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Empowering Women in a Globalized World

Summary: Associate Professor of Philosophy Christine Koggel will address the third session of the 30th Midwest Philosophy Colloquium on the topic, "Empowering Women in a Globalized World." She will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, at Federated Church.

(March 21, 2006)-Christine Koggel, associate professor of philosophy at Bryn Mawr College, will travel to Morris for the third session of the 30th Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. She will speak at Federated Church in Morris at 7 p.m., Monday, April 3, on the topic of "Empowering Women in a Globalized World." A panel, comprised of moderator UMM student James Gambrell and panelists Pareena Lawrence, UMM associate professor of economics and management, and Lory Lemke, adjunct lecturer in philosophy, will be held in conjunction with the lecture.

Koggel will also present a paper, "Globalization and Inequality: a Feminist Perspective," at 2:30 p.m. the same day in the Prairie Lounge of the Student Center at UMM. In her paper Koggel will "argue that both local and global factors and the intersections of them in specific contexts need to be taken into account in a proper assessment of policies designed to empower women."

The public is cordially invited to attend both of these free events.

Koggel has taught at Bryn Mawr since 1996 and is currently chair of the department. She has held Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships at Queen's and York Universities. Her primary research interests are in the areas of moral theory, practical ethics, social and political theory and feminism. In addition to several papers and journal articles, she is the author of *Perspectives on Equality: Constructing a Relational Theory* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1998), a book that brings together her interests in moral, social, political and feminist theory. She is the editor of *Moral Issues in Global Perspective* (Broadview, 1999) and co-editor of *Contemporary Moral Issues* (McGraw-Hill: 4th edition 1997 and 5th edition 2005) and of *Confidential Relationships: Psychoanalytic, Ethical and Legal Perspectives* (Rodopi, 2004). She also has interests in Greek philosophy and in Wittgenstein, particularly in Wittgenstein's account of meaning as use about which she has written an article in *Feminist Interpretations of Ludwig Wittgenstein* (Penn State, 2003). Wittgenstein is one of the most influential philosophers of the 20th century, regarded by some as the most important since Immanuel Kant.

In addition to teaching historical introductory courses in ancient and modern philosophy, she teaches courses on Wittgenstein, ethics, development ethics, feminist theory and political theories of justice and equality.

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