

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY 2025 BEARDSLEY LECTURE

Join us for a lecture by Professor Garry L. Hagberg, Bard College,  
entitled

# THE METAPHORICAL LENS

**FRI, APRIL 25, 2025 | 5:15-7:15pm**

**BARNES FOUNDATION MUSEUM**

*Reception to follow*

It is evident that we can speak metaphorically, but can we see metaphorically? Beginning with a discussion of Aristotle's model of metaphorical meaning, this lecture will explore a number of the relations and analogies between linguistic and artistic meaning, with the idea of metaphorical meaning – seeing one thing in the light of another – at the center. We will see how a number of paintings, as we say, speak to us, and how they visually “speak” by awakening connotations and associations in the way that verbal metaphors do. At the end of the lecture we may be in a position to see how the intimacy that we can experience with a work of art closely resembles – or indeed is modeled on – the intimacy we can experience with a person through metaphorical discourse.



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