

Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy
Will and Desire
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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 18. Emotion in Plato (Lee) AM
July 19. Weakness of Will (*Akrasia*) (Lee) AM
July 20. Grace in Augustine (Pasnau) AM
July 21. The Medieval Origins of Libertarianism (Pasnau) AM
July 22. Compatibilism (Kristin Demetriou) AM

Week Two

July 25. Libertarianism and Incompatibilism (Huemer) PM
July 26. Weakness of Will and Moral Motivation (Huemer) PM
July 27. Desire and Seeming Good (Oddie) AM
July 28. Intentional Action (Kaufman) PM
July 29. Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, of Welfare (Heathwood) AM

Week Three

August 1. Desire and Free Will (Hanna) PM
August 2. TBA (John Martin Fischer) PM
August 3. Desire and Free Will (Hanna) PM
August 4. Free Will and Quantum Mechanics (Monton) PM
August 5. 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, Noël Saenz will lead an optional discussion session.

Course Work

Two five-page papers will be required: the first on Monday, July 25th, the second on Monday, August 1st. 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.