

**Moral Responsiveness** Fall 2020, Tuesday 11.45—1.45 on Zoom

Miranda Fricker -- Office Zoom Hours: please email me any time to fix a time to talk☺

### **Learning Goals**

Students will: gain a solid grounding in key topics in moral response covered week by week; further develop presentational skills, including how to compose a good handout; further cultivate skills of oral discussion (constructive criticism, explaining arguments clearly, articulating different points of view or opposing arguments); cultivate counterpoised virtues of intellectual courage, humility, rigor, honesty, generosity, and imagination; further develop the ability to plan and execute a well-structured philosophical essay; enjoy thinking carefully, critically, and creatively together—all in an online environment.

### **Requirements and Assessment:**

(i) Come to class having read at least the asterisked readings and having made notes on them so that you can participate actively in class—raise confusions, ask questions, take turns and help each other understand the philosophical issues raised.

(ii) Please have these readings and your notes in front of you so we can refer back to the texts in our discussions.

(iii) Each registered student must be ready to do one or more 10-minute presentation on a reading.

(iv) For credit:

Write a 1-2 page plan (mainly bullet points) for your term paper, including bibliography, and email it to me before **DEADLINE midnight Friday Nov 13th** so we can fix a 20-30-minute one-to-one online discussion of it to help ensure you have a good basis for your term paper, due **three weeks later**. If you can do the plan earlier, so much the better.

(v) For credit:

Write a **Term paper 5000-5500 max words** (incl. any notes, but excl. bibliography, which should be (Name, Date) style with the complete list of references at the end). Please keep footnotes to an absolute minimum. Do NOT exceed the word limit or you may be marked down.

**DEADLINE:** email the finished paper to me before **midnight Friday December 4th**. Or if you manage earlier, so much the better.

**All readings are in the shared dropbox**

Sept 1st

### **1. Responding to Value as Making Life Meaningful**

\*Susan Wolf, *Meaning in Life and Why It Matters Lectures I and II* (Tanner Lectures on Human Values 2007)

Thomas Nagel (1971) 'The Absurd' *The Journal of Philosophy* 68(20): 716-727

Sept 8th

### **2. Anger—overcoming destructive aspects**

\*Amia Srinivasan (2018) 'The Aptness of Anger' *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 26(2): 123-144

\*Martha Nussbaum (2015) 'Transitional Anger' *Journal of the APA*: 41-56

Glen Pettigrove (2012) 'Meekness and 'moral' anger' *Ethics* 122: 341-370

Agnes Callard (2018) 'The Reason to Be Angry Forever' in *The Moral Psychology of Anger* eds. Owen Flanagan and Myisha Cherry (Rowman & Littlefield)

Sept 15th

### **3. Anger and holding responsible**

\*Myisha Cherry (2019) 'Love, Anger, and Racial Injustice' *The Routledge Handbook of Love in Philosophy*

\*Nicola Lacey & Hanna Pickard (2012 online) 'From the Consulting Room to the Court Room? Taking the Clinical Model of Responsibility Without Blame Into the Legal Realm', *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*: 1-29

Macalester Bell (2009) 'Anger, virtue and oppression' in Lisa Tessman ed. *Feminist Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy*; 165-183

Owen Flanagan (2000) 'Destructive Emotions' *Consciousness and Emotion* 1(2): 259-281

Sept 22nd

### **4. Functions of Blame**

\*Angela M. Smith (2013) 'Moral Blame and Moral Protest', essay 2 in eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini *Blame: Its Nature and Norms* (OUP)

\*David Shoemaker & Manuel Vargas (forthcoming) 'Moral Torch Fishing: A Signaling Theory of Blame' *Noûs*

Miranda Fricker (2014) 'What's the Point of Blame? A Paradigm Based Explanation', *Noûs* 50 (1) 165-183

Michael McKenna (2013) 'Directed Blame and Conversation', essay 7 in eds. Coates & Tognazzini

N. B. Sept 29<sup>th</sup> NO CLASS (GC following Monday schedule)

Oct 6th

### **5. Blaming as imposing 'rupture' on a relationship**

\*Thomas Scanlon (2008) 'Blame' ch.4 of *Moral Dimensions* (Harvard)

\*Susan Wolf (2011) 'Blame Italian Style', essay 14 in *Reasons and Recognition: Essays on the Philosophy of T. M. Scanlon*, eds. R. Jay Wallace, Rahul Kumar, & Samuel Freeman (OUP)

Christopher Bennett (2013) 'The Expressive Function of Blame', essay 4 in eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini *Blame: Its Nature and Norms* (OUP)

Jay Wallace (2011) 'Dispassionate Opprobrium: On Blame and the Reactive Sentiments' essay 15 in *Reasons and Recognition: Essays on the Philosophy of T. M. Scanlon* eds. Freeman, Kumar, and Wallace (OUP)

Oct 13th

### **6. Hypocrisy and standing to blame**

\*G. A. Cohen (2006) 'Casting the First Stone: Who Can, and Who Can't, Condemn the Terrorists?', *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 58: 113-136

\*R. Jay Wallace (2010) 'Hypocrisy, Moral Address, and the Equal Standing of Persons', *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 38: 301-341

Macalester Bell (2013) 'The Standing to Blame: A Critique', essay 14 in eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini *Blame: Its Nature and Norms* (OUP)

Gary Watson (2013) 'Standing in Judgment', essay 15 in eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini

