

Philosophy Department presents

Judy

or

What Is It Like To Be A Robot?

June 6 and 7
8:00 PM
Tolman Hall
Admission: Free

If you built a robot smart enough to do the dishes, would it also be smart enough to find them boring?

A lot of claims have been made lately about the intelligence of computers. Some researchers say that computers will eventually attain super-human intelligence. Others call these claims...um, poppycock. Oddly enough, in the search for the truth of the matter, both camps have overlooked an obvious strategy: interviewing a computer and asking her opinion.

“Judy is as much fun as a barrel of wind-up cymbal-monkeys, and lots more entertaining.” –Bill Rodriguez, *Providence Phoenix*

“Tom Sgouros’s witty play, co-starring the charming robot Judy, is an imagination-stretcher that delights while it exercises your mind. If you think you can’t imagine a conscious robot, you’re wrong—you can, especially once you’ve met Judy.” –Daniel C. Dennett (author of *Consciousness Explained*, *Brainchildren*, etc. etc.)

“...an engrossing evening... Real questions about consciousness, freedom to act, the relationship between the creator and the created are woven into a bravura performance.” –Will Stackman, *Aislesay.com*

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