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The Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments is pleased to welcome Dr. Eleonore Stump to campus. She will give a university-wide talk entitled,

“The Problem of Suffering: Self-Destructive Evil”

Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

in Freeman 201

Eleonore Stump is The Robert J. Henle Professor Philosophy at Saint Louis University. She has published extensively in medieval philosophy, philosophical theology, and metaphysics. Among her 16 books are *Boethius's De topicis differentiis*; *The Cambridge Companion to Aquinas*; *Aquinas's Moral Theory: Essays in Honor of Norman Kretzmann*; *Aquinas*, (in the series *The Arguments of the Philosophers*); and *Wandering in Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Suffering*. She is past president of the Society of Christian Philosophers, the American Catholic Philosophical Association, and the American Philosophical Association, Central Division. She has also won the Cherry Award for Teaching and has twice presented the Gifford lectures at Oxford University

Abstract

Truly horrible suffering is the sort sufficient to cast doubt on whether the sufferer's life is a good to him. In thinking about such cases, we generally think only of the suffering of unwilling innocents. But there is another version of the problem of evil which arises from cases in which a person's own acts are so self-destructive that his life is not clearly a good to him. The story of Samson is an example of such a case. Reflection on this story yields insight into what constitutes a good life for a human being and thus also sheds light on the standard of values which needs to be brought to bear on the problem of suffering.

For more information, you can contact Dr. Eric Silverman in the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department in McMurran Hall 123 or call (757) 594-7715

