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## Illinois Wesleyan to Host 2nd Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

March 25, 2005

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.- Richard Schacht, professor and chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), will be the keynote speaker for Illinois Wesleyan University's second annual student-organized Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2.

Free and open to the public, the event will be held upstairs in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

Schacht's address is at 3 p.m., Friday, April 1. A reception will follow his talk. Schacht's address is made possible by a Humanities Series Occasional Grant, which is co-sponsored by the University's departments of philosophy, English, and Women's Studies.

On Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., participants will present academic papers in the areas of analytic as well as continental philosophy. Each presentation will be followed by a commentary from an Illinois Wesleyan student and a question and answer session.

Schacht, who is the executive director of the North American Nietzsche Society, is known for his studies in post Kantian continental philosophy, philosophical anthropology, social philosophy and value theory. He is also the author and editor of eight books, including *Alienation; Hegel and After; Nietzsche; Classical Modern Philosophers: Descartes to Kant; The Future of Alienation; and Making Sense of Nietzsche*.

Schacht joined UIUC's faculty in 1967 and served as chair of the Philosophy Department from 1979-91 before resuming the position in 2001. He also currently holds the titles of Jubilee Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of criticism and interpretive theory. Schacht received his B.A. from Harvard College in 1963 and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1967.

Three members of IWU's Philosophy Club initiated the idea last year to host a conference on campus after attending one of the largest national philosophy conferences held in Nashville, Tenn. With the help of advisor Leonard Clapp, IWU associate professor of philosophy, the club organized this year's conference and invited philosophy students from across the nation to submit papers. Students from Michigan State University, Knox College and the University of Iowa are among the scheduled presenters.

For additional information, contact the Philosophy Department at (309) 556-3313.

### Schedule of Events

#### **Friday, April 1, 2005**

3 p.m.

Keynote Address: "Does Human Nature Have a Future?"

Richard Schacht, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana

**Saturday, April 2, 2005**

*Session 1: Moral Theory*

Facilitator: Nick Timme

9:00-9:30 a.m.

"Against Bernard Williams"

Mathew Zacharias, University of Iowa

Commentator: Adam Simon

9:30-10:00 a.m.

"Moral Recognition: From Gaugin to Ourselves"

Vinayak Prasad, Michigan State University

Commentator: Adam Betz

10:00-10:30 a.m.

"Universal Laws, Coordination Difficulties and the  
Categorical Imperative Procedure"

Patrick Smith, Harvard University

Commentator: Bill Porter

*Session 2: Other Issues in Value Theory*

Facilitator: Nick Timme

10:40-11:10 a.m.

"Function, Design and Aristotle's Ethics"

William Demsar, SIU, Edwardsville

Commentator: Colin Zepeda

11:10-11:40 a.m.

"The Aesthetic Skill Theory"

Tyson Mohr, Illinois State University

Commentator: Martha White

11:40-12:40 p.m. Lunch

*Session 3: Philosophy of Language*

Facilitator: Emily Kelahan

12:40-1:10 p.m.

"An Expansion of Gricean Conversational Implicature"

Jon Hallemeier, Valparaiso University

Commentator: Lisa Hoelle

1:10-1:40 p.m.

“Putnam's Tour de Force”

Matt Warren, SIU, Edwardsville

Commentator: Bryan Clark

*Session 4: Philosophy of Science*

Facilitator: Emily Kelahan

1:50-2:20 p.m.

“Rational Predictions and Practical Decisions”

Matt Carlson, Oberlin College

Commentator: Nick Timme

2:20-2:50 p.m.

“The Virtuous Condition of Scientific Explanation”

John Monteleone, Knox College

Commentator: Karthic Kakarala

2:50-3:20 p.m. Break

*Session 5: Philosophy of Gender*

Facilitator: Lisa Hoelle

3:20-3:50 p.m.

“Unity With Herself: Re-conceiving Ability Through  
Female Mobility and Pregnancy”

Danae McLeod, Webster University

Commentator: Emily Kelahan

3:50-4:20 p.m.

“The Sex of Gender in American Society: Fallacies in  
the Perspective of Gender Determinism”

Ryan Boese, St. Xavier University

Commentator: Lindsey Krueger

*Session 6: Political Philosophy*

Facilitator: Lisa Hoelle

4:30-5:00 p.m.

“Social Development and Public Assistance”

Pat Riehecky, Illinois Wesleyan University

Commentator: Jeff Schwartz

5:00-5:30 p.m.

“Exclusion in International Relations”  
Lisa Villareal, Loyola University  
Commentator: Andrew Kapral