The Department of Classics, UCLA is pleased to present a lecture by

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"The Plurality of Virtue."



"Scholars have traditionally taken the so-called 'unity of virtue' as a 'problem,' and have judged Socrates' insistence on it as slightly perverse, or at least him to have the burden of defending his counter-intuitive position. I argue, in effect, for the opposite. That $aret\hat{e}/virtue$ could be plural, and that there could be multiple virtues at all, is the prior 'problem,' and thus the argumentative burden falls on those who would speak of various aretai/virtues. The point of this paper is to historicize one of the fundamental instigating assumptions of ethical theorizing: that there are multiple human virtues and their relationship needs to be accounted for."

Monday January 27th 2025, 5.00 pm Dodd 248 All are welcome