PHIL 260: Ethics; Spring 2016
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Seminar Topic: Blame
Syllabus

Here are the topics and readings for the seminar. Required readings will be made available electronically on the seminar website and are preceded by '(A)'. Do the required readings in the order in which they are listed. Recommended readings are preceded by '(B)'. Full references can be found on the Select Bibliography.

0. GENERAL

1. INTRODUCTION: PRAISE, BLAME, AND BLAMEWORTHINESS (March 29) [DB/DN]

2. BLAME AND THE REACTIVE ATTITUDES (April 5) [DB/DN]

3. BLAME, RESPONSIBILITY, AND EXCUSE (April 12) [DB/DN]

4. BLAME, PUNISHMENT, AND RETRIBUTIVISM (April 19) [DB/DN]
   • (A) Michael Moore, *Placing Blame*, chs. 2-3 and Herbert Morris, “Persons and Punishment.”

5. BLAME AND CULPABILITY (April 26) [DB]
   • (B) Joshua Dressler, *Understanding Criminal Law*, chs. 9-10, 16-17.
6. BLAME AND STRUCTURAL INJUSTICE (May 3) [DB]
   - (B) R.A. Duff, Punishment, Communication, and Community and Victor Tadros, “Poverty and Criminal Responsibility.”

7. BLAME AND LUCK (May 10) [DN]

8. BLAME AND FORGIVENESS (May 17) [DN]
   - (A) Pamela Hieronymi, “Articulating an Uncompromising Forgiveness” and Brandon Warmke, “Articulate Forgiveness and Normative Constraints.”
   - (B) Jeffrey Murphy and Jean Hampton, Forgiveness and Mercy; Lucy Allais, “Wiping the Slate Clean: the Heart of Forgiveness;” Paul Hughes, “Forgiveness”<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/forgiveness>; Kevin Zaragoza, “Forgiveness and Standing.”

9. BLAME AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (May 24) [DB]
   - (B) John Braithwaite, “Restorative Justice: Assessing Optimistic and Pessimistic Accounts.”

10. THE ETHICS OF BLAME (May 31) [DN]
    - (B) Angela Smith, “On Being Responsible and Holding Responsible” and Justin Coates and Neal Tognazzini, ”The Nature and Ethics of Blame.”