

## PHIL 200: Proseminar in Philosophy

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Office Hours:  
Class: Tues 1-3:50

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### Course Description:

**Meeting Schedule:** We will meet together on tues from 1-3:50. One half of each meeting, after our first, will be devoted to discussion of papers selected by a faculty guest, who will join us for about 90 mins or so to discuss the material.

**Materials:** Everything is on Canvas. All handouts, slides, homework assignments, and supplementary readings (if any) will be made available through this site (and through a direct dropbox link available upon request).

**Course Requirements:** Enrolled students will all be required to submit a weekly written response to the readings by **Mon at noon each week (starting week 2)**. These should be at around 350 words in length, which is roughly equivalent to 10 typed pages of work over the course of the quarter. These will be posted in a discussion section on canvas where myself and the other enrolled students can respond. Each week your contributions will be assessed for their clarity, accuracy, insight, and their capacity to spark interesting discussions. I will also take into consideration the quality of your responses to other entries.

In addition, each student must select a week to serve as the Discussion Leader. This will involve introducing material to discuss and organizing our (pre- or post- guest discussion).

**Format:** During our meetings, we will discuss roughly two articles for that week, with an initial focus on questions/issues raised in the online discussion forum. One half will be dedicated to a discussion with a faculty guest, and the other will involve general discussion among the class. I will begin each session with an introductory discussion of the topic for each week.

**Reading Schedule (subject to revision):**

**Week 1 (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>): General Introduction**

What is Philosophical Progress? By Dellsén et al

Higher order truths about Chmess, by Dan Dennett

**Week 2: (Oct 8<sup>th</sup>):**

Michael Hardimon

**Week 3 (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>):**

Andy Lamey

**Week 4 (Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>):**

Arc Kocurek

**Week 5 (29<sup>th</sup>):**

Karen Kovaka

**Week 6 (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>):**

Rachel Rudolf

**Week 7 (Nov 12<sup>th</sup>):**

Manuel Vargas

**Week 8 (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>):**

Eric Watkins

**Week 9 (Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Matthew Fulkerson

**Week 10 (Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Jonathan Cohen