

HCB 503: Traditions & Values in Bioethical Conflicts

Fall Session (August 28th to December 4th), 2019, Wednesdays @ 6 pm

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Course text 1 of 2: Davis, Thomas D. (ed.) *Contemporary Moral & Social Issues*, Wiley Blackwell, 2014

Date 2019:	Time:	Assigned Readings:	Film:	Class Leader
08/28	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 1-44 (I Values: Fiction & Readings)	<i>TBA</i>	#1 S. Post
09/04	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 45-81 (II Moral Theory: Fiction) <i>Utrum writing skill presentation.</i>	<i>House, M.D.</i> episode	#2 C. Malbon
09/11	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 82-114 (III Moral Theory: Readings)	<i>Firing Line: Wm. F. Buckley</i> <i>The Mechanism of Moral Development</i>	#3 _____
09/18	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 119-148 (IV Morality & Politics: Fiction)	<i>Interview, Noam Chomsky</i> <i>Distorted Morality</i>	#4 _____
09/25	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 149-172 (V Morality & Politics: Readings)	<i>Secrets, Politics, and Torture</i>	#5 _____
10/02	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 175-203 (VI World Poverty: Fiction & Discussion)	<i>End of Poverty</i>	#6 _____
10/09	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 229-278 (VII Abortion: Fiction & Readings) <i>Utrum paper #1 is due.</i>	<i>The Last Abortion Clinic</i>	#7 _____
10/16	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 332-376 (VIII The Environment: Fiction & Readings)	<i>The Global Warming War</i> <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	#8 _____
10/23	6:00-9:30p	CMSI, 380-426 (IX Genetics: Fiction & Readings)	<i>GATTACA, Clone</i>	#9 _____

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10/30 6:00-9:30p CMSI, 204-226 *The Weight of the Nation* #10 _____
(X World Poverty: Readings)

11/06 6:00-9:30p MLK, Jr. speeches *Selma* #11 _____
(XI 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.
<https://ratical.org/ratville/JFK/MLKapr67.pdf>

"I Have a Dream", The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 23, 1968 at the March on Washington.
<https://www.archives.gov/files/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>

Utrum paper #2 is due.

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

11/13 6:00-9:30p CMAREI, 264-288 *Living with Dying* #12 _____
(XII Euthanasia: Readings)

11/20 6:00-9:30p CMAREI, 289-313 *The Suicide-Tourist* #13 _____
(XIII Physician-assisted Suicide) *How to Die in Oregon*
Readings

12/04 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 09, 2019 (*Utrums are 3-4 pages, ds, 11 pt font, print 2 copies*)

15%: Utrum paper 2 due on November 06, 2019

15%: Utrum paper 3 due on December 04, 2019

(The point value of each utrum paper submitted. A perfect score for an utrum = 15/15.)

25%: Performance as class discussion leader.

If you must miss a class, remediation is as follows:

First, you will be given a 750-word written assignment to place the two moral positions from the face off into conversation with the assigned reading material. You must include in the conclusion of the article your own position on the topic, i.e., which position do you now support and why. This assignment will be due at the next schedule meeting of the HCB503 course.

Second, you will need to volunteer for an *additional* slot for a class co-leader later in the semester.

This remediation is available for a maximum of two absences. As the face-off is the most important component to your learning in this course, missing a class seriously impacts your understanding and attainment in the course.

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 from both texts.

