

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; Ross, The Right and the Good ch. 2; more to be added, perhaps on peer disagreement, perhaps on internalism/psychopaths.

Evaluation: 3 1000-word papers, participation.