

## Philosophy of Religion Calendar Spring 2010

Week/Topic	Readings for Tuesday	Readings for Thursday
<b>Written Assignments Due</b>		
1. Introduction, the Nature of Religion	<b>March 30:</b> Syllabus, Questionnaire, Exam Handout, Cou d'ac at the Thon, Term Paper Handout, Plagiarism, Cloze test	<b>April 1:</b> watch <i>Trekkies</i> (86 min.)
<b>No Written Assignments Due</b>		
2. The Nature of Religion and Religious Experience	<b>April 6:</b> "An Evolutionary Account of Religion" -Daniel Dennett "A Defense of Religious Realism"-Roger Trigg "The Meaning of Religious Beliefs is their Use"-D. Z. Phillips	<b>April 8:</b> "Religious Experiences" -Saint Teresa "Religious Experience as the Root of Religion"-William James,
<b>Thursday: Short Essay 1 Due</b>		
3. Faith and Reason	<b>April 13:</b> "Critique of Religious Experience"-Michael Martin	<b>April 15:</b> "Truth is Subjectivity"-Søren Kierkegaard "Negative Theology" -Maimonides "The Wager"-Blaise Pascal
<b>Think about your term paper topics!</b>		
4. Faith and Reason & The Divine Attributes	<b>April 20:</b> "The Ethics of Belief" -William Clifford "The Will to Believe" -William James -Listen to Podcast on these	<b>April 22:</b> "Some Puzzles Concerning Omnipotence" -George I. Mavrodes "Divine Omniscience and Voluntary Action"-Nelson Pike
<b>Thursday: Short Essay 2 Due</b>		
5. The Divine Attributes	<b>April 27:</b> "God is Timeless" -Boethius "God is Everlasting" -Nicholas Wolterstorff	<b>April 29:</b> "God is Creative-Responsive Love" -Cobb and Griffin "Atman is Brahman" -The <i>Upanishads</i>
<b>Thursday: Short Essay 3 Due, Term Paper Topics Due, and Exam I Essay Questions Distributed</b>		
6. Exam I, The Problem of Evil	<b>May 4: Exam I, Quiz 1</b>	<b>May 6:</b> "Evil Makes a Strong Case Against God's Existence" -David Hume & "Evil and Omnipotence" -J.L. Mackie
<b>Tuesday: Exam I, Quiz 1</b>		
7. The Problem of Evil	<b>May 11:</b> Joyce Walker shows <i>God on Trial</i> (86 min)	<b>May 13:</b> "The Evidential Argument from Evil" -William Rowe, "Soul-Making Theodicy"-John Hick Philo. Bites: Marilyn Adams on Prob of Evil (14:27, it's on iTunes)
<b>Thursday: Short Essay 4 Due</b> Have students attend Holocaust speakers event: May 12 Noon-1:30, Robert Herschkowitz		
8. Arguments for God's Existence	<b>May 18:</b> "The Classical Ontological Argument" -Saint Anselm, "Critique of Anselm's Argument"-Gaunilo Pages 174-176 of Plantinga	<b>May 20:</b> "Critique of the Cosmological Argument" -J.L. Mackie "The Kalam Cosmological Argument"-William Lane Craig
<b>Work on your term papers!</b>		
9. The Teleological Argument for God's Existence	<b>May 25:</b> "The Anthropic Teleological Argument" -Betty and Cordell "Critique of the Analogical Teleological Argument" -David Hume	<b>May 27:</b> Radio Lab: DIY Universe (17:11, it's on iTunes) Dr. Andrew Vanture on Physics "Rebirth" -Sri Aurobindo
<b>Thursday: Short Essay 5 Due</b>		
10. Life After Death	<b>June 1:</b> "Problems with Accounts of Life After Death" -Linda Badham "Resurrection of the Person" -John Hick	<b>June 3: Term Papers Due, Final Conclusions</b>
<b>Tuesday: Short Essay 6 Due</b> <b>Thursday: Exam II Essay Questions Distributed</b>		

**Thursday June 10th at NOON: Exam II, Quiz 2**