# HCB 503: Traditions & Values in Bioethical Conflicts

*Fall Session (August 29th to December 5th), 2018, Wednesdays @ 6 pm*

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<th>Assigned Readings: Film:</th>
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<td>08/29</td>
<td>6:00-9:30p</td>
<td>CMSI, 1-44 <em>TBA</em> (I Values: Fiction &amp; Readings)</td>
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<td>09/05</td>
<td>6:00-9:30p</td>
<td>CMSI, 45-81 <em>House, M.D.</em> episode (II Moral Theory: Fiction)</td>
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<td><em>Utrum writing skill presentation.</em></td>
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<td>CMSI, 82-114 <em>Firing Line: Wm. F. Buckley The Mechanism of Moral Development</em> (III Moral Theory: Readings)</td>
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<td>09/19</td>
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<td>CMSI, 119-148 <em>Interview, Noam Chomsky Distorted Morality</em> (IV Morality &amp; Politics: Fiction)</td>
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<td>CMSI, 149-172 <em>Secrets, Politics, and Torture</em> (V Morality &amp; Politics: Readings)</td>
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<td>10/03</td>
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<td>CMSI, 175-203 <em>End of Poverty</em> (VI World Poverty: Fiction &amp; Discussion)</td>
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<td>CMSI, 229-278 <em>The Last Abortion Clinic</em> (VII Abortion: Fiction &amp; Readings)</td>
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<td><em>Utrum paper #1 is due.</em></td>
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<td>10/17</td>
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<td>CMSI, 332-376 <em>The Global Warming War An Inconvenient Truth</em> (VIII The Environment: Fiction &amp; Readings)</td>
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<td>10/24</td>
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<td>CMSI, 380-426 <em>GATTACA, Clone</em> (IX Genetics: Fiction &amp; Readings)</td>
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10/31 6:00-9:30p  CMSI, 204-226  The Weight of the Nation  #10 ________  
(X World Poverty: Readings)

11/07 6:00-9:30p  MLK, Jr. speeches  Selma  #11 ________  
(IX War & Poverty: speeches below, of the Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr.)

“Beyond Vietnam”, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1967 at The Riverside Church, NYC.  

“I Have a Dream”, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 23, 1968 at the March on Washington.  

Utrum paper #2 is due.

Course text 2 of 2: Vaughn, L. Contemporary Moral Arguments: Readings in Ethical Issues 2nd edit., OUP, 2013

11/14 6:00-9:30p  CMAREI, 264-288  Living with Dying  #12 ________  
(XII Euthanasia: Readings)

11/28 6:00-9:30p  CMAREI, 289-313  The Suicide-Tourist  #13 ________  
(XIII Physician-assisted Suicide)  How to Die in Oregon Readings

12/05 6:00-9:30p  CMAREI, 348-394  Inside Death Row  #14 ________  
(XIV Corporal & Capital Punishment: Readings)  Utrum paper #3 is due.  
Final class.

(Typical session: gathering at 6:00; 6:05--7:20 PPT; 7:30-8:45 film; 8:50-9:20 face-off discussion.)

Grading of course performance

Grading of the course breaks down as follows:
30%: Attendance/Participation Grade---you start with an “A+”
   1 missed class = B for this section.
   2 missed classes = C for this section.
   3 missed classes = D for this section.
   4 missed classes = F (i.e., this constitutes a failure of the entire course)
15%: Utrum paper 1 due on October 11, 2017  (Utrums are 3-4 pages, ds, 11 pt font, print 2 copies)
15%: Utrum paper 2 due on November 08, 2017
15%: Utrum paper 3 due on December 06, 2017  
(The point value of each utrum paper submitted. A perfect score for an utrum = 15/15.)
25%: Performance as class discussion leader.
Academic honesty

In keeping with the best traditions of learning, cheating and/or plagiarism are strictly to be avoided. Ideas that you make use of from other sources require acknowledgement. Use of Internet-only sources is to be avoided and use of simple citations to websites is not acceptable. Even in the event that you are paraphrasing someone else’s views, please be sure to provide the source.

Course texts: both are required. You should obtain copies of both texts in advance of the first meeting of the class. You have assigned readings for all classes (even the first). The two texts are complementary on most topics. You are encouraged to read parallel chapters in each text, although only one reading is assigned for each class. To obtain the best perspective for writing assignments you are encouraged to use material in both texts.