

Philosophy 4315 Normative Ethical Theory

Fall 2003

Mondays, 2:30-5:30

Seminar Room 16, Lopata House (in the "Village")

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REQUIREMENTS

- 10-20 page paper, due December 15 (1/2 of final grade).
- One 3-page paper, due Sept. 29, continuing the debate of *Three Methods of Ethics* (1/6 of final grade)
- One in-class presentation (1/6 of final grade).
- Regular and prepared seminar participation (1/6 of final grade).

REQUIRED TEXTS (All remaining readings are on ERes)

Marcia Baron, Philip Pettit, and Michael Slote, *Three Methods of Ethics: A Debate* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1997)

Onora O'Neill, *Towards Justice and Virtue: A Constructive Account of Practical Reasoning* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1996)

Jürgen Habermas, *The Future of Human Nature* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2003) – to be ordered via Amazon.com

T.M. Scanlon, *What We Owe Each Other* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1998).

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

DATE	READING
Sept 8	Marcia Baron, "Kantian Ethics," in <i>Three Methods of Ethics</i>
Sept 15	Philip Pettit, "The Consequentialist Perspective," in <i>Three Methods of Ethics</i>
Sept 22	Michael Slote, "Virtue Ethics," in <i>Three Methods of Ethics</i>
Sept 29	Replies to Critics, in <i>Three Methods of Ethics</i> , pp. 239-281 (short paper due)
Oct 6	Onora O'Neill, <i>Towards Justice and Virtue</i> , ch. 1-3.
Oct. 13	Onora O'Neill, <i>Towards Justice and Virtue</i> , ch. 4-5
Oct. 20	Onora O'Neill, <i>Towards Justice and Virtue</i> , ch. 6-7.
Oct. 27	Jürgen Habermas, "Morality and Ethical Life" (ERes) and "Are There Postmetaphysical Answers to the Question: What is the 'Good Life'?" in <i>The Future of Human Nature</i> , pp.1-15.
Nov. 3	Jürgen Habermas, <i>The Future of Human Nature</i> , pp. 16-100.
Nov.10	Robert Goodin, "Utilitarianism as a Public Philosophy" and "Do Motives Matter?" (ERes) Selection from Derek Parfit, <i>Reasons and Persons</i> : pp. 321-347 (ERes)
Nov.17	T.M. Scanlon, <i>What We Owe Each Other</i> , ch.1-2
Nov.24	T.M. Scanlon, <i>What We Owe Each Other</i> , ch. 3 Selection from Derek Parfit, <i>Reasons and Persons</i> : pp. 493-502 (ERes) Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer, "Allocating Health Care Resources and the Problem of the Value of Life" (ERes)
Dec. 1	T.M. Scanlon, <i>What We Owe Each Other</i> , ch. 4-5
Dec. 8	T.M. Scanlon, <i>What We Owe Each Other</i> , ch. 6-7 (not reading ch. 8)
Dec. 15	Final Paper Due before 5 pm in my box in Busch 225.