

Final syllabus

Research course on experimental philosophy

Monday

9-12: Introduction to experimental philosophy (seminar style)

Readings:

Knobe, J. and Nichols, S. (2008). "An Experimental Philosophy Manifesto." In J. Knobe and S. Nichols (eds.), *Experimental Philosophy*. New York, Oxford University Press, 3-16.

Knobe, J. (2003). Intentional Action and Side Effects in Ordinary Language. *Analysis*. 63, 190-193.

Alexander, J., Mallon, R., and Weinberg, J. (2010). Accentuate the negative. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*.

1-2:30 Introduction to statistical concepts and tests (powerpoint presentation)

Tuesday

9-11:30: *Case study on moral responsibility*

Readings:

Nahmias, E., Morris, S., Nadelhoffer, T., & Turner, J. (2006). "Is Incompatibilism Intuitive?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 73: 28-53.

Roskies, A. & Nichols, S. (2008). "Bringing Moral Responsibility Down to Earth." *Journal of Philosophy*. 105 (7).

Vargas (forthcoming). *Building Better Beings*, Chapter 2: Folk Convictions.

1-2:30: Introduction to research methods and design (powerpoint presentation)

Wednesday

9-11:30: Case studies in experimental philosophy (seminar style)

Case study in metaethics

Readings:

Goodwin, G. P. and Darley, J. M. (2008). "The Psychology of Meta-ethics: Exploring Objectivism." *Cognition*, 106(3): 1339-1366.

Sarkissian, H., Park, J., & Knobe, J. (forthcoming). "Are the Folk Objectivists about Morality?"

1-3: *Case study in normative ethics*

Readings:

Singer, P. (2005). "Ethics and Intuitions." *Journal of Ethics*, 9, 331-352.

[Optional related reading: Greene, J. (2008.) The secret joke of Kant's soul. In W. Sinnott-Armstrong, ed., *Moral Psychology*, Vol. 3. MIT Press.]

Berker, S. (2009). "The normative insignificance of neuroscience" *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 37, 293-329.

Nichols, S. Timmons, M. & Lopez, T. (forthcoming). "Ethical Conservatism and the Psychology of Moral Luck"