Same-Sex Marriages

Wednesday, March 31, 2004
Learning Center, Room 160*
7:30 – 9:00 PM

Same-sex marriages are highly controversial. They are legal (for the moment, anyway) in Massachusetts and San Francisco. But many citizens and politicians, including President Bush, oppose them. Should people be able to marry members of the same sex? Should the state have the authority to prohibit such marriages? Join us for a wide-ranging discussion of the morality of same-sex marriages.

Discussion Leaders:

Jennifer Uleman is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Miami. Her areas of specialization include Kant, Social and Political Theory, and Ethics; she is also interested in Hegel, Nineteenth Century Thought, Feminist Theory, and Philosophy of Law. She has published articles on Kant, and is working on a book on Kant on autonomy.

Father Bernard Kirlin has been Pastor of St. Augustine's and Catholic Chaplain to the University of Miami since June 1999. He holds a B.A. in philosophy, two masters' degrees in theology and has served in many ecclesial capacities and civic boards in his 31 years as a priest.

Father Frank Corbishley has been serving as chaplain at UM since August 1994. His seminary training was at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City. Father Frank is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and of the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird).

Mary Coombs Professor of Law, earned a B.A. in 1965, an M.A. in sociology in 1967, an M.A. in library science in 1970, and a J.D. in 1978, all from the University of Michigan. Professor Coombs teaches in the areas of criminal law, international criminal law, family law, feminist jurisprudence, and torts.

Clark Freshman was educated at Harvard College, Oxford University (where he was a Marshall Scholar), and Stanford Law School. Since 1995, he has been a law professor at the University of Miami where he teaches Civil Procedure, Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and seminars on Legal and Psychological Approaches to Discrimination, Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy, and Emotion and Negotiation.

Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the discussion.

* Take US-1 to Granada Blvd., then Granada Blvd. west across University Drive to Pisano Ave. The parking lot is to your left across from Doctors Hospital.