



COLLOQUIUM SERIES

## **“Names and Gender”**

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I don't blame him cause he run and hid. But the meanest thing that he ever did was before he left, he went and named me "Sue". ... Life ain't easy for a guy named "Sue". (Johnny Cash: *A Boy Named "Sue"*)

I'll discuss, mainly, the way proper names can mark the gender of person they refer to. I'll also touch on the way some names (e.g.: "Scotland", "Riverside") mark their referent as a geographical location, etc., without giving up Mill's view that names denote without connoting. On the way, I'll also touch on the differences and similarities between grammatical gender and biological gender. The view I'll end up defending expands on Grice's notion of (generalized) conversational implicatures.

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**Room: 3202 River Building**

**Time: 3:00 pm**

***All are welcome!***