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HRI Profiling Scholarship Series 2003-2004: **SHADIA B. DRURY**

The HRI Profiling Scholarship Series provides a forum for researchers in the humanities at the University of Regina to talk informally to colleagues and students about their recent work of general interest. The HRI is delighted to open its new season of Profiling Scholarship with a talk by **Shadia B. Drury**, Canada Research Chair in Social Justice at the University of Regina.

GUILT, ORIGINAL SIN, AND EXPIATION: FROM CHRIST TO FREUD

In this lecture, Shadia Drury will examine the concepts of original sin, guilt, and expiation that are at the heart of the Passion of Christ. She will argue that the concept of

original sin creates a burden of guilt that is psychologically unhealthy and deleterious to the moral life. And despite all his efforts to alleviate the burden of guilt, Drury thinks that Freud fails. Instead, he provides the Christian conceptions of guilt, original sin, and expiation, with a historical, psychological, and pseudo-scientific justification.

Shadia B. Drury is Canada Research Chair in Social Justice at the University of Regina where she is Professor in the Departments of Political Science and Philosophy. Her most recent books are *Leo Strauss and the American Right* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997) and *Alexandre Kojève: The Roots of Postmodern Politics* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994). Her forthcoming book is *Terror and Civilization: Christianity, Politics, and the Western Psyche* (St. Martin's Press, 2003).

Where: CL 417

When: Wednesday, 17 September, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided

P.S.: Check out the "Profiling Scholarship" pages on the HRI website for information about past and future presentations in this Series: <http://www.uregina.ca/hri/Newsletters/2003/Sept9NL.shtml>

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