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The Philosophy Discipline invites the Morris community to the 46th Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. This year’s colloquium will explore the topic of “Structural Change: From Individuals to Institutions and Back” and will feature two of the co-authors of a recent article in Environmental Communication, a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

The colloquium will feature: Michael Brownstein, professor of philosophy at John Jay College and The Graduate Center, CUNY, and Daniel Kelly, professor of philosophy at Perdue University.

In their article, “Individualism, Structuralism, and Climate Change,” the two develop a range of arguments and examples showing how the most important individual actions are those that facilitate structural change, and the most important structural changes are those that reshape the ways individuals think, feel, and act toward one another and their shared world.

The first lecture for this year’s Colloquium, Brownstein’s “Climate Change, Racism, and Misinformation,” will take place on Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109.

The second lecture, “Social Change, Cultural Minds, and Human Nature,” will be given by Kelly on Friday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109.

For over four decades, the Midwest Philosophy Colloquium has brought some of the foremost figures in philosophy to the Minnesota prairie. For more information, please contact Mark Collier, professor of philosophy, at mcollier@morris.umn.edu.

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