

RETH 30100
Minor Classics in Ethics
2019-20 Reading List [3rd Cycle]

This is the third year of a three-year cycle of articles for an informal, non-credit reading group of RETH Faculty and all Master's and doctoral students interested in religious ethics to discuss minor classics in contemporary ethics, philosophy, social thought, and theology. The first cycle will resume in 2020-21.

Selected articles have revitalized forgotten themes or have launched new problems for moral philosophy, social thought, and religious ethics. They exhibit ways of combining attention to concepts and arguments in moral theory, on the one hand, with concrete matters in practical experience and public life, on the other.

Format: The format is informal. You should come prepared to identify one sentence or paragraph that you find illuminating, obscure, or problematic, and explain why this is so.

AUTUMN QUARTER 2019

- Oct. 8** Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *Solitude of Self*
- Oct. 22** Emmanuel Levinas: "Philosophy, Justice, and Love" in *Entre Nous*
- Nov. 5** Hannah Arendt: "The Vita Activa and the Modern Age" in *The Human Condition*
- Nov. 19** Eva Kittay: "Dependency and the Human Condition" in *Love's Labor: Essays on Women, Equality, and Dependency*
- Dec. 3** Barbara Herman, "Contingency in Obligation," in *Moral Universalism and Pluralism*, ed. Henry S. Richardson and Melissa S. Williams (New York: New York University Press, 2009).

WINTER QUARTER 2020

- Jan. 14** Katie Cannon, "Moral Wisdom in the Black Women's Literary Tradition," *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics* (1984): 171-91.
- Jan. 28** Ki Joo Choi, "Should Race Matter?: A Constructive Ethical Assessment of the Postracial Ideal." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 31.1 (2001): 79-101.
- Feb. 11** Cora Diamond, "Eating Meat and Eating People," *Philosophy* 53.206 (October 1978): 465-79.
- Feb. 25** Kimberle Crenshaw, "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence against Women of Color," *Stanford Law Review* 43.6 (July 1991): 1241-1299.

Mar. 10 Jonathan Franzen, “What if We Stopped Pretending? The climate apocalypse is coming. To prepare for it, we need to stop pretending that we can prevent it” at <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/what-if-we-stopped-pretending>

SPRING QUARTER 2020:

N.B. We didn't meet owing to COVID-19 this quarter; the planned readings were:

John McDowell, “Virtue and Reason”

Charles Taylor, “Multiculturalism and the Politics of Recognition”

Julia Watts Belser, “Disability and the Social Politics of ‘Natural’ Disaster: Toward a Jewish Feminist Ethics of Disaster Tales,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* (2015): 51-68.

Pericles, “Funeral Oration”

Abraham Lincoln, “Gettysburg Address” and “Second Inaugural Address”