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Summary: Marya Schechtman, professor of philosophy at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will address the first session of the 31st annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. Schechtman's lecture, on the Colloquium's overall theme of Personal Identity, will be given at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23.

(October 11, 2006)-Marya Schechtman, professor of philosophy at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will address the first session of the 31st annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. Schechtman's lecture, on the Colloquium's overall theme of Personal Identity, will be given at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at First Lutheran Church, 200 East Fifth Street in Morris.

Schechtman will speak on the topic "Just Be Yourself," incorporating ideas asked in philosophy, literature and everyday life which address questions about authenticity, self-knowledge and a meaningful life. A panel, comprised of moderator Chris Hamrin, UMM student and philosophy major, Tamler Sommers, assistant professor of philosophy at UMM and Brook Miller, assistant professor of English at UMM, will be held in conjunction with the lecture.

Schechtman will also present "Stories, Lives, and basic Survival: A Defense and Refinement of the Narrative View" at 2:30 p.m. October 23 in the Prairie Lounge of the UMM Student Center.

These events are free and open to the public.

Schechtman graduated with honors and a major in philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1982. She studied at Harvard University where she received her doctorate in philosophy in 1988. She has been recognized with many awards and honors for her work. She has written over 10 book reviews, has had many of her papers published and has given a presentation on "Metaphysics, Value, and Identity" at the University of California.

The second session of the 31st Midwest Philosophy Colloquium is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007. Professor Eric Olson from the University of Sheffield will speak on "When Do We Begin and End?"

Midwest Philosophy Colloquium lectures are funded by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean at UMM.

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