



Saturday, April 20, 2013 ~ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free Will & the Scientific Worldview: Optimistic & Pessimistic Perspectives

The Department of Philosophy, the Center for Science, Ethics & Public Policy, and the Class of 1955 Ethics Fund present four public lectures in the Ewing Room, Perkins Student Center, University of Delaware from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a reception to follow.

The conference will focus on current philosophical and scientific work on free will, featuring several viewpoints on whether we have free will and on the significance of free will for social policy, personal relationships, and meaning in life.

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