

Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy
Identity
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Readings

The readings for the seminar will be available electronically, through the class web page, at
<http://spot.colorado.edu/~pasnau/seminar>

Schedule

Week One

July 13-14. Aristotelian Theories of Identity (Pasnau) PM
July 15. Aquinas on Surviving Death (Van Dyke) AM
July 16-17. Identity in Locke (Kaufman) PM

Week Two

July 20-21. Enduring and Perduring (Tooley) PM
July 22. Identity in Quantum Mechanics (Monton) PM
July 23. Identity and Time Travel (Monton) PM
July 24. Death (Chwang) PM

Week Three

July 27. Parfit's Non-Identity Problem (Heathwood) AM
July 28-29. Identity and Race (Boonin) PM
July 30. To be announced PM
July 31. Conclusion (Pasnau) AM

All AM classes meet from 9-12; all PM classes meet from 2-5; all classes meet in Hellems 269.
Each weekday, at a time to be announced, Christian Lee will lead an optional discussion session.

Course Work

Two five-page papers will be required: the first on Monday, July 20th, the second on Monday, July 27th.
In addition, to receive credit for the course, you must submit by August 31st a term paper of no more than 20 pages, which may be an expanded and revised version of one of the two short papers.

The heart and soul of this seminar will be neither reading nor writing (the bulk of which you should do before you come and after you leave town), but rather thinking and talking about philosophy, during and between seminar meetings. We will insist that you participate actively in the seminar, and we will urge you to hang out between meetings with your fellow seminarians, talking about philosophy, art, life, politics, whatever.