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### **Three Philosophers: Hieronymi, Otsuka, Berker**

Important contributions and work in progress  
from three leading figures in normative philosophy.

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(When weather permits, we will meet outside.)

#### **Schedule:**

*The seminar will not meet on September 7.*

September 14:

- Hieronymi, "Introduction," *Minds that Matter* (manuscript)
- Hieronymi, "Chapter 1. Problems in Life and Theory," *Minds that Matter*

September 21:

- Hieronymi, "Chapter 3. The Underlying Problem and Responses Thereto," *Minds that Matter*
- Hieronymi, "Chapter 5. Control," *Minds that Matter*

September 28: **Guest Professor Pamela Hieronymi (UCLA) visits the seminar**

- Hieronymi, "Chapter 6. The Embodiment of Agency," *Minds that Matter*
- Hieronymi, "Chapter 8. Fairness, Sanction, and Condemnation," *Minds that Matter*

*Dinner with Pamela Hieronymi on September 28, details TBD.*

October 5:

- Otsuka, "Incompatibilism and the Avoidability of Blame," *Ethics* 1998
- Otsuka, "Moral Luck, Optional, not Brute," *Philosophical Perspectives* 2009

October 12:

- Otsuka, "Scanlon and the claims of the many versus the one," *Analysis* 2000
- Otsuka, "Skepticism about saving the greater number," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 2004
- Otsuka, "Saving lives, moral theory, and the class of individuals," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 2006

*Fall break is October 17-21.*

October 26:

- Otsuka, “Double-Effect, Triple-Effect, and the Trolley Problem,” *Utilitas* 2008
- Otsuka, “Determinism and the Value and Fairness of Equal Chances” (manuscript)

November 2: **Guest Professor Michael Otsuka (Rutgers) visits the seminar**

*Dinner with Michael Otsuka on November 2, details TBD.*

November 9:

- Berker, “Epistemic teleology and the separateness of propositions,” *The Philosophical Review* 2013.
- Berker, “The rejection of epistemic consequentialism,” *Philosophical Issues* 2013.
- Optional: Berker, “Cutting up the one to save the five in epistemology,” *Episteme* 2015.

November 16:

- Berker, “The unity of grounding,” *Mind* 2018.
- Berker, “The explanatory ambitions of moral principles,” *Nous* 2019.

*There are no classes on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.*

November 30:

- Berker, “The deontic, the evaluative, and the fitting,” Forthcoming in Chris Howard and R. A. Rowland (eds.), *Fittingness: Essays in the Philosophy of Normativity*. OUP.
- Berker, “Is there anti-fittingness?” (manuscript)

December 7: **Guest Professor Selim Berker (Harvard) visits the seminar**

*Dinner with Selim Berker on December 7, details TBD.*

Details TBD: Mini-conference.

*Students present their work to the seminar for feedback and discussion.*

### **Getting Credit for the Course:**

If you are taking the course for credit (Princeton grad program “unit”; otherwise a grade), please do the following things:

- Give one class presentation.
- Write one 5-6 page paper, due in week six.
- Write one 15-20 page paper, due during reading period (the week after classes end).  
(The longer paper can be an expansion of the shorter paper.)

Class presentations: either (i) present and lead discussion of one of the assigned readings in class, or (ii) present your own work at the mini-conference.

Philosophy graduate student oral units: ask us to schedule an exam in connection with your long paper.