

# ROMANELL-PHI BETA KAPPA LECTURES 2017

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### RATIONALITY, EVIDENCE, AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE

#### Lecture 1: What is Reasonable Belief?

Thursday, September 7  
7:00-8:30

Rush Rhees Library,  
Hawkins Carlson Room

*Reasonable belief is belief that is guided by the evidence. The talk expands upon this seemingly uncontroversial idea and examines a set of challenges and complications.*

#### Lecture 2: Argument & Public Discourse

Thursday, September 14  
7:00-8:30

Rush Rhees Library  
Humanities Center  
Conference Room

*A variety of misunderstandings and confusions get in the way of using discussions with others to arrive at reasonable beliefs. This talk will explore some of them: the goals of argumentation, the value of having no opinion, and the distinction between facts and opinions.*

#### Lecture 3: Can Reasonable People Disagree?

Monday, September 18  
7:00-8:30

Rush Rhees Library,  
Humanities Center  
Conference Room

*While there is surely something right about the idea that reasonable people can disagree, the idea that reasonable belief is belief that is guided by the evidence introduces challenges and puzzles that are not easily dismissed. This talk examines these issues.*

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