



## FALL SPEAKER SERIES 2018

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**"The importance of *Ubuntu* for Moral and  
Political Philosophy"**

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Over the past ten years, I have been developing a putatively foundational ethical principle grounded largely on beliefs and practices salient in the sub-Saharan cultures, especially those associated with ubuntu in southern Africa. According to my favoured ethic, acts are right insofar as they treat individuals with respect in virtue of their capacity to be party to communal relationships. I will articulate this ethic and then apply it to a wide array of controversies in moral and political philosophy, showing not only that it has implications different from those of standard Western ethical theories, but also that they are plausible relative to them. Topics addressed are likely to include: animal rights, abortion, research ethics, economic justice, human rights and criminal justice.

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