

**Conference Program: Desiring the Good in Plato**

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Philosophy Hall 716, Philosophy Department, Columbia University. Directions <[http://www.columbia.edu/about\\_columbia/map/philosophy.html](http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/philosophy.html)>

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**11 am**

Welcome: Katja Vogt

**11:10 – 12:40**

Speaker: Iakovos Vasiliou (CUNY, Graduate Center), “Plato and Moral Motivation”  
Commentator: Wolfgang Mann (Columbia University)

**12:40 – 1:40**

Lunch (on site)

**1:40 – 3:10**

Speaker: Matthew Evans (NYU), “The Good of the *Euthyphro*”  
Commentator: Christiana Olfert (Columbia University)

**3:10 – 4:40**

Speaker: Dimitri El Murr (Paris 1), “The Ethical Importance of the Idea of the Good in Plato's *Republic*”  
Commentator: Taylor Carman (Barnard College/Columbia University)

**4:40 – 5:00**

Coffee break

**5:00 – 6:30**

Speaker: Melissa Lane (Princeton University), “Weakness of virtue, not will: Plato on self-knowledge and *akrasia*”  
Commentator: Melissa Schwartzberg (Columbia University)

Dinner for speakers