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Middle Common Room

# Oriel Talks

## Theology and Philosophy

10 November, 2022

6-7pm in the Harris Lecture Theatre,  
Oriol 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.