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A Confucian Colloquium: Learning from Chinese Philosophy

Summary: Roger T. Ames and David Wong will present on Confucianism at the 35th Midwest Philosophy Colloquium.

(September 20, 2010)-Throughout its history, the Midwest Philosophy Colloquium has been a who's who of American philosophy. Some of the biggest names in 20th and 21st century philosophy have been guests at the University of Minnesota, Morris. This year is no exception. Now in its 35th year, the 2010 Midwest Philosophy Colloquium, "Learning from Chinese Philosophy," will be hosting two of the most prominent names in philosophy.

On Wednesday, September 29, 2010, Roger T. Ames will be traveling from the University of Hawaii, where he is a professor of philosophy, to present on "Confucian Role Ethics: Does Blind Justice Need Moral Imagination?" at 7:30 p.m. in Imholte 109. Ames has authored nine books and is the editor of *Philosophy East and West*.

On Friday, October 8, 2010, David Wong, a professor of philosophy from Duke University, will be presenting on "What We Can Learn from Mencius on Human Nature and the Development of Ethical Virtue" at 3:30 p.m. in Imholte 109. He is the author of several books and the co-editor of *Confucian Ethics: a Comparative Study of Self, Autonomy and Community*.

Mark Collier, assistant professor of philosophy at Morris, is very excited for these two presenters because they will not only give philosophy students and faculty a chance to explore different segments of their studies, but they also will provide all members of the Morris community a chance to expand their horizons. This is a truly unique opportunity, he says, to get exposure to some of the most well known ways of thought in the world.

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