

***Philosophy & Religious Studies invites you to
Philosophy Cafe' to be held on:***

***Thursday, October 30, 2014
1220-1320***

***A talk by PHIL/RSTD professor, Dr. Matthew Homan about:
Deus sive Natura: The God of Spinoza***



Spinoza's God is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is not transcendent, acts without purpose, and material extension pertains to his nature. Spinoza's God is not a God to which one prays, or in which one has faith. Why, then, does Spinoza use the word "Deus" to characterize "Natura"? Was he just an atheist trying to avoid persecution? Or does he provide genuine, alternative conceptions of God and religion?

After a brief presentation, we will examine the issue further in dialogue.

If you have any questions please contact the department at [757-594-8827](tel:757-594-8827) or come see us in MCM105