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Noted Philosopher to Discuss Emotions Nov. 3 at JU Free Lecture Kicks Off JU's New Ethics Series

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jacksonville University will kick off a new sponsored lecture series in ethics and philosophy with a Nov. 3 lecture by Dr. Robert Solomon, one of the country's leading philosophy scholars. Solomon will address "What's So Wrong With a Negative Emotion?" at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3, in Gooding Auditorium on the Jacksonville University campus as part of the Ethics in Contemporary Life Series.

Solomon is the Quincy Lee Centennial Professor of Philosophy and Business at the University of Texas and the author of more than 40 books and 100 articles on philosophy, ethics and emotions. Solomon also lent his voice for an appearance as himself in the 2001 movie "Waking Life," an animated feature about human existence.

He is president of the International Society for Research on Emotions, the topic of his current research. In his 2003 book *Not Passion's Slave*, Solomon develops the idea that we are responsible for and have control over our own emotions. His other books include *The Joy of Philosophy*, *A Better Way to Think about Business*, and *Building Trust - In Business, Politics, Relationships, and Life*.

The new Ethics in Contemporary Life Series is sponsored by Anita and Glenn Ross and organized by the JU Department of Philosophy. Ross is a 1967 philosophy graduate from JU and a successful businessman in the Atlanta area. He believes that his own studies in philosophy taught him to read, think and analyze, and laid the foundation for his business success.

Dr. Erich Freiburger, professor of philosophy at JU, said the series will bring to campus major philosophers and lecturers "who have something to say outside of the academy." Both faculty members and the Ross family are interested in bringing philosophy and ethics topics to the forefront of public discussion on campus and in the community.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call (904) 256-7102.



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