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RESEARCH CAFÉ SERIES

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Title: Autonomous Endorsement and the Sources of Normativity

Synopsis: Where does our sense of what we ought to do come from? How is this moral sense related to the notion of meaningfulness? This presentation evaluates the views of Neo-Kantian theorist Christine Korsgaard on the role of autonomy as the source of normativity. I challenge the position that normativity is necessarily and in all cases autonomous, and I find that at the heart of Korsgaard’s failure to account for heteronomous sources of normativity is an ontology that assumes a problematically one-sided relation between the moral agent and the world.

Biography: Lori is a third-year student in the Philosophy Department, which she joined as a Turner Fellow after completing her bachelor’s degree in Philosophy and Foreign Languages at the University of New Mexico. Prior to commencing her graduate studies, Lori worked as a paralegal in New Mexico’s largest immigration law firm. At Stony Brook, Lori is concurrently working toward a graduate certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies. She has previously presented work in the area of Aristotelian ethics and on human rights approaches to the problem of immigration. She was recently awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship and is preparing to give a talk on evangelical Christianity and Habermas’ recent writings on post-secularism at the Conference of Ford Fellows this October.

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