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A Lecture by

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DIRTY VIRTUES:

Human Character

and the

Environment

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The lecture is free and open to the public.

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"Virtues are biologically based, conditioned feedback loops that allow human beings to live well within their natural environment: to flourish and let flourish. At the intersection between the 'inner' and 'outer' worlds of a person, virtues ensure fitting personal adjustments in response to internal and environmental features and changes. They are truly *powers*, to cite the ancients. Honed by both evolutionary and cultural histories, virtues offer hope for an ecologically rich future."

—Louke van Wensveen

Having traced developments in environmental virtue ethics from its emergence two decades ago, Louke van Wensveen turns to an account of its nature and significance, drawing on both ecology and neuroscience.

Louke van Wensveen is an independent scholar and ethics consultant, based in Los Angeles. A native of the Netherlands, she studied comparative religion and social ethics at Leiden, Harvard, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. van Wensveen publishes and consults in the areas of environmental ethics and business ethics. She is the author of *Dirty Virtues*, which chronicles the character traits that inspire people to build sustainable communities. Since 1998, she has participated in the Ethics and Sustainability Dialogue Group, an unprecedented exchange between ethicists and members of the Chlorine Chemistry Council. She also serves as an independent advisor on Dow's Corporate Environmental Advisory Council. Until 2002, Dr. van Wensveen was Associate Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Her course "Science, Theology, and the Future," team-taught with a colleague from LMU's Chemistry Department, was twice recognized with a John Templeton Foundation Award.

