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### **Molloy College Hosts Conference: “Love in the Public Square”**

Molloy College’s Philosophy Department will be hosting a two-day conference on “Love in the Public Square” starting on March 31, 2006 at 7:30 am in the Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Center at Molloy College. This event is free and open to the public.

This conference will explore how the notion and feeling of love and the word “love” itself, can be re-centered in the public and political imagination as policy is set at the local and international levels, and as we consider questions of war and peace, the environment, race, business, capital markets, partisanship, patriotism, faith commitments, and the role of powerful democracies.

According to Dr. Stephen Mayo, Chairperson of the Philosophy Department at Molloy College, “The public culture has marginalized love, deeming it fit only for the domain of religious idealists. The word “love” is radioactive in forums of serious public policy, so it has been replaced with watered-down surrogates like “social justice,” “freedom” and “corporate citizenship” which, ironically, are themselves rooted in love, in concern for the well-being and flourishing of the other person, the other community, even the other nation.”

The conference will include papers, lectures and panel discussions by philosophers, theologians, religious leaders, political scientists, psychologists, community activists and political operatives on both ends of the political spectrum. The conference offers a dynamic and broad exchange of ideas about the place of love in the political community.

For further information, please visit [www.loveconference.info](http://www.loveconference.info) or contact the Office of Public Relations at 516-678-5000 ext. 6300.

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