David McPherson

University of Florida

Keynote II.

Does Neo-Aristotelian Virtues Ethics Need a Neo-Aristotelian Politics?

Over the last half-century there has been a major revival of Aristotelian virtue ethics, but this has been largely divorced from any accompanying Aristotelian political philosophy. Insofar as this is the case, it represents a significant departure from Aristotle's own thought, since in *Nicomachean Ethics* I.2 he makes clear that ethics needs to be understood as part of politics. In this talk, I will discuss my approach to Aristotelian virtue ethics, as developed in my first book monograph *Virtue and Meaning: A Neo-Aristotelian Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), and then I will discuss how I have sought to build on this to develop an accompanying neo-Aristotelian political philosophy in my second book monograph *The Virtues of Limits* (Oxford University Press, 2022).