President's Author Series

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Globe Theatre 7:00 p.m.

Reflections on the Life of a Public Intellectual

Jean Bethke Elshtain, the guest of IWU's fall semester President's Author Series, will reflect on her fruitful career of service as a public intellectual. Dr. Elshtain is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics in the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, with additional appointments in Political Science and the Committee on International Relations. Dr. Elshtain earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University, a master's degree in history as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, and a doctoral degree in politics from Brandeis University. Before joining the University of Chicago in 1994, she served on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Vanderbilt University, where she was the first woman at that institution to hold an endowed professorship.

Considered among America's foremost public intellectuals, Dr. Elshtain has been a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She has been a Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer, and in 2011 she was honored with the Democracy Service Award, previously given to the Dalai Lama, Lech Walesa, and Vaclav Havel.

Dr. Elshtain is the author of numerous books. Her publications include *Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought*; *Meditations on Modern Political Thought*; *Women and War; Democracy on Trial* (a *New York Times*' notable book for 1995); *Real Politics: At the Center of Everyday Life*; *Augustine and the Limits of Politics*; *Who Are We? Critical Reflections, Hopeful Possibilities* (recipient of the Theologos Award for Best Academic Book 2000 by the Association of Theological Booksellers); *Jane Addams and the Dream of American Democracy* (honored by the Society of Midland Authors in 2002); *Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World* (named one of the best nonfiction books of 2003 by Publishers Weekly); and *Sovereignty: God, State, and Self* (her Gifford Lectures, published 2008).

Dr. Elshtain will be interviewed by John Wilson, editor of *Books & Culture*. **All are welcome** to attend the conversation, which will commence sometime between 7:00 and 7:15 pm. Please note that because WIWU will be videotaping the event, late arrivals, which are interruptive to taping, will not be permitted.

For more information concerning the event, please contact
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