The GW Philosophy Department proudly presents the 2016 Thacher Lecture:

Knots in the Dao
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**Abstract:** In Daoist philosophy we often encounter paradoxes. These paradoxes are explicit and are not taken to be problems, but are explicitly endorsed. Daoists take contradiction not to be incoherent, but to be a cogent way to understand an inconsistent world. Here we consider a set of paradoxes drawn from the Daodejing and the Zhuangzi. We explain why they arise, why they are endorsed, and why Laozi and Zhuangzi take them to be philosophically revelatory.

Friday, April 15 at 4:00 pm
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Light refreshments will be available!