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Contextualizing Exploitation

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12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM
Beach Hall, Room 425

Dr. Liberto responds to a leading theory of the wrongness of exploitation by suggesting that the criteria proposed by the theory are neither necessary nor sufficient conditions. In order to support this thesis, she describes exploitative scenarios that involve conditions of special trust, non-coercive bribery, and some exploitative acts that might actually rectify existing unfairness or inequality. Many such circumstances typically occur within traditional families or within sexist work environments, that is, market or pseudo-market environments largely ignored in the philosophical literature on exploitation.

Hallie Liberto is a new faculty member in the Philosophy Department. She completed her PhD at the University of Wisconsin with a dissertation entitled "On the Moral and Legal Alienation of Reproductive Rights, Sexual Rights, and Rights to Bodily Organs." Dr. Liberto specializes in moral and political philosophy. She has particular interest in bioethical and political topics that intersect with feminist concerns (e.g. abortion, prostitution, reproductive technology, critiques of traditional marriage, and the transfer and alienation of bodily rights). Recent publications include: "Normalizing Prostitution versus Normalizing the Alienation of Sexual Rights" in *Ethics* (2009), and "The Ethics of Polyamorous Marriage" in *The Ethics of the Family* Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2010).

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