

“God and the Humanities”
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A Public lecture

Human Rights and the Human Quest

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The purpose of the humanities is to develop the capacities necessary for human beings to think deeply, communicate clearly and live well. Academic disciplines in the humanities should cultivate not only intellectual virtues but also moral virtues for human flourishing. For the humanities to reach these goals, certain presumptions are made about the nature of reality, knowledge, ethics, human beings and God. What does it mean then to find purpose in life, to live in harmony with others, to pursue “the good life,” and how might discourse on God affect these pursuits?

This public lecture series seeks to explore these questions in light of today’s globalized world that has pushed many to “the limits of their human existence” as people struggle with forms of alienation, meaninglessness, despair and injustice. Each lecture approaches these issues and questions from a different disciplinary angle, seeking to promote a conversation on how discourse on God might be of value to achieving the objectives of a humanities education.

Lectures will be in English.

Future Lectures:

13 December 2011: “A Public Theology?: Why Discourse on God Matters for the Public Square”

17 January 2012: “God and Western Literature”