

Syllabus

Required Text: John Arthur, ed. *Morality and Moral Controversies*, 7th edition. Prentice Hall, 2005.

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.
Richard B. Brandt, "The Real and Alleged Problems of Utilitarianism," pp 83-89.
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.
"Of the Liberty of Thought and Discussion," John Stuart Mill, pp 521-524.
"The Ethics of Smoking," Robert E. Goodin, pp 506-515.
"The Ethics of Addiction...," Thomas Szasz, pp 499-506.
"Addiction and Drug Policy," Daniel Shapiro, pp 515-521.

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 and Family

- "Polygamy is Good Feminism," Elizabeth Joseph, pp 311-312.
"Same-Sex Marriage: A Debate," William Bennett and Andrew Sullivan, pp 312-315.
"Selling Babies," Richard A. Posner, pp 323-328.
"Licensing Parents," Hugh LaFollette, pp 328-336.

Course Requirements

1. All the readings listed above.
2. Quizzes (10%)
3. Midterm (30%) *Tentative* date: March 22.
4. Paper, 4-6 pages (30%) *Tentative* due date: April 5.
5. Final (30%) Friday, May 19, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

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