Julia Watkin Lecture "Introducing Kierkegaard— and Encountering Ourselves"

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Kierkegaard's Journals and Notebooks (Princeton University
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Lily of the Field and the Bird of the Air (Princeton, 2016),
Fear and Trembling (Norton-Liveright, 2022), The Sickness
unto Death (Norton-Liveright, 2023), and Works of Love
(Norton-Liveright, 2025).

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Translations themselves are challenging work (and sometimes *very hard* work), but I found the hardest part is writing the *Introduction*, in which I, as translator, have to tell the reader what (I think) the book is *about*: What is this book? What does it mean? Why is it important enough to read? How does one decide what to include and emphasize in an *Introduction*? At present, I am engaged in a new translation of Kierkegaard's final writings, *The Moment* and the so-called "attack on Christendom"—i.e., on the marriage of "Christianity" and "nation," an issue particularly fraught right now.

Please join us in person, all are welcome!



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