Three Philosophers: Hieronymi, Otsuka, Berker

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

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Wednesdays 1:30-4:20pm
Laura Wooten Hall 201
(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


Dinner with Pamela Hieronymi on September 28, details TBD.

October 5:

- 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
Fall break is October 17-21.

October 26:

- 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:

- Optional: Berker, “Cutting up the one to save the five in epistemology,” *Episteme* 2015.

November 16:


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

November 30:

- 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.