Spring Term Graduate Seminar in Philosophy at Princeton University
PHL 539: Theory of Knowledge: Epistemic Injustice

Tuesdays 1:30-4:20pm from Feb. 5 through Apr. 30, 2019 (no class on Mar. 19)
Marx Hall 301, Princeton University

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This seminar will focus on a topic at the intersection of epistemology, ethics, and political philosophy: epistemic injustice. In it, we will examine issues in social epistemology, with a focus on how social identities and standing affect knowledge production and reception. Topics will include: testimonial and hermeneutical injustice, standpoint epistemology, implicit bias, stereotype threat, trust and self-trust, epistemologies of ignorance, and the politics of credibility.

We will begin with an examination of M. Fricker’s 2007 book, Epistemic Injustice: Power and the Ethics of Knowing, along with her most recent work on the subject. We will then discuss articles by, among others, C. Mills, S. Haslanger, C.A. MacKinnon, J. Medina, K. Dotson, G. Pohlhaus, Jr., L. Anderson, L. Code, N. Tuana, L. M. Alcoff, P.H. Collins, K.Q. Hall, R. McKinnon, and R. Dembroff, with a special emphasis on work published in the last two years.

Class visitors will include Miranda Fricker, Charles Mills, Sally Haslanger, and Robin Dembroff.

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