

# PHIL 164 Schedule of Readings

Fall 2009

Read all of the scheduled reading unless otherwise indicated. The list is subject to change as the semester progresses. Any changes will be announced in class.

## Introductory Material

**Tu Sept 8:** Course Introduction; Logistics.

**Th Sept 10:** Introductory Lecture: What is Philosophy? Read the introduction to *Bioethics*. (B pp. 1-7)

## Unit 1: Killing and Letting Die

**Tu Sept 15:** Jonathan Glover, “The Sanctity of Life” (B 266-275).

**Th Sept 17:** James Rachels, “Active and Passive Euthanasia” (B 288-291).

**Tu Sept Sept 22:** Rachels, continued.

**Th Sept 24: First assignment due.** Winston Nesbitt, “Is Killing No Worse Than Letting Die” (B 292-295)

**Tu Sept 29:** Nesbitt, continued; Helga Kuhse, “Why Killing Is Not Always Worse Than Letting Die” (B 297-299).

**Th Oct 1:** Helga Kuhse, “A Modern Myth” (B 315-327)

**Tu Oct 6:** Kuhse, continued.

**Th Oct 8:** Singer, “Why We Must Ration Health Care”; Harris, “The Rationing Debate”

**Tu Oct 13:** No Class – Follow Monday Schedule.

**Th Oct 15:** Review for Mid-Term.

**Tu Oct 20:** Mid-Term Examination.

## Unit 2: Patient Autonomy

### Introduction

**Th Oct 22:** J.S. Mill, from *On Liberty* (B 621-623); Immanuel Kant, from *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* (PDF).

**Tu Oct 27:** Mill and Kant, continued.

### Medical Research

**Thu Oct 29: No Class**

**Tu Nov 3:** Introduction to Part VII of *Bioethics* (B 499-502); Benjamin Freedman, “Equipose and the Ethics of Clinical Research” (B 513-518).

**Th Nov 5:** Samuel Hellman, “The Patient and the Public Good” (B 520-524).

### Informed Consent and Paternalism

**Tu Nov 10:** Robert Veatch, “Abandoning Informed Consent” (B 636-644).

**Th Nov 12:** Julian Savulescu, “Rational Desires and the Limitation of Life-Sustaining Treatment”. Read through the end of Part 1 (B 646-651).

**Th Nov 12 7:30 PM:** Film Screening 1: *Wit*, Nichols. Herter 231.

**Tu Nov 17:** Savulescu, continued. Read from Part II to the end (B 651-663).

## Unit 3: Philosophers and Medical Decision-Making

**Th Nov 19: Second assignment due.** Plato, *Euthyphro* (PDF).

**Tu Nov 24:** James Rachels, “When Philosophers Shoot from Hip” (B 703-705).

**Nov 25 – Nov 29:** Thanksgiving Recess.

**Tu Dec 1:** Jonathan Moreno, “Ethics Consultation as Moral Engagement” (B 707-713).

**Th Dec 3:** Dan Brock, “Truth or Consequences” (B 715-718).

**Tu Dec 8:** Field Trip to Amherst Coffee; **No film screening tonight.**

**Th Dec 10:** Review for Final Exam.

**Final Exam: Monday, Dec. 14, 10:30 AM, Bartlett 61**