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**Jean Bethke Elshtain to Speak at the
Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture**

July 29, 2008, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA... The Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia is pleased to announce that world-renowned political philosopher and social ethicist Jean Bethke Elshtain will deliver a lecture on “The Myth of the Sovereign Self.” This lecture will be held at the Institute’s new home, at Watson Manor, 3 University Circle, Charlottesville, VA, on **Thursday, October 2**, at **4:00 p.m.**

Jean Bethke Elshtain is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics in the University of Chicago Divinity School, and also teaches in the Department of Political Science and for the Committee on International Relations. Her books include *Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought*; *The Family in Political Thought*; *Meditations on Modern Political Thought: Masculine/Feminine Themes from Luther to Arendt*; *Women and War*; *Democracy on Trial* (a *New York Times* “Notable Book” for 1995); *Augustine and the Limits of Politics*; *Real Politics: At the Center of Everyday Life*; *New Wine and Old Bottles: International Politics and Ethical Discourse*; and *Jane Addams and the Dream of American Democracy: A life*.

Among her many honors and activities, Jean Bethke Elshtain is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and chair of the Council on Civil Society. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University and is currently on the Board of Trustees of the National Humanities Center and on the Board of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy. She has been a Phi Beta Kappa lecturer, is the recipient of nine honorary degrees, and received the 2002 Frank J. Goodnow Award, the American Political Science Association’s highest award for distinguished service to the profession. In 2003, Professor Elshtain was the second holder of the Maguire Chair in American History and Ethics at the Library of Congress. In 2006, she was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and also delivered the prestigious Gifford Lectures at the University of Edinburgh, joining such previous Gifford Lecturers as William James, Hannah Arendt, Karl Barth, and Reinhold Niebuhr. The lectures have been published under the title *Sovereignty: God, State, and Self* (2008). Professor Elshtain’s lecture at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture will draw on her 2006 Gifford Lectures.

Located at Watson Manor, the **Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture** is an interdisciplinary research center and intellectual community at the University of Virginia, committed to understanding contemporary cultural change. Over the past 13 years, the Institute has organized numerous lectures at which senior scholars, public intellectuals, and dignitaries have made major statements on some of the most pressing issues of our time.

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