"Intuition and Intuitions in Ethics"

Abstract: The method of appealing to intuitions about hypothetical cases has become central to much work in ethics. Yet at the same time, empirical research in psychology and experimental philosophy has raised worries about whether intuition or intuitions could have the character or significance that such philosophical practices seem to assume they have. In this talk I will attempt a qualified defense of certain prominent uses of intuition in ethics, and ask what this might tell us about how best to learn from intuition and intuitions in philosophical methodology.