

IS YOUR WORK WORTH IT?

HOW TO THINK ABOUT MEANINGFUL WORK

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12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

In person: LAC 305. Zoom: [Register Here](#)

According to recent studies, barely a third of American workers feel “engaged” at work, and for many people around the world, happiness is lowest when earning power is highest. After a global pandemic that changed why, how, and what people do for a living, many workers find themselves wondering what makes their daily routine worthwhile.

In this talk, Christopher, a philosopher, and Jen, an organizational psychologist, will investigate the purpose of work and its value in our lives. They will explore questions, such as:

- Should you work for love or money?
- When and how much should you work?
- What would make life worth living in a world without work?
- What kind of mark will your work leave on the world?

This talk will be based on Christopher and Jen’s recently-published book, *Is Your Work Worth it?*, that combines inspiring and harrowing stories of real people with recent scholarship, ancient wisdom, arts, and literature to help us clarify what worthy work looks like, what tradeoffs are acceptable to pursue it, and what our work can contribute to society.



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