Intro to Philosophy Schedule Fall 2011

Date	Reading	Topic	Notes
24-Aug	-	Introduction	
26-Aug	Nagel, "Death"		
29-Aug	"Logical Toolkit"	Logic & Argument	
Philosophy of Religion			
31-Aug		Cosmological Argument	
2-Sep	Aquinas, "The Existence of God"		
5-Sep	Anselm, "The Ontological Argument" Rowe, "The Ontological Argument"*	Ontological Argument	
7-Sep			
9-Sep	Hume, "Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion" (part II, part V)	Design Argument	SP1 Assigned
12-Sep	Paley, "Natural Theology"		
14-Sep	Dawkins, excerpt from *The Blind Watchmaker**		
16-Sep	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 1)	Problem of Evil	SP1 Due
19-Sep	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 2-3)		
21-Sep	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 4)		
23-Sep	Pascal, "The Wager"	Pascal's Wager	
26-Sep			
28-Sep	EXAM 1		
Epistemology			
30-Sep	Plato, "Theaetetus"*	Analyzing Knowledge	
3-Oct	Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"		
5-Oct	Hume, "Of Miracles"	Local Skepticism	
7-Oct	**CLASS CANCELED**		**CLASS CANCELED**
10-Oct		Local Skepticism	
12-Oct	Descartes, "Meditations" (I, II)	Global Skepticism	
14-Oct	Descartes, "Meditations" (III)		SP2 Assigned
Fall Recess			
24-Oct	Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*(IV)	Global Skepticism (cont.)	
26-Oct			SP2 Due
28-Oct	McHenry, "The Faith-Based Encylopedia"*Fallis, "Toward an Epistemology of Wikipedia"* (sections 1-3)	Wikipedia	
31-Oct	Fallis, "Toward an Epistemology of Wikipedia"* (the rest)		
2-Nov	Magnus, "On Trusting Wikipedia"* [optional]		
4-Nov			
7-Nov	EXAM 2		

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Ethics			
9-Nov	Plato, *Euthyphro**	Morality and Religion	
11-Nov			
14-Nov	Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality"	How Moral Must We Be?	
16-Nov			
18-Nov	O'Neill, "Kantian Approaches…"		Rough Draft Due
21-Nov	Hardin, "Living on a Lifeboat"		SP3 Assigned
Thanksgiving Recess			
28-Nov	Plato, "The Republic" (Part I, Chapters III-IV)		
30-Nov	Plato, "The Republic" (Part II, Chapter V)	Why Be Moral?	SP3 Due
2-Dec	Hume, "Enquiry…Principles of Morals" (Section IX, Part II) Gauthier, "Morality and Advantage"		
5-Dec			
7-Dec	Mackie, "Law of the Jungle"		
9-Dec			Final Paper Due
14-Dec	FINAL EXAM (8:30 - 11:30, Asbury 222)		