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MIDWEST PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

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Presented on April 17th, 2010




WHAT IS IT?

- The Colloquium hosts prestigious speakers on campus to give talks on topics of the campus's general interest.
- Every year there is a unique theme.
- An opportunity for the community





HISTORY OF COLLOQUIUM

- In the Beginning
 - *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*
 - Several of the top American philosophers of the second half of the 20th century have been to our campus.
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What I did

- Sort files
- Cleaned out files
- File Folders
- Binder
- E-Binder

What I found

- Photos
 - Vitas
 - Newspaper articles
 - Posters
 - Outlines of speeches
 - Their papers (drafts)
 - Bibliographies
 - Cost Sheets
 - Evaluations
 - Controversial messages
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The Thirteenth Annual
Midwest Philosophy Colloquium
At the University of Minnesota, Morris

“Philosophy and Religious Issues”

May 16-17, 1989

Eleanore Stump

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Public Lecture:

“Providence and the Problem of Evil”

May 16, 8:00 p.m., Assumption Church, Morris

Seminars in Philosophy:

“Intellect, Will, and the Principle of Alternate Possibilities”

May 16, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,
UMM Campus

Discussion of Both Presentations

May 17, 10:00 a.m., Behmler Conference Room,
UMM Campus



The evening lectures are made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature.

The seminars are made possible through the support of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, as well as the Division of the Humanities of the University of Minnesota, Morris.



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PROGRAM NOTES

In the last century, many aspects of human life have been deeply affected by the development of new technologies. One such aspect concerns the process of reproduction. Recent progress has provided physicians with the instruments and procedures to provide couples previously unable to conceive with the possibility of having babies. Such are the cases for example of infertile as well as lesbian or gay couples. Examples of such reproductive technologies are artificial insemination by husband or by donor, *in vitro* fertilization and embryo transfer, surrogate mothers, sperm and egg banks with gender and trait selection, and embryo adaptation.

The availability of these technologies is crucially increasing the moral significance of our choices concerning conception and reproduction. With more power of choice comes greater moral responsibility. While having children was once seen as an “all natural” process only partly under human control, now the ability to determine such aspects as the genetic origin of one’s babies brings to light the ethical relevance of these decisions. From this new responsibility ensues the need to find acceptable moral criteria to guide our choices in these areas. The fact that in 1980 the President’s Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research was established officially acknowledges the seriousness of this need.

To discuss with us some of the ethical issues raised by new reproductive technologies, we are pleased to have with us as tonight’s speaker

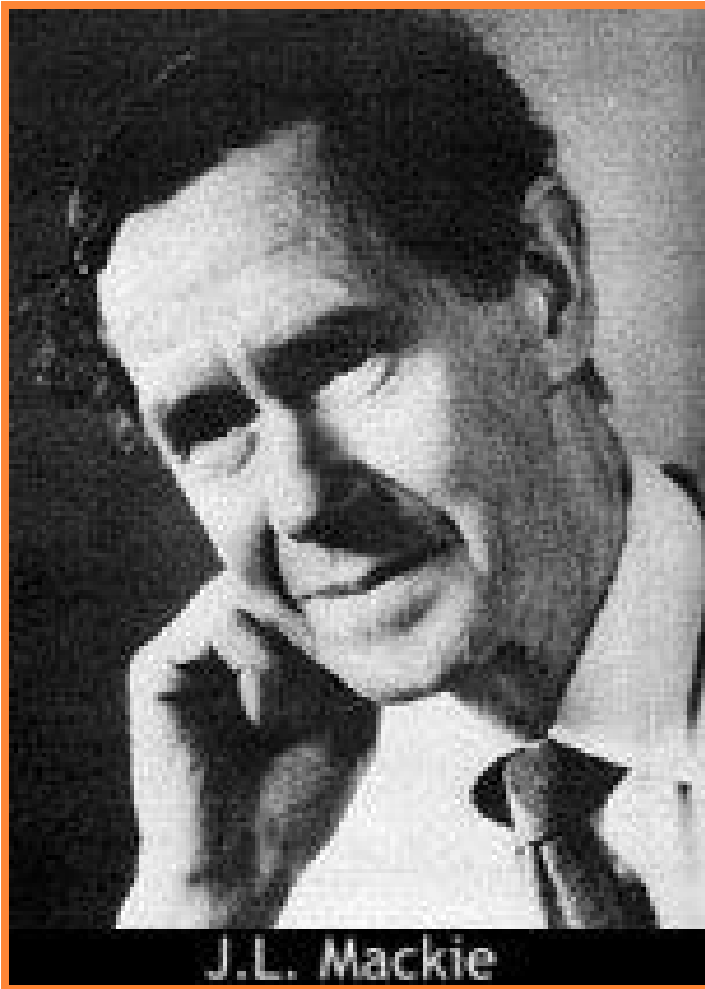
ARTHUR CAPLAN

Director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics
Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Surgery
University of Minnesota



