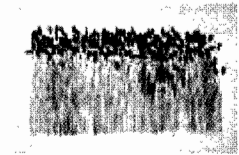


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# Democracy and Tradition

*A Symposium at  
The University of Tennessee*



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## Overview of Symposium

American democracy is inextricably bound up and in tension with American religious traditions. Over the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century this relationship has manifested itself primarily as the antagonism between a powerful liberal secularism and a rising new religious traditionalism. Jeffrey Stout's new book, *Democracy and Tradition*, places itself squarely in the center of this debate as it examines the serious challenges facing democracy and religion in America, including the new religious traditionalism. Professor Stout's account of the history and formation of American democratic culture reveals a rich tradition shaped not only by constitutional and political debates, but by literary, religious, and philosophical debates as well. These various debates have enlarged the concept of public reason in America to include all citizens who converse with one another in their capacity as citizens. Furthermore, as he works through this debate, Stout presents a vision of the resources needed to strengthen the democratic cultural tradition in America.

Convinced of the importance of this work, the sponsors and organizers of *Democracy and Tradition: A Symposium at The University of Tennessee* have brought together with Professor Stout a number of scholars for a three-day symposium to critically examine *Democracy and Tradition*. Symposium events will include panel discussions and plenary lectures with questions and answers. All events are free and open to the public.

Proceedings, along with responses from Professor Stout, will be published in *The Journal of Religious Ethics* and in *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.

## Schedule

### Wednesday, October 6

University Center, Shiloh Room

- 2:00 PM Welcome by Chancellor Crabtree  
Charles Reynolds *Introduction of Symposium and Stout: A Conversation about Pluralism and Democracy*  
2:30 Jeffrey Stout *The Spirit of Democracy*  
4:00 Light Reception  
4:30 Nicholas Wolterstorff *A Christian Engagement with Liberal Democracy*  
Chair: John Kelsay  
6:00 Adjourn

### Thursday, October 7

University Center, Shiloh Room

- 10:30AM Sabina Lovibond *Living in the Hypercontext*  
Chair: Jim Nelson  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:30 *Implications of Democracy and Tradition for Comparative Religious Ethics*  
Panel of Scott Davis, John Kelsay and Sumner Twiss  
3:00 Light Reception  
3:30 Allen Dunn *The Temptation of Metaphysics: Jeffrey Stout's Account of the Limits of Moral Knowledge*  
Chair: John McGowan  
5:00 PM Adjourn

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<http://web.utk.edu/~religion/symposium>

## Schedule

### Friday, October 8

College of Law, Auditorium

- 10:00 AM David Reidy *Speaking for the State*  
Chair: John Hardwig  
11:15 Robert Talisse *Stout and Public Reason*  
Chair: Amy Elias  
12:30 PM Lunch  
1:45 Danielle Allen *Discipline and Punishment in Democracies*  
Chair: David Tandy  
3:15 Light Reception  
3:45 Cathleen Kaveny *The Legal Tradition of Democracy*  
Chair: Gilya Schmidt  
5:00 Adjourn

### Saturday, October 9

College of Law, Auditorium

- 10:30 AM Cornel West *Appreciating Stout's Commitments to Democracy*  
Chair: Lisi Schoenbach  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:30 David Bromwich *Democracy and Normal Life*  
Chair: John Zomchick  
3:00 Jeffrey Stout *Response to Symposium*  
Chair: Charles Reynolds  
4:30 Adjourn

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