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Course Description:

In the 1970s, a small group of students of color were admitted to Philosophy Ph.D. programs. Most, but certainly not all of these students, focused on normative concerns, especially on what bearing, if any, racial identities should have on questions of social justice. In the late 1980s a second group of students entered the discipline and turned their attention to metaphysical concerns. Inspired by the writings of W.E.B. DuBois, they focused their attention on the meaning of race. Recently, a third group has concentrated on the normative implications of viewing race as a social construction.

In this course, we shall examine some recent topics concerning race that have been discussed by social and political philosophers. These discussions will include the meaning and political significance of race, political liberalism and race, race and responsibility, ghetto poverty and social justice, propaganda, and racial integration.

Suggested Readings:

Michele Moody Adams (1997), *Fieldwork in Familiar Places*

Elizabeth Anderson, (2010), *The Imperative of Integration*

Kwame Anthony Appiah, *In My Father's House*

_____, (2005), *The Ethics of Identity*

Aristotle, (350 B. C.), *Nicomachean Ethics*

Bernard Boxill, *Blacks and Social Justice*

_____, ed., *Race and Racism*

David Theo Goldberg (1990), ed, *The Anatomy of Racism*

Sally Haslanger (2012), *Resisting Reality*

David Hume (1751), *An Inquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*

Immanuel Kant (1785), *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

John Locke (1690), *The Second Treatise of Government*

Larry May and Stacey Hoffman, eds. (1991), *Collective Responsibility*

Karl Marx, *1844 Manuscripts*

Howard McGary (1999), *Race and Social Justice*

John Stuart Mill (1863), *Utilitarianism*

John Stuart Mill (1859), *On Liberty*

Charles Mills, *Blackness Visible: Essays on Philosophy and Race* (1998)

_____, *The Racial Contract*
 Robert Nozick (1974), *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*
 Plato (380 B. C.), *The Republic*
 John Rawls (1971), *A Theory of Justice*
 Thomas Scanlon (1998), *What We Owe to Each Other*
 Tommie Shelby (2005), *We Who Are Dark*
 Jason Stanley (2015), *How Propaganda Works*

Course Requirements:

Students must do the readings, attend class and participate.
 Write a substantive paper (6,000 – 10,000 words)
 Lead a class discussion of two of the class readings.

Readings:

The readings listed below may be subject to change. They will be posted on the course Sakai site.

Class Sessions /Readings (First Installment):

Monday, January 25

Introduction to the Course

Monday, February 1

Contemporary Liberalism:

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (1971), Sections 1-4, 11-17, Chapter 3, Sections 33-35, 39-40, 66-67, Chapter 7, Sections 77-79, 82, and 85-86.
 John Rawls, *Political Liberalism* (1996), Lectures I & VII.
 Thomas Scanlon, *What We Owe to Each Other*, pp. 189-247.

Monday, February 8

Critiques of Contemporary Liberalism

Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (1974), Chapter 7
 Michael Sandel, *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice* (1998), pp. 184-218.
 Carole Pateman and Charles Mills, *Contract and Domination* (2007), Chapter 3.

Monday, February 15

Race

Anthony Appiah and Amy Gutman (1996), *Race Conscious*, pp. 74 – 105.
 Philip Kitcher, "Does Race Have a Future?" *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 35:4 (2007): 293-317.
 Ron Mallon, "Race: Normative, Not Metaphysical or Semantic," *Ethics*, 116:3 (2006), pp. 525-551.

February 22

Race

Sally Haslanger, *Resisting Reality*, pp. 298-338.
 Quaysaun Spence, "A Radical Solution to the Race Problem," *Philosophy of Science*, 81:5 (2014), pp. 1025-1038.

Monday, March 1

Racism

Anthony Appiah, "Racisms," in David Theo Goldberg, ed., *Anatomy of Racism*, pp. 3-17.
 J.L.A.Garcia, "The Heart of Racism," in Boxill, ed., *Race and Racism*

Monday, March 8

Rawls and Racism

Carole Pateman and Charles Mills, *Contract and Domination*, (2007) Chapters 4
 Tommie Shelby, "Race and Social Justice: Rawlsian Consideration," *Fordham Law Review*, 72:5 (2004), pp. 1697-1714.