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**UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH TO PRESENT 2017 MUNGER LECTURE:
“WHY LOVE MATTERS FOR DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE:
THOUGHTS ON JOHN RAWLS AND JAMES BALDWIN”**

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (January 20, 2017) – The University of Saint Joseph will present the 2017 Munger Lecture, featuring Christopher Lebron, Ph.D., an assistant professor of African American Studies and Philosophy at Yale University. Dr. Lebron’s lecture, which is entitled “Why Love Matters for Democracy and Justice: Thoughts on John Rawls and James Baldwin,” will take place on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 12 p.m. It will be held in McDonough Hall, Room 200 on the University’s West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue. Admission is free and open to the general public and a light lunch will be provided.

Chris Lebron, Ph.D., holds a doctorate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his interests include moral theory, political ethics, race, and method. His book, *The Color of Our Shame: Race and Justice In Our Time*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2013, and was awarded First Book Prize by the American Political Science Association Foundations of Political Theory section. Oxford University Press will publish his second book, *The Making of “Black Lives Matter”: A Brief History of an Idea*, in 2017. He is currently working on a third book, which focuses on imagination, ethics, and racial egalitarianism. In addition, Dr. Lebron has been active in public forums discussing race, social justice, and democratic ethics, having contributed a number of pieces to *The New York Times’* “The Stone” column, *Boston Review*, and other outlets.

For more information on the 2017 Munger lecture, contact Agnes Curry, Ph.D., professor of Philosophy, at 860.231.5224 or acurry@usj.edu.

About the Munger Lecture:

The Munger Lecture was established by Mary V. Munger, a University of Saint Joseph alumna who earned a B.A. in Mathematics in 1939, then went on to pioneering positions in engineering at Pratt and Whitney. The lecture series invites a guest lecturer to campus to address a topic or issue in contemporary ethics.

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