

## "Hermeneutical Impasses"

Abstract: When people respond to chants of 'Black lives matter' with 'All lives matter' or excoriate Colin Kaepernick for being "anti-military" or "anti-American" when he sits or kneels during the playing of the National Anthem, there appears to be a break in understanding. BLM protestors and Kaepernick understand their actions and messages in one way, detractors in quite a different way. I call these breaks in understanding *hermeneutical impasses*. In this talk I discuss the nature of these impasses and the challenges a particular type of impasse presents for resolving it.