

## **Philosophy Department Colloquium Series**



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Presents:

# Hegel and the Possibility of Intercultural Criticism Culture

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 – 5:00 pm  
Liberal Arts Building, Room 114

In Hegel's philosophy, the concept of "ethical life" presents powerfully the way in which human beings are formed by the specific social contexts in which they are situated. With his discussion of the idea of "conscience," conversely, Hegel shows how individuals intractably shape these worlds, leaving the mark of their singularity upon all that which forms and claims them. In my presentation I will explore this account of the two-sided character of human agency so as to develop an approach to a particularly charged issue facing political practice—namely, the issue of intercultural criticism. Through analysis of the conscientious stance of confession and forgiveness, I will identify what would be required for a just approach to political action and judgement across cultural borders and between social worlds.



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