

# The Wolfe Institute

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*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
in cooperation with the Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities,  
presents*

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A Whiting Seminar

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## Teaching and Research



### **On How to Destroy a House: Some Twelfth-century Ruminations on Changes in Parts**

**Andrew Arlig**, assistant professor of philosophy, specializes in medieval philosophy and metaphysics. His current research focuses on medieval theories of parts and wholes and the application of these theories to analyses of individuality, identity, and persistence. He is also interested in broader metaphysical and theological issues, both as they arise in the Middle Ages and as they continue to pertain to our present circumstances. Some results of his current research project will appear in the *Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* and *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.

### **Late Industrialization in International Perspective: Capital Flows and Production Technologies in India and Turkey**

**Caroline Arnold**, assistant professor of political science, teaches courses on comparative politics, the political economy of development, and the globalization of production. Her book project argues that international economic factors, from global capital flows to technological change, have defined local industrialization patterns in India and Turkey, in historically specific ways. Her recent article in *Journal of Contemporary Asia* explores the labor implications of international production networks in the garment industry and won best article in the journal for the year 2010.

### **City, Nature, Utopia: Environmental Thought in Historical Perspective**

**Michael J. Rawson**, assistant professor of history, specializes in environmental history with an emphasis on its urban and cultural dimensions. His book, *Eden on the Charles: The Making of Boston* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010), reimagines nineteenth-century city building as a process of inventing new relationships to the natural world. He is currently working on two new book projects: the first uses the techniques of microhistory to explore environmental change in a single suburban neighborhood, and the second explores the environmental dimensions of utopian thought within a global context.

### **The Search for Happiness: Ancient, Modern and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives**

**Christine Vitrano**, assistant professor of philosophy, specializes in moral philosophy with an emphasis on value theory. Her current research focuses on theories of happiness, well-being and the good life. She has recently published an article on happiness in the *Journal of Value Inquiry* and she has co-edited an anthology, *Happiness: Classic and Contemporary Readings in Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2008). She is also working on a book manuscript that traces the evolution of the concept of happiness from its ancient philosophical origin through our contemporary usage.

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**Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**Occidental Lounge, Brooklyn College Student Center**

**Campus Road and East 27th Street**

**Lunch will be provided.**

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