Intro to Ethics, Fall ‘24 Reading List

Week of 9/23—Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide (for)

* Rachels—“Active and Passive Euthanasia”
* Quill “Death and Dignity”
* 1st 4-Sentence Paper Due

Week of 9/30— Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide (against)

* Dyck—“An Alternative to the Ethic of Euthanasia”
* Callahan—“When Self-Determination Runs Amok”

Week of 10/7— Capital Punishment (for)

* Perlmutter—“Desert and Capital Punishment”
* Van den Haag—“The Ultimate Punishment”

Week of 10/14—Capital Punishment (against)

* Reiman—“Justice, Civilization and the Death Penalty”
* Nathanson—“Does it Matter if the Death Penalty is Arbitrarily Administered?”

Week of 10/21—Artificial Intelligence

* Schwitzgebel & Garza–”Designing AI with Rights, Consciousness, Self-Respect, and Freedom”
* Rinni–”Raising Good Robots”
* 2nd 4-Sentence Paper Due

Week of 10/28–How to Write a Philosophy Paper/Abortion (Intro)

* How to Write a Philosophy Paper
* Abortion Introduction

Week of 11/4— Abortion Rights (for)

* Jarvis-Thomson—“A Defense of Abortion”
* Warren—“On The Moral And Legal Status of Abortion”

Week of 11/11— Abortion Rights (against)

* Marquis—“An Argument that Abortion is Wrong”
* Harris—“Fathers and Fetuses”

Week of 11/18— Drugs and Liberty

* Szasz—“The Ethics of Addiction”
* Goodin—“The Ethics of Smoking”

Week of 11/25 –Thanksgiving

* Thanksgiving (No New Assignments)
* Long Paper Due

Week of 12/2—Immigration & Borders

* David Miller—“Immigration: The Case for Limits”
* Chandran Kukathas—“The Case for Open Immigration”

12/9—Final Review/Final