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# Spotlight On Scholarship

Throughout the year we will host a series of presentations to recognize professional achievement in scholarship and to celebrate the rich diversity and talents of our colleagues.

*This Spotlight on Scholarship features*

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**David Duquette**

*Professor of Philosophy*

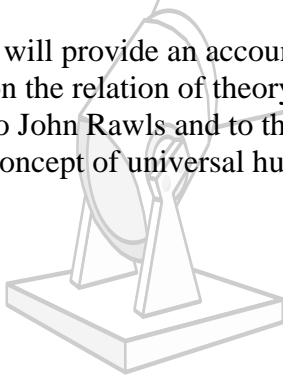
*2007 Donald B. King Distinguished Scholar Award Recipient*

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“Theory and Practice in the History of Political Thought”

My ongoing research, although somewhat varied in the topics investigated and published, is connected by a common thread which is the relation of theory and practice in social and political thought. All social and political thought is to some extent reflective of the time period in which it is theorized, but without being reducible to a mere mirror-image. Such theorizing also has an ideal aspect to it in the sense that it engages in normative conceptualization, capturing the “ought to be” that is implied in human goals and aspirations relating to society and government.

I will provide an account of how my work on Hegel and Marx, and the perspectives they provide on the relation of theory and practice, has informed my approach to political thinkers from Plato to John Rawls and to the study of political themes ranging from the nature of the just state to the concept of universal human rights.



**Tuesday, April 22, 2008**  
**11:30 – 12:20**  
**Union Shield Room**



The Office of Faculty Development will provide complimentary refreshments.