

Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy
Big Ideas from the History of Philosophy
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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 – Ancient

July 14. How to Study the History of Philosophy (Tooley) PM
July 15. The Presocratics (Van Dyke) AM
July 16-17. Free Will (Lee) PM
July 18. Hedonism (Heathwood) AM

Week Two – Medieval and Modern

July 21. Causation (Kaufman) PM
July 22. Cartesian Substance (Kaufman) PM
July 23. Thomas Reid (Copenhaver) AM
July 24. Aristotle's Forms (Koslicki) AM
July 25. Medieval Theories of Soul (Pasnau) AM

Week Three – Modern

July 28. Medieval Theories of Soul (Pasnau) AM
July 29-30. The Rise and Fall of the Analytic-Synthetic Distinction (Hanna) PM
July 31. Nietzsche (Sparks) PM
Aug. 1. 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, Kristin Demetriou will lead an optional discussion session.

Course Work

Two five-page papers will be required: the first on Monday, July 21st, the second on Monday, July 28rd. 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.