture which promotes self-respect and justice for all citizens. Political justice depends fundamentally on a culture of justice.



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