

WILLIAM P. ALSTON

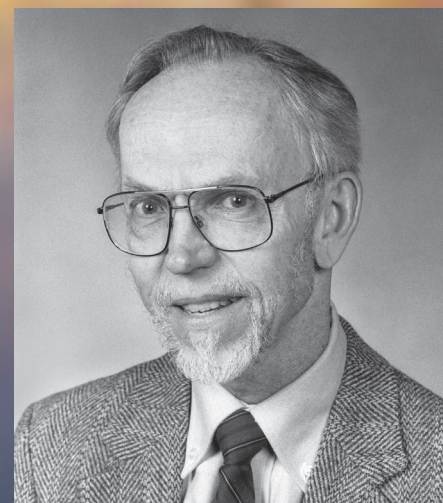
William Alston was a treasured member of the Syracuse University Philosophy faculty for thirty years, from his appointment in 1979 until his death in 2009 at the age of 87. Although Bill officially retired in 1992, he continued to teach and write for a number of years thereafter through a series of post-retirement appointments, and was always available to students and colleagues. His work set new standards of achievement in epistemology, philosophy of language, and philosophy of religion. Working with Bill always brought out the best in his colleagues and his students.

Alston's 50-year academic career included major stints at Michigan, Rutgers, and Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. By the time he arrived at SU in 1980, Alston was revered for his work in philosophy of language, epistemology, and philosophy of religion. He published several books and more than 150 articles, and was founding editor of *Faith and Philosophy* and the *Journal of Philosophical Research*.

The initiation of this lecture series was made possible by a number of generous donations from people who knew Bill and his work, a grant from the Templeton Foundation, and support from Syracuse University. We welcome additional contributions to help ensure that this is an enduring tradition.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
541 Hall of Languages
Syracuse, New York 13244
315-443-2245
philosophy@syr.edu

FOURTH ANNUAL WILLIAM P. ALSTON LECTURE



Saturday, October 22, 2016
132 Lyman Hall



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy

Gideon Rosen



Gideon Rosen (PhD 1992, Princeton) is Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University, where he has won the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching. He has also been Hauser Fellow in Global Law at NYU. He specializes in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mathematics and ethics. He has published one book and more than 30 articles on various philosophical subjects, but is best known for his work on fictionalism in the metaphysics of modality.

His book, "A Subject with No Object: Strategies for Nominalist Reconstrual in Mathematics" (with John P. Burgess), was published by Oxford University Press in 1997.

Some recent articles include:

"Realism about Mathematical Objects", Cambridge Conference on Mathematical Knowledge, University of Cambridge, July 2004.

"Greenberg on Legal Positivism", comment delivered at the Princeton University Conference on Ronald Dworkin's Jurisprudence, September 2004.

"Skepticism about Moral Responsibility", USC, December 2004

"The Alethic Conception of Responsibility", University of Chicago, April 2005

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

500 Hall of Languages

12:15 - 1:45 p.m. "What Kind of Fool Am I? Foolishness, Character, and the Unity of Virtue"
Sean McAleer (University of Wisconsin)
Comments: Mark & Irem Steen (Bogazici University)

Noon **Argument for Incompatibilism"**
Seth Shabo (University of Delaware) Comments: Kelly McCormick (Texas Christian University)

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch off campus

3:30 p.m. **"Trusting Fiction"**
Frances Howard-Snyder (Western Washington University)
Comments: Nathan Hanna (Drexel University)

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Gideon Rosen:
"Rage Against the Machines: Anger as a Political Emotion"
Reception at the Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center