Oriel Talks
Theology and Philosophy

10 November, 2022
6-7pm in the Harris Lecture Theatre,
Oriel College, Oxford

Ashby Neterer
Philanthropy in Gregory Nazianzen’s Oration 14
Which virtue reigns supreme? What is humanity’s highest aim?
How can one become divine? Writing during devastating
famine circa 368 A.D., Gregory Nazianzen argues that one word
answers these questions: philanthropy.

Iona Fielding
Kant's Dance With Christianity
I'll be exploring Kant's motivations for spilling ink on the subject
of God: he is after 'epistemological hygiene', a moral rather
than theoretical proof for the existence of God, and a
guidebook on how religion can be used philosophically to help
us become more moral people.

William Wells
Neuroscience and Morality
How do we make moral judgements?
Recent advancements in cognitive science have led to a
growing emphasis on empirically based inquiries into this
question. This talk will provide a concise neuroscientifically
oriented overview of the ongoing investigation into the
neuroscience of morality.