# Required Texts

There are no required books for this course. I will be providing PDFs of all the readings which can be accessed through our Canvas site throughout the semester.

# Schedule

**All page numbers refer to the numbers IN THE READING**

**W 1/11** Introduction

No readings

*Moral Theory: Consequentialism, Virtue Ethics, and Kantian Deontology\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**F 1/13** John Stuart Mill, “What Utilitarianism is,” in *Utilitarianism,* [~20 pages]

**M 1/16** **MLK Jr. Day: No Class Meeting**

**W 1/18** Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics,* [excerpt]

**F 1/20**  Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, [excerpt]

*Moral Reasoning\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 1/23**  Tom Regan, “An Introduction to Moral Reasoning,” **(pp. 30-37)**

[~ 7 pages]

**W 1/25** John Rawls, “Outline of a Decision Procedure for Ethics,” **(pp. 177-181)** [~ 4 pages]

**F 1/27** **Discussion, No readings**

*Drugs, Alcohol, and Addiction\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 1/30** Robert E. Goodin, “Permissible Paternalism: Saving Smokers from

Themselves”, [excerpt]

**W 2/1** David Boaz, “Drug-Free America or Free America?”

**F 2/3** **Discussion, no readings**

*Feminism, Sexism, and Consent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 2/6** Iris Marion Young, “Throwing Like a Girl” [excerpt]

**W 2/8** Nicholas Dixon, “Alcohol and Rape” [~10 pages]

**F 2/10 Discussion, no readings**

*Pornography and Sexual Perversion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 2/13** Thomas Nagel, “Sexual Perversion”

**W 2/15** Catharine A. MacKinnon, “Pornography, Civil Rights, and Speech”

**F 2/17** **Discussion, no readings**

*Abortion\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 2/20** Judith Jarvis Thomson, “A Defense of Abortion,” *Philosophy and Public*

*Affairs,* [~20 pages]

**W 2/23** Patrick Lee and Robert P. George, “The Wrong of Abortion” in

*Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*. [~13 pages]

**F 2/24 Discussion, no readings**

***1st ARGUMENT ANALYSIS DUE***

*Animal Ethics and Ethical Consumption*

**M 2/27** Allister Norcross, “Puppies, Pigs, and People: Eating Meat and Marginal Cases”

**W 3/1** Mary Ann Waren, “Human and Animal Rights Compared”

**F 3/3** **Discussion, no readings**

*War, Torture, and Terrorism\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 3/6** Thomas Nagel, “War and Massacre”

**W 3/8** Alan M. Dershowitz, “Should the Ticking Bomb Terrorist Be Tortured?”

**F 3/10 Discussion, no readings**

**2nd ARGUMENT ANALYSIS DUE**

**M 3/13 *Spring Break: No Class Meeting***

**W 3/15** ***Spring Break: No Class Meeting***

**F 3/17 *Spring Break: No Class Meeting***

*Global Poverty\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 3/20** Peter Singer, “Famine, Affluence, and Morality”

**W 3/22** Onora O’Neill, “A Kantian Approach to World Hunger”

**F 3/24**  **Discussion, No Reading**

*Justice: An Introduction\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M** **3/27 Discussion, No Reading**

**W 3/29** Robert Nozick, “Distributive Justice” [excerpt]

**F 3/31 Discussion, No Reading**

**M 4/3** John Rawls, “Justice as Fairness: A Restatement” [excerpt] pp. 1-14, **(read till section 5.2 stop before section 6)**

**W 4/5** John Rawls, “Justice as Fairness: A Restatement” [excerpt]

**F 4/7 Discussion, No Reading**

***3RD ARGUMENT ANALYSIS DUE***

*Justice: Racism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 4/10** Laurence Blum, “Racism: What it Is and What it Isn’t”

**W 4/12** Tommie Shelby, “Is Racism in the Heart?”

**F 4/14 *Spring Recess: No Class******Meeting***

***Term Paper Abstract due***

*Justice: Mass Incarceration and Civil Disobedience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 4/17** Ta-Nehisi Coates, “The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration”

**W 4/19** Tommie Shelby, “Justice, Deviance, and the Dark Ghetto”

**F 4/21 Discussion, no readings**

**M 4/24**  John Rawls, “The Justification for Civil Disobedience”

**W 4/26** Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

**F 4/28 Final Discussion, no readings. *TERM PAPER DUE***