

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES COLLOQUIUM

Senior thesis presentations

Kathryn Wickersham *The Theology of the Fall in Science Fiction Films*

Entertainment media often approach religious themes in an indirect way. The films *I, Robot*, *Blade Runner*, and *Artificial Intelligence: A.I.* explore the story of the Fall, focusing on self-awareness, sin, and reconciliation respectively. I examine how these films present the Fall story, and what these presentations mean for the future.

Justin Sanders *Can Ethics Be Regarded as Knowledge?*

Through elaborating on the philosophy of St. Aquinas, Kierkegaard and Levinas I will attempt to establish that ethics cannot be regarded as knowledge. I shall argue, based on the doctrines of the above mentioned philosophers, that it is not possible to determine whether one's actions are right or wrong.

Michael Cloran *War with Iran Can Be Justified*

Iran has been a rising concern of the United States and other nations because of its human rights violations, sponsoring of terrorism and terrorist organizations, and open violation of U.N. requests, laws, and sanctions. I shall apply just war theory to the case of Iran and show that war with Iran can be justified.

Tuesday February 19th, 7.00 – 8.30pm

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Cookies and beverages will be provided.

ALL WELCOME!

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