

PHIL 685.605 (Fall 2015): Survey of Early Modern Moral Philosophy

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Monday & Wednesday, 1:30-2:45; YMCA 417

Texts: J. B. Schneewind, *The Invention of Autonomy: The Invention of Modern Moral Philosophy*
Cambridge UP, 1998. (IA)

J. B. Schneewind, ed. *Moral Philosophy from Montaigne to Kant*. Cambridge UP, 2002. (MK)

<u>Aug.</u>	31	Early Modern Moral Philosophy, Renaissance, Reformation, Montaigne: IA xiii-xv, 3-57
<u>Sept.</u>	2	Early Modern Moral Philosophy, Montaigne: MK 1-62
	7	Natural Law: Suárez, Grotius, Hobbes: IA 58-100
	9	Suárez, Grotius, Hobbes: MK 67-136
	14	Benevolence & Obligation: Cumberland, Pufendorf, Locke, Thomasius: IA 101-66
	16	Cumberland, Pufendorf, Locke: MK 138-97
	21	Perfectionism: Stoicism, Herbert, Descartes, Cambridge Platonists: IA 169-214
	23	Du Vair, Descartes, Cudworth: MK 201-35, 275-91
	28	Rationality: Spinoza, Malebranche, Leibniz: IA 215-59
	30	Spinoza, Malebranche, Leibniz: MK 237-73, 313-30
<u>Oct.</u>	5	Friendship, Education, the Love of God: Astell, <i>Serious Proposal II</i> (Springborg 77-93, 133-73); J. Broad, “Astell, Cartesian Ethics,” and “Astell on Virtuous Friendship”
	7	Friendship, Education, the Love of God: Masham, <i>Occasional Thoughts</i> TBD
	12	Epicureanism, Egoism: Gassendi, Nicole, Bayle: IA 263-84
	14	Gassendi, Nicole: MK 353-87
	17	First Paper Due (Saturday midnight)
	19	Virtue: Harrington, Shaftesbury, Clarke, Mandeville: IA 285-329
	21	Shaftesbury, Clarke, Mandeville: MK 293-312, 388-98, 483-501
	26	Moral Sense, Conscience: Hutcheson, Butler: IA 330-53
	28	Hutcheson, Butler: MK 503-44
<u>Nov.</u>	2	Reason, Sentiment, Commonsense: Hume, Price, Smith, Reid: IA: 354-403
	4	Hume, Price, Reid: MK 545-66, 586-603, 630-50
	9	Self-love: Gay, Paley, Helvétius, d’Holbach, Bentham: IA 404-27
	11	Gay, Helvétius, d’Holbach, Paley, Bentham: MK 399-479
	16	Divine order: Wolff, Crusius, Voltaire, Diderot: IA 431-70
	18	Wolff, Crusius: MK 331-50, 568-85
	23	Rousseau: IA 470-82; MK 605-29
	(25)	(Reading day: Wednesday before Thanksgiving)
	30	Kant: IA 483-530
<u>Dec.</u>	2	Kant: MK 651-64
	(7)	(Redefined Friday)
	20	Second Paper Due (Sunday 5 p.m.)

- Grades: 20-page paper (40%), 10-page paper (30%), attendance/participation (30%)
- Office hours: Monday & Wednesday 12:00-1:30, 2:45-4:00
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