

Syllabus

Required Text: John Arthur, ed. *Morality and Moral Controversies*, 6th edition. Prentice Hall, 2002.

I. Theory

- Plato, 'Euthyphro' (handout).
- John Arthur, 'Morality, Religion, and Conscience', pp 60-69.
- Mary Midgley, 'Trying Out One's New Sword', pp 77-81.
- William H. Shaw, 'Relativism in Ethics', pp 81-85.
- John Stuart Mill, 'Utilitarianism', pp 26-34.
- William Godwin, 'Comparing Human Lives: The Archbishop and the Chambermaid', pp 243-244.
- Immanuel Kant, 'The Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals', pp 16-26.
- Onora O'Neill, 'Kant and Utilitarianism Contrasted', pp 40-45.
- Aristotle, 'Nicomachean Ethics', pp 1-8.
- Alasdair MacIntyre, 'Is Patriotism a Virtue?', pp 45-53.
- Thomas Hobbes, 'Leviathan', pp 8-16.
- John Locke, 'The Second Treatise of Government', pp 270-276.
- David Hume, 'Of Justice', pp 276-279.

II. Practice

War

- 'Terrorism', R.G. Frey and Christopher W. Morris, pp 106-111.
- 'On the Morality of War', Richard Wasserstrom, pp 111-121.

Capital Punishment

- 'The Death Penalty: *Gregg v. Georgia*', pp 122-129.
- 'Desert and Capital Punishment', Martin Perlmutter, pp 129-137.
- 'The Ultimate Punishment', Ernest van den Haag, pp 138-143.
- 'Justice, Civilization, and the Death Penalty', Jeffrey H. Reiman, pp 143-149.
- 'Refuting Reiman', Ernest van den Haag, pp 149-152.

Abortion

- 'The Constitutional Right to Abortion: *Roe v Wade*', pp 190-195.
- 'A Defense of Abortion', Judith Jarvis Thomson, pp. 195-204.
- 'On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion', Mary Ann Warren, pp 204-211.
- 'An Argument That Abortion is Wrong', Dan Marquis, pp 218-227.

Liberty and Drug Use

- 'On Liberty', John Stuart Mill, pp 368-377.
- 'The Ethics of Smoking', Robert E. Goodin, pp 388-399.
- 'Addiction and Drug Policy', Daniel Shapiro, pp 399-405.

Free Speech and Pornography

- 'Of the Liberty of Thought and Discussion', John Stuart Mill, pp 417-420.
- 'Nazi Marches: *Village of Skokie v National Socialist Party*', pp 424-427.
- 'Pornography, Oppression, and Freedom: A Closer Look', Helen E. Longino, pp 436-442.
- 'Feminism, Pornography, and Censorship', Mark R. Wicclair, pp 442-447.

Course Requirements

1. All the readings listed above.
2. Quizzes (10%)
3. Midterm (30%) *Tentative* date: October 25.
4. Paper, 4-6 pages (30%) *Tentative* due date: November 15.
5. Final (30%)