Revised Course Description for **PHIL 563: Top Royce**

In this course we will pursue a detailed study of the philosophy of Josiah Royce (1855-1916). Our approach will be primarily historical. The central concepts we will trace include agency, purpose, individuality and community. This will involve an exploration of Royce’s early Idealism, his philosophy of loyalty, and his later metaphysics of community. While the course will centrally consider Royce’s metaphysics, it will also take up the implications of his view for understanding problems of pluralism and his influence on later philosophers including W. E. B. Du Bois, Alain Locke, and others. The primary texts will be The World and the Individual, first and second series, and The Problem of Christianity.