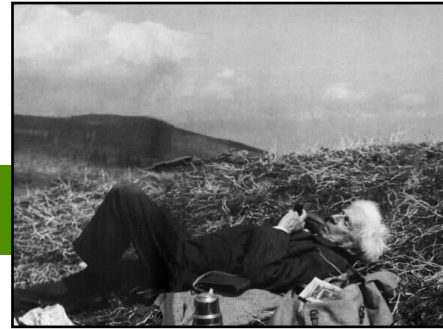


Introduction to Philosophy



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Spring Semester Schedule

Free Will

T 1/12	Introduction to Free Will
W 1/13	Dennett <i>Please Don't Feed the Bugbears</i>
F 1/15	Dennett <i>Making Reason Practical</i>
T 1/19	Workshop for Writing Assignment 6 Dennett <i>Control and Self-Control</i>
W 1/20	Dennett <i>Self-Made Selves</i>
F 1/22	Writing Assignment 6 — <i>Free Will and Control</i> due 8pm No class meeting See Brightspace for extra office hour times.
T 1/26	Dennett <i>Acting Under the Idea of Freedom</i>
W 1/27	QUIZ 5 Free Will <i>open from noon until 8pm</i> Dennett <i>"Could Have Done Otherwise", Why do we want free will?</i>

Philosophy of Religion and the Ethics of Belief

F 1/29	Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, Parts I and II
T 2/2	Hume <i>Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion</i> , Parts III through IX S&D Chapter 4: <i>Does God exist?</i> Sections 1–6
W 2/3	continued
F 2/5	Hume <i>Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion</i> , Parts X through XII S&D Chapter 4: <i>Why does God leave us to suffer?</i>
T 2/9	Clifford <i>The Ethics of Belief</i>
W 2/10	James <i>The Will to Believe</i> S&D Chapter 3: <i>Does God exist?</i> Section 9
F 2/12	Workshop for Writing Assignment 7

Reading Break 2/15–2/19 No Classes

Philosophy of Science

T 2/23 S&D Chapter 7: *Will the sun rise tomorrow?* Sections 1–3

W 2/24 **Writing Assignment 7 – Evidence and Belief due 8pm**
No class meeting See Brightspace for extra office hour times.

F 2/26 Gould *The Chain of Reason vs. the Chain of Thumbs*
Pigliucci and Boudry *The Dangers of Pseudoscience*

T 3/2 S&D Chapter 7: *Will the sun rise tomorrow?* Sections 4–7

W 3/3 Kuhn from **The Structure of Scientific Revolutions**

F 3/5 **QUIZ 6 Religion and Science open from noon until 8pm**
Workshop for Optional Writing Assignment 8

Philosophy of Mind

T 3/9 S&D Chapter 10: *How is your mind related to your body?*, Sections 1 & 2

W 3/10 **Optional Writing Assignment 8 – Scientific Method due 8pm**
Class **WILL** meet! See Brightspace for extra office hour times.

Ryle from **The Concept of Mind**

S&D Chapter 10: *How is your mind related to your body?*, Section 3

F 3/12 S&D Chapter 10: *How is your mind related to your body?*, Sections 4–6

T 3/16 Workshop for Writing Assignment 9
Turing from *Computing Machinery and Intelligence*

W 3/17 Searle *Watson Doesn't Know It Won on "Jeopardy!"*

F 3/19 **Writing Assignment 9 – Minds and Machines due 8pm**
No class meeting See Brightspace for extra office hour times.

T 3/23 Nagel *What is it like to be a bat?*

W 3/24 Quiz 7 Mind open from noon until 8pm
Churchland *The Hornswoggle Problem*

The Good Life and the Meaning of Life

- F 3/26 Tolstoy from **My Confession**
- T 3/30 Schopenhauer *On The Vanity of Existence*
- W 3/31 Camus from **The Myth of Sisyphus**
S&D Chapter 13: *What really matters?*, Section 3

Easter Break 4/2–4/5 No Classes

The Good Life and the Meaning of Life *continued*

- T 4/6 Nagel *The Absurd*
- W 4/7 Quiz 8 The Meaning of Life *open from noon until 8pm*
Wolf *Happiness and Meaning*, Section II Meaning in Life
S&D Chapter 13: *What really matters?*, Sections 4 & 5
- F 4/9 Wallace *This is Water*
Russell *The Value of Philosophy*
Last Day of Class
- W 4/14 **Writing Assignment 10 – *Existential Crisis* due 8pm**
No class meeting See Brightspace for extra office hour times.