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### 15.2790 Moral Philosophy

Texts: Henry Sidgwick, The Methods of Ethics; John Rawls, A Theory of Justice; Immanuel Kant, Groundwork to the Metaphysic of Morals. All books are available at the bookstore. A few articles—Thomson on the trolley problem, Scanlon on contractualism—will be put on reserve at Dafoe.

Sidgwick readings: Book I chapters I, III; Book III chapters XI, XIII, XIV; Book IV chapters I, II.

Rawls readings: sections 1-4, 11, 15-16, 20-26, 28.

Kant readings: preface, chapters 1-2.

This course is an introduction to normative ethics - utilitarianism, egoism, contractualism, and deontology. This course is the usual preparation for 15.376-377.

Evaluation: 3 1000-word papers, 20% each; 1 in-class essay test, 20%; 8 reading quizzes, totaling 20%. Participation can help but not hurt mark.

### 15.3760 Moral Theory I

We'll read Parfit, On What Matters v. 1 chs. 8-9 (secs. 23-32) (not the same material as last year—this is on treating someone as a means); Josh Greene, "The Secret Joke of Kant's Soul," in Sinnott-Armstrong, Moral Psychology v. 3, along with criticisms of Greene in a recent issue of Philosophy and Public Affairs; Sarah McGrath, "The Puzzle of Pure Moral Deference," Philosophical Perspectives 23, 2009 and "Skepticism about Moral Expertise as a Puzzle for Moral Realism," Journal of Philosophy 108, 2011; Sharon Street, "A Darwinian Dilemma for Realist Theories of Value," Philosophical Studies 127, 2006; more to be added, perhaps on peer disagreement, perhaps on internalism/psychopaths.

Evaluation: 3 1000-word papers, participation.