

459 Advanced Seminar in Ethics  
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Course Description

This seminar is something of a “greatest hits” class. During this seminar, we will explore some of the most fascinating and influential readings in contemporary ethics and political philosophy. Many of these articles are famous groundbreaking works that have dramatically shaped the direction of moral and political philosophy. Others are less well known, but are particularly interesting, original, provocative, and important. Readings will be drawn from works by Peter Singer, Judith Thomson, John Taurek, Robert Nozick, John Rawls, Thomas Scanlon, Bernard Williams, Susan Wolf, Jacob Ross, Derek Parfit, Shelly Kagan, Frances Kamm, Jake Ross, Thomas Scanlon, and, immodestly, Larry Temkin. Like any advanced seminar, this course will emphasize classroom discussions, and students will be expected to do all the readings and prepare carefully for each class. In addition, there will be a substantial writing component.