

Tuesday Talks

PRESENTS

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Speaking on

“The Relevance of Ancient Teachings and Aristotle’s
Golden Mean in Today’s Character Education”

Ancient teachings are replete with warnings about our human frailty and vulnerability, not just from our mortality, but from our inevitable encounters with disagreement, evil, and our own conflicting desires. Human lives, they say, are the sum of choice, the help and guidance we receive, and the destiny set by the gods. How we use freedom is what we can control; our fate is where we actualize it. My presentation shows the benefits to human flourishing of classic myths and Aristotle’s focus on character and virtue development. These stand in stark contrast to today’s educational politics of weakness, victimhood, and the ongoing need for institutional protections. Instead of promoting our youths’ internal strength and resolve to face challenges, the "new ways" weaken and make them dependent. A good look at Aristotle and the classic myths can help to put youth back on solid ground for their life adventures.

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5-6:30 PM

Angell College Center

Alumni Conference Room



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