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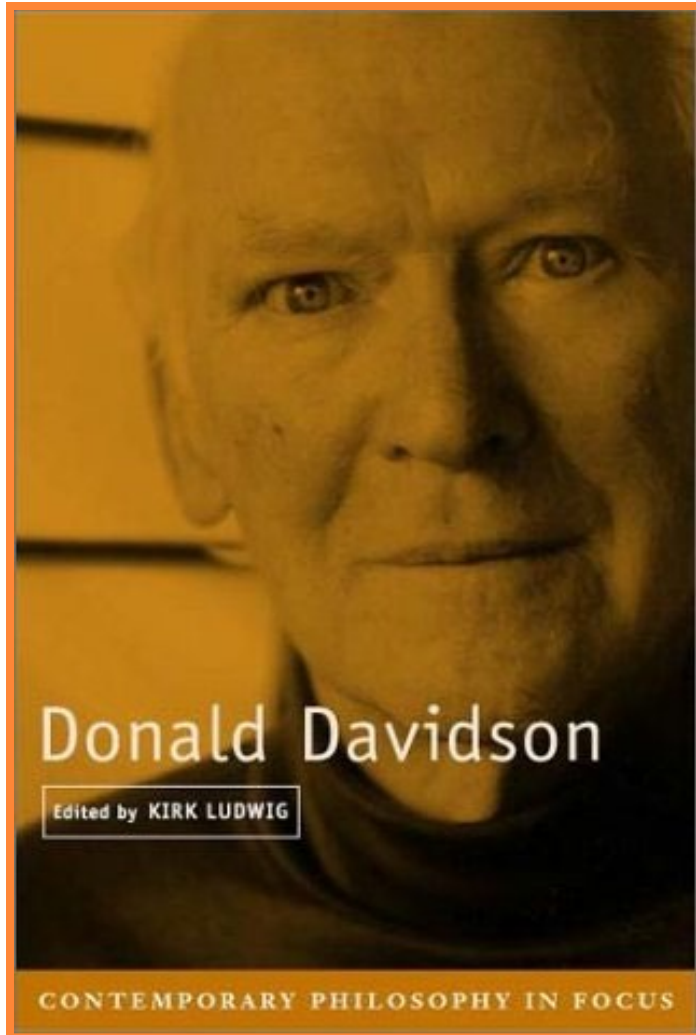


J.L. Mackie

- 4th Colloquium
- Author
- Recognized philosopher
- Audience: 150



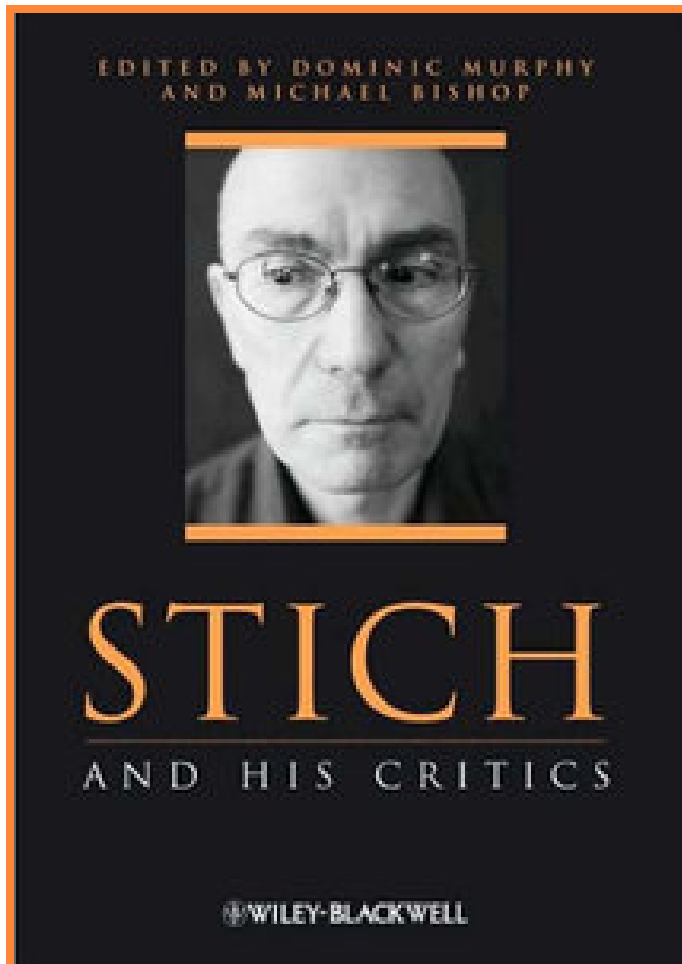
Donald Davidson



- 4th Colloquium
- Audience: 160
- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
 - <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/davidson/>



STEPHEN STITCH



- 32nd Colloquium
- <http://www.morris.umn.edu/academic/philosophy/MidwestColloquia/pastmidwestcolloquium07-08.htm>





WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN

- A resource
- Information for further research.
- Archive material to show history of the Colloquium
- History of UMM
- Could be so much more

