

AU Bergren Forum speaker's honor code talk to be followed by book signing
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Emrys Westacott

Emrys Westacott, a professor of philosophy at Alfred University, will present "Galahad v Odysseus: Honor Codes in Sport and Beyond" in the continuing series of Bergren Forum speakers on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 12:10 p.m. in Powell Campus Center's Nevins Theater. The program is open to the public free of charge. In his talk, Westacott will compare two ways of looking at cheating and gamesmanship in sport. The "Odyssean" perspective focuses on winning and does not worry too much about how this is achieved; the "Galahadian" perspective, by contrast, holds fast to a strict honor code. Westacott will argue that the latter point of view should be actively encouraged. He will also seek to show how examining controversies in sport where this contrast comes into play can illuminate the nature of moral debates beyond sport. Westacott has presented earlier versions of the talk this year at philosophy conferences in Manchester (UK) and Rochester. Following the presentation, Westacott will be available at the Alfred University Book Store, also in Powell Campus Center, to sign copies of his latest book, "The Virtues of Our Vices," which has just been published by Princeton University Press. You can access more information about the book at: <http://press.princeton.edu...> read a recent review of the book that appeared in The Boston Globe, go to <http://articles.boston.co...> received degrees in philosophy from the University of Sheffield (UK); McGill University, Quebec; and the University of Texas at Austin. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.