## HCB 503: Traditions & Values in Bioethical Conflicts

**Fall Session (August 24th to December 7th), 2021, Tuesdays @ 6 pm**  
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**Course texts:**  

| Date 2019: 08/16 to 20/2020 | Time: none | Assigned Readings: CMSI 1-44 CMA 1-60 | Film: *Firing Line: Wm. F. Buckley* #2 _______  
|                           |           | (Values: Fiction & Readings)          | The Mechanism of Moral Development  
|                           | BEGIN    | **08/24** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI 45-81 CMA 62-76 | *House, M.D.* #1 C. Malbon  
|                           |          |           | (I Moral Theory: Fiction) | Season 3, Episode 3  
|                           |          | **08/31** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI 82-114 CMA 77-81 | *Interview, Noam Chomsky* #3 _______  
|                           |          |           | (II Moral Theory: Readings) | Distorted Morality  
|                           |          | **09/07** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI 119-148 CMA 81-116 | IV Morality & Politics: Readings  
|                           |          |           | (III Morality & Politics: Fiction) | *Secrets, Politics, and Torture* #4 _______  
|                           |          | **09/14** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI149-172 CMA 395-467 | (IV Morality & Politics: Readings) PBS *FRONTLINE*  
|                           |          |           | (V Morality & Politics: Readings) | *The End of Poverty?* #5 _______  
|                           |          | **09/21** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI175-203 CMA 658-699 | (V World Poverty: Fiction & Discussion) Cinema Libre Studio  
|                           |          |           | (V World Poverty: Fiction & Discussion) | *The Last Abortion Clinic* #6 _______  
|                           |          | **09/28** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI229-278 CMA 118-215 | (VI Abortion: Fiction & Readings) PBS *FRONTLINE*  
|                           |          |           | (VI Abortion: Fiction & Readings) | *Utrum paper #1 is due.*  
|                           |          | **10/05** | 6:00-9:00p | CMSI332-376 CMA 596-655 | (VII The Environment: Fiction & Readings)  
|                           |          |           | (VII The Environment: Fiction & Readings) | Readings on your own. #7 _______  
|                           |          | **10/12** | No class | CMSI380-426 CMA 314-345 | (VIII Genetics: Fiction & Readings)  
|                           |          |           | (VIII Genetics: Fiction & Readings) | *GATTACA* in class, and #8 _______  

+++*GATTACA at 20: Looking Back, Looking Ahead...* Berkeley Center for Genetics & Society (free online)

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10/19 6:00-9:00p  CMSI, 204-226  CMA 538-570  The Weight of the Nation  #09 ________ 
(IX World Poverty: Readings) NIH, IoM, CDC & HBO
Part 1: Consequences; Part 2: Choices; Bonus Short: Poverty & Obesity, When Healthy Food Isn’t an Option.

10/26 6:00-9:00p  MLK, Jr. speeches  Selma (Paramount Pictures) #10 ________ 
(X 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.

11/02 6:00-9:00p  CMA 264-286  Living with Dying  #11 ________ 
(XI Euthanasia: Readings) On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying.

11/09 6:00-9:00p  CMA 287-313  The Suicide-Tourist (PBS) #12 ________ 
(XII Physician-assisted Suicide) How to Die in Oregon

11/16 6:00-9:00p  CMA 348-394  NG’s Inside Death Row  #13 ________ 
(XIII Corporal & Capital Punishment: Readings)

11/23 6:00-9:00p  Assaulted Personhood AP 131-214  Dirty Pretty Things  #14 ________ 
(XIV Special Challenges to Personhood in 21st C)

11/30 6:00-9:00p  Assaulted Personhood AP 215-291  Black Power Mixtape #14 ________ 
(XV America’s Great “Original Sins”)
Utrum paper #3 is due  CHANGE IN VENUE FOR FINAL SESSION.
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 September 28, 2021 (Utrums are 3-4 pages, ds, 11 pt font, print 2 copies)
15%: Utrum paper 2 due on October 26, 2021
15%: Utrum paper 3 due on November 30, 2021
(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 500-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 of texts 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.* To
obtain the best perspective for writing assignments you are encouraged to use material from both texts.

The final two sessions will include readings from Assaulted Personhood: Original and Everyday Sins Attacking the “Other.”
You do not need to purchase this 2021 publication, a gratis copy will be provided to each student.