2024 Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy

Natural Questions

Unless otherwise noted, all class sessions meet from 9:00 – 12:00 MDT in KCEN N100/101

June 10: Naturalism in Aristotle’s Ethics (Mitzi Lee)

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* I 7

Rosalind Hursthouse, *On Virtue Ethics*, Part III (chapters 8–11, esp. ch. 9 ‘Naturalism’)

Rosalind Hursthouse, “Human Nature and Aristotelian Virtue Ethics” (optional)

June 11: Medieval Theories of What Really Exists vs. What Only Conventionally Exists (Robert Pasnau)

Andrew Arlig, “Abelard’s Assault on Everyday Objects”

        Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* 1a 76.8

        John Buridan (two selections)

June 12: Rousseau on Natural and Artificial Inequality (Garrett Bredeson)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality* (selections)

June 13: Kant on the Beauty of Nature and the Beauty of Art (Iskra Fileva)

Immanuel Kant, [*Critique of Judgment*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gutenberg.org%2Fcache%2Fepub%2F48433%2Fpg48433-images.html&data=05%7C02%7Cdavid.boonin%40colorado.edu%7Cce0e9f7a8c5f4bc11a9e08dc6a2c103b%7C3ded8b1b070d462982e4c0b019f46057%7C1%7C0%7C638501984682299064%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d4gQJWVXn8PGt6LdOdPkE4EvnD6%2BCTGHlylZ04%2FULmE%3D&reserved=0), §§ 39-46

Aaron Halper, “Rethinking Kant’s Distinction Between the Beauty of Art and the Beauty of Nature”

June 14: Natural Property Rights: Locke vs. Game Theory (Michael Huemer)

John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government* (Jonathan Bennett version), chap. 5, secs. 25-31.  
David Friedman, “Bargaining into Anarchic Order”

June 17: Nature, Artifacts, and the Extended Mind Hypothesis (Rob Rupert)

Andy Clark and David Chalmers, “The Extended Mind”

Robert D. Rupert, “Challenges to the Hypothesis of Extended Cognition” (optional)

June 18: Identity Conditions for Natural and Artificial Bodies (Graeme Forbes) (***meets from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.)***

Graeme Forbes, “Notes on the Sorites”

June 19: The Nature and Limitations of Definition with an Application to the Question: What is life? (Carol Cleland)

Carol Cleland, *The Quest for a Universal Theory of Life*, Chapters 2, 5

June 20: Realism vs. Instrumentalism in Quantum Mechanics (Heather Demarest)

David Albert, “Superposition”

June 21: Mathematical Realism (Michael Huemer)

Michael Huemer, *Approaching Infinity*, Chapters 8-9

June 24: Naturalistic Debunking Arguments in Ethics (Alastair Norcross)

Sharon Street, “A Darwinian Dilemma for Realist Theories of Value”

Katia Vavova, “Debunking Evolutionary Debunking”

June 25: The Ethics of Natural and Artificially Enhanced Surveillance (David Boonin)

Jesper Ryberg, “Privacy Rights, Crime Prevention, CCTV, and the Life of Mrs. Aremac”

Annabelle Lever, “Mrs. Aremac and the Camera: A Response to Ryberg” (optional)

Benjamin J. Goold, “Lonely Old Ladies and CCTV Cameras: A Response to Ryberg” (optional)

June 26: Value Realism, Moral Relativism, and Moral Rules (Graham Oddie)

Graham Oddie, “Moral Realism, Moral Relativism, and Moral Rules”

June 27: Environmental Ethics and the Value of Nature (Ben Hale)

Benjamin Hale, “Extinction, Intervention, and Resurrection”

Ronald Sandler, “The Value of Species and the Ethical Foundations of Assisted Colonization” (optional)

J. Baird Callicott et al., “Current Normative Concepts in Conservation” (optional)

June 28: When Convention Trumps Nature: The Social Value of Whiteness (Vishnu Sridharan)

Charles Mills, *Blackness Visible* (selections from preface and chapter 7)

Cheryl I. Harris, “Whiteness as Property”