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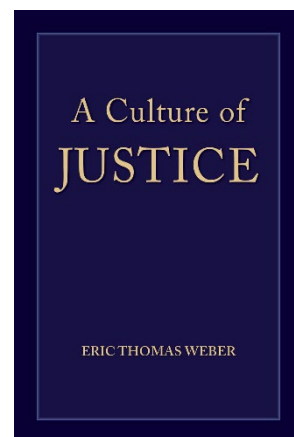
Bio: Dr. Eric Thomas Weber is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation at the University of Kentucky and serves as Executive Director of the Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA). The College of Liberal Arts at the University of Mississippi selected Weber for the 2011 Cora Lee Graham Award for Outstanding Teaching and in 2012, the University of Mississippi selected him for the Thomas F. Frist Student Service Award. In 2015, he was selected for the Mississippi Humanities Council's Public Humanities Scholar award and in 2024 the University of Kentucky Alumni Association selected him for one of their Great Teacher Awards. He is the author and editor of several books, including *Uniting Mississippi: Democracy and Leadership in the South* (University Press of Mississippi, 2015) and *America's Public Philosopher* (Columbia University Press, 2021). His latest book, *A Culture of Justice*, will be released in paperback in July of 2026 with the State University of New York Press.



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