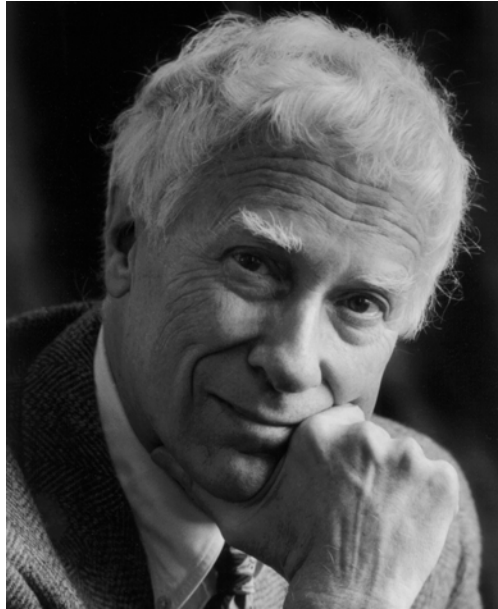


Annual Womack Lecture in Philosophy and Religion

Nicholas Wolterstorff

“Love and Justice: What’s the Problem?” (11 am)

“Love and Justice: What’s the Solution?” (2 pm)



Monday, November 9, 2009

Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall

Nicholas Wolterstorff is the Noah Porter Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology and Fellow of Berkeley College at **Yale University**. A prolific writer with wide-ranging philosophical and theological interests, he has written books on metaphysics, aesthetics, political philosophy, epistemology and the philosophy of religion. In the fall of 1993 he gave the Wilde Lectures at **Oxford University** (published as *Divine Discourse*), and in the spring of 1995 he gave the Gifford Lectures at **St. Andrews University** (part of which is now published as *Thomas Reid and the Story of Epistemology*). He has been president of the **American Philosophical Association** and of the **Society of Christian Philosophers**.

“In his most recent book, *Justice: Rights and Wrongs*, Nicholas Wolterstorff reaches far back into biblical tradition and Greek philosophy to trace a distinctive vision of justice based on the worth that God confers on each person. For Wolterstorff, respect for human worth entails respect for human rights; this marks an important turn away from the tendency in recent theology to dismiss talk about rights as an Enlightenment innovation that is alien to Christian ethics” (Robin Lovin *Christian Century*).

“Wolterstorff’s *Justice* is the most impressive book on justice since Rawls’ *A Theory of Justice*. The sweep of the book is breathtaking, ranging from a detailed discussion of justice in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament to medieval, early modern, and contemporary theories of justice. Wolterstorff’s most provocative thesis is that all existing secular as well as most religious attempts to ground a theory of justice fail. Even those who are skeptical about his theistic grounding of justice will be challenged by the clarity, rigor, and thoroughness of his arguments” (Richard J. Bernstein, New School for Social Research).