



Epistemology of Education Lecture

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“Virtues of the Mind: On the Characterological Demands of Academic Inquiry”

Thursday January 23rd,
3-4:30pm (online)

Abstract: What does it take to be an excellent scholar? It requires, at a minimum, some combination of natural ability, intellectual skill, and disciplinary knowledge. However, it also makes demands on who we are as persons: on what we care about and how we are disposed to act, think, and feel in the context of academic inquiry. This is the domain of intellectual character. In this lecture, I will situate the construct of intellectual character vis-à-vis ordinary ways of thinking about intellectual excellence, on the one hand, and virtuous moral and civic character, on the other. I will also link the formation of virtuous intellectual character to some of familiar but elusive educational aims.

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