You are cordially invited to a lecture by

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“Why Equality Matters: Ethics, Politics, Economics”

In this talk, Dr. Green will show why equality matters as an ethical value of basic importance that can do real work in our self-understanding, our social relations in daily life, and our institutional structures and policies of politics and economy. Drawing on the history of the concept of equality, she will explain what social equality is -- an ethical principle of inclusion and participation that values differences -- and what it is not -- a mathematical principle of sameness. Focusing on contemporary issues, Dr. Green will argue that social inequality damages our cities, our political life, and our national economy as well as our personal character and life prospects; in contrast, strategies of living as equals, building real social equality, and transforming our political and economic institutions in light of this ethical value can advance their sustainability, as well as the quality of our personal and social experience.

Judith M. Green is Professor of Philosophy and Co-Director of Women’s Studies at Fordham University. She is the author of Deep Democracy: Community, Diversity, and Transformation (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999) and Pragmatism and Social Hope: Deepening Democracy in Global Contexts (Columbia University Press, 2008), as well as many philosophical essays. In addition, she is the editor of Richard J. Bernstein and the Pragmatist Turn in Contemporary Philosophy: Rekindling Pragmatism’s Fire (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming December 2013) and co-editor of Pragmatism and Diversity: Dewey in the Context of Late Twentieth Century Debates (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012). Dr. Green is currently working on Pragmatist Political Economy: Deep Democracy, Economic Justice, Positive Peace, in which her analysis of “why equality matters” plays a key role. At Fordham University's "Rose Hill" campus in the Bronx, Dr. Green teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses, including "American Pragmatism: Classical and Contemporary," "The Philosophy of William James," "Dewey and Rorty," "African American Philosophy," "Native American Philosophies," and "Feminist Theories in Intercultural Context."

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