Oct 20th

## **7. Compassion and moral imagination:**

\*Adrian M. S. Piper (1991) 'Impartiality, Compassion, and Modal Imagination' *Ethics* 101 (4): 726-757

\*Trudy Govier and David Boutland (2020) 'Compassion and Its Pitfalls' in eds. Justin Caouette and Carolyn Price *The Moral Psychology of Compassion* (Rowman & Littlefield)

Karsten Stueber (2011) 'Imagination, Empathy, and Moral Deliberation: The Case of Imaginative Resistance' *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 49 Spindel Supplement: 156-180

Amy Coplan (2011) 'Understanding Empathy: Its Features and Effects' in *Empathy: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives*, eds. A. Coplan and P. Goldie 3-18

[background discussed in the Piper: Laurence Blum (1980) *Friendship, Altruism, and Morality*, esp. chapter 3 'Friendship, Beneficence, and Impartiality' pp. 31-47]

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

## **8. Contempt**

\* Michelle Mason (2003) 'Contempt as a Moral Attitude', *Ethics* 113: 234-72

\*Stephen Darwall (2018) 'Contempt as an Other-Characterizing, "Hierarchizing" Attitude in ed. Michelle Mason *The Moral Psychology of Contempt* (Rowman & Littlefield)

Macalester Bell (2005) 'A Woman's Scorn: Towards a Feminist Defense of Contempt As a Moral Emotion', *Hypatia* 20 (4): 80-93; see also her (2013) book *Hard Feelings: The Moral Psychology of Contempt*

Michelle Mason (2013) 'Contempt at the limits of reactivity' in ed. Mason *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*

Nov 3rd

## **9. Conditional Forgiveness**

\*Charles Griswold (2007) *Forgiveness: A Philosophical Exploration*, ch. 2 'Forgiveness at Its Best'

\*Pamela Hieronymi 'Articulating an Uncompromising Forgiveness', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 62, No. 3 (May 2001): 529-555

Brandon Warmke ‘Articulate forgiveness and normative constraints’, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (online 2015) [on Hieronymi]

Christopher Bennett (2003) ‘Personal and Redemptive Forgiveness’, *European Journal of Philosophy* 11 (2); 127-144

Nov 10th

## **10. Unconditional Forgiveness**

\*Lucy Allais (2008) ‘Wiping the Slate Clean: The Heart of Forgiveness’, *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 36: 1; pp. 33-68

\*Myisha Cherry (2017) ‘Forgiveness, Exemplars, and the Oppressed’ ch. 4 in *The Moral Psychology of Forgiveness* ed. Kathryn J. Norlock

Michele Moody-Adams (2015) ‘The Enigma of Forgiveness’ *Journal of Value Inquiry* 49(1): 161-180

Glen Pettigrove (2012) ‘Forgiveness and Grace’, ch. 7 in *Forgiveness and Love* (OUP)

[also, I may bring some perspectives from] Miranda Fricker (forthcoming) ‘Forgiveness: An Ordered Pluralism’ *Australasian Philosophical Review*

**DEADLINE for term paper PLANS midnight Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Nov 17th

## **11. Gratitude**

\*Claudia Card (1988) ‘Gratitude and Obligation’ *American Philosophical Quarterly* 25, no. 2: 115–127

\*Adrienne M. Martin (2019) ‘Obligations of Gratitude: Directedness Without Rights’ in *The Moral Psychology of Gratitude* eds. Robert Roberts and Daniel Telech (Rowman & Littlefield)

Sophie-Grace Chappell (2019) ‘Gratitude as a Virtue’ in *The Moral Psychology of Gratitude* eds. Robert Roberts and Daniel Telech (Rowman & Littlefield International) 245–67

Claudia Card (2016) ‘Gratitude to the Decent Rescuer’ in *Perspectives on Gratitude: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, ed. David Carr (New York, NY: Routledge) 99–111

Nov 24th

## **12. Trust**

\*Karen Jones (2019) 'Trust, distrust, and affective looping' *Philosophical Studies* 176 (4): 955-968

\*Victoria McGeer (2008) 'Trust, hope and empowerment' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 86(2): 237-254

Annette Baier (1986) 'Trust and anti-trust', *Ethics* 96: 231-260 [classic paper that launched trust as a philosophical topic]

Katherine Hawley (2012) 'Trust, Distrust and Commitment' *Noûs* 48(1): 1-20

Dec 1st

## **13. Hope**

\*Cheshire Calhoun (2018) 'Motivating Hope' in *Doing Valuable Time* (Oxford University Press) 68-89

\*Adrienne Martin (2020) 'Interpersonal Hope' in *The Moral Psychology of Hope* eds. Claudia Bloser and Titus Stahl

Luc Bovens (1999) 'The Value of Hope' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 59 (3): 667-81

Victoria McGeer (2004) 'The Art of Good Hope' *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 1: 100-27

**DEADLINE for term papers midnight FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Dec 8th

## **14. Love**

\*Niko Kolodny 2003 'Love As Valuing a Relationship', *Philosophical Review* 112/2: 135-89

\*Ben Bagley 2015 'Loving Someone in Particular' *Ethics* 125: 477-507

Kieran Setiya 2014 'Love and the Value of a Life', *Philosophical Review* 123(3): 251-80

Sara Protasi 2016 Loving People for Who They Are (Even When They Don't Love You Back) *European Journal of Philosophy* 24 (1): 214-234

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