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# Against Forgiveness

**John J. Stuhr's**, W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy and Professor of American and Southern Studies, main research interests include political philosophy, ethics, 19th and 20th century American and European philosophies, and contemporary cultural issues. His current research includes: several book projects on pragmatism and American philosophy (including a volume on American pragmatism for Blackwell, a short introduction to American philosophy more broadly for Oxford, an analysis of Dewey's theory of experience and its implications for understanding philosophy as criticism for Vanderbilt University Press, and an edited collection by scholars in history, literature, philosophy, and global studies on James's pragmatism); a book, tentatively titled, *Forgiveness and the Unforgivable*, that explores the meaning of forgiveness in personal life, religion, medicine and psychology, and politics; and several essays on topics that range from feminism and democratic theory (for *Hypatia*) to deliberation and public life (for the *Kettering Review*) to a study of the philosophies of Kant and Deleuze on ethics, and a study of the Hudson River School of painting in relation to the writings of Tocqueville, Emerson, and James. In March, 2006 he will deliver the Presidential Address to the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, and in December, 2005, he will complete a series of multi-year funded projects on ethics, international affairs, and terrorism.

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**at 3:30 pm,**  
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