

Appignani Foundation Lectures on Science, Reason and Secular Ethics

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Paper: 7:00 pm; CAS Wesley Foundation Center (1210 Stanford Drive)
Reception following the discussion.

“Two Reasons for Divine Command Theory—or Something Like It”

William Wainwright

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William Wainwright is the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is the author of numerous books, including *Reason and the Heart* (Cornell University Press, 1995), *Philosophy of Religion* (Wadsworth Publishers, 1988; second edition, 1998) and, most recently, *Religion and Morality* (Ashgate Publishing, 2005). He is the editor of *God, Philosophy and Academic Culture* (Scholar's Press, 1996), *The Oxford Handbook for Philosophy of Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2004), and past editor of *Faith and Philosophy*, the premier journal of the philosophy of religion. His current research is on the relationship between ethics and religion and the philosophical theology of Jonathan Edwards.

“A Purely Secular Morality: Empathy & the Commands of the Heart”

Michael Slote

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Michael Slote (Ph.D., Harvard University), UST Professor of Ethics. He has taught at Columbia University, Trinity College, Dublin, and the University of Maryland, where he was the department chair for many years. He has written many articles in the philosophy of mind, ethics, and political philosophy. His books include: *Goods and Virtues* (Oxford, 1983); *Commonsense Morality and Consequentialism* (Routledge, 1985); *Beyond Optimizing* (Harvard, 1989); *From Morality to Virtue* (Oxford, 1992); and *Morals from Motives* (Oxford, 2001). His latest book, *The Ethics of Care and Empathy* (Routledge, 2007), makes use of the recent psychological literature on empathy to develop a version of care ethics that applies to both personal and political morality. He is in the process of publishing three books with Oxford: a book to be called *Moral Sentimentalism*, a volume of essays on the history of ethics, and a volume of selected papers from previous decades and his present work.