

co-direct the Fellows Program with Professor Jakelić.



Also coming to the Institute this fall as a postdoctoral fellow is **Regina Smardon**. Dr. Smardon holds a B.A.

in Anthropology from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and an M.S. in Education and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a cultural sociologist and ethnographer interested in social class inequality in the American education system, especially the special education system. As a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute, she will be developing a manuscript entitled *Learning to Label*, based on her 2002–04 fieldwork exploring the meaning of disability expansion in an Appalachian school district. ■

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Kristine Harmon

“Love and Justice”

A lecture by philosopher
Nicholas Wolterstorff

Thursday, November 1, 2007

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dome Room, The Rotunda, UVa Grounds
Reception to follow in the Colonnade Club
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Nicholas Wolterstorff Delivers Fall Lecture

Prominent philosopher and Institute Senior Fellow Nicholas Wolterstorff will deliver a lecture this fall on “Love and Justice,” in connection with his forthcoming book on the topic. We caught up with Professor Wolterstorff and asked him about his theme.

How did you first become interested in the topic of justice?

My interest in the topic of justice did not arise out of teaching responsibilities, nor out of a larger writing project, but out of personal contact with severe cases of injustice—namely, out of acquaintance with blacks and so-called “coloureds” [persons of mixed descent—ed.] in South Africa, and out of acquaintance with Palestinians. It was their faces and their voices that inspired me to think and write about justice.

The term “love,” in popular parlance, has many meanings. What do you mean by the word “love”?

What I mean by “love” is caring about. Caring about resembles benevolence (generosity, charity) in that it seeks to advance the other person’s well-being. But caring about differs from benevolence in that to care about someone is not only to seek to advance their well-being but is also to see to it that their worth is honored. Thus caring about incorporates doing justice.

As you have noted elsewhere, love and justice are usually seen to be conflicting ideas. Why, then, is it important to think about these concepts in tandem?

Those who think of love as benevolence rightly see love and justice in conflict. To be charitable is to forgive—and to forgive can seem an injustice. Some seek to resolve the conflict by giving up on justice in such cases; others propose that, when conflicts arise, we do justice and let go of love, in the expectation that in the eschaton or end times, love can reign supreme. I hold that it is always wrong to perpetrate injustice, even in the name of love; and that it is equally wrong to reduce our relation to our fellows to rendering them their due, as this falls short of truly caring about them. ■