

### Syllabus

Required Text: John Arthur, ed. *Morality and Moral Controversies*, 7th edition. Prentice Hall, 2004.

#### I. Theory

- Plato, 'Euthyphro' (handout).
- John Arthur, 'Morality, Religion, and Conscience', pp 15-23.
- Mary Midgley, 'Trying Out One's New Sword', pp 33-36.
- William H. Shaw, 'Relativism in Ethics', pp 37-40.
- John Stuart Mill, 'Utilitarianism', pp 65-72.
- William Godwin, 'Comparing Human Lives: The Archbishop and the Chambermaid', pp 240-241.
- Immanuel Kant, 'The Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals', pp 56-65.
- Onora O'Neill, 'Kant and Utilitarianism Contrasted', pp 78-83.
- Aristotle, 'Nicomachean Ethics', pp 50-56.
- Alasdair MacIntyre, 'Is Patriotism a Virtue?', pp 411-418.
- Thomas Hobbes, 'Leviathan', pp 1-8.
- John Locke, 'The Second Treatise of Government', pp 342-348.
- David Hume, 'Of Justice', pp 449-451.

#### II. Practice

##### Abortion

- 'The Constitutional Right to Abortion: Roe v Wade', pp 179-183.
- 'A Defense of Abortion', Judith Jarvis Thomson, pp. 184-191.
- 'On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion', Mary Ann Warren, pp 191-198.
- 'An Argument That Abortion is Wrong', Dan Marquis, pp 204-212.

##### Liberty, Paternalism and Drug Use

- 'On Liberty', John Stuart Mill, pp 358-366.
- 'The Ethics of Smoking', Robert E. Goodin, pp 506-515.
- 'Addiction and Drug Policy', Daniel Shapiro, pp 515-521.

##### Free Speech and Pornography

- 'Of the Liberty of Thought and Discussion', John Stuart Mill, pp 521-524.
- 'Nazi Marches: Village of Skokie v National Socialist Party', pp 524-527.
- 'Pornography, Oppression, and Freedom: A Closer Look', Helen E. Longino, pp 534-540.
- 'Feminism, Pornography, and Censorship', Mark R. Wicclair, pp 540-546

##### Capital Punishment

- 'The Death Penalty: *Gregg v. Georgia*', pp 117-123.
- 'Desert and Capital Punishment', Martin Perlmutter, pp 124-131.
- 'The Ultimate Punishment', Ernest van den Haag, pp 131-136.
- 'Justice, Civilization, and the Death Penalty', Jeffrey H. Reiman, pp 136-141.
- 'Refuting Reiman', Ernest van den Haag, pp 142-145.

##### Marriage

- 'Polygamy is Good Feminism', Elizabeth Joseph, pp 311-312.
- 'Same-Sex Marriage: A Debate', William Bennett and Andrew Sullivan, pp 312-315.

### Course Requirements

1. All the readings listed above.
2. Quizzes (10%)
3. Midterm (30%) *Tentative* date: March 23.
4. Paper, 4-6 pages (30%) *Tentative* due date: April 11.
5. Final (30%)

Note: I do not give make-up exams. Late papers will be accepted, but penalized.