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THEMES FROM COPP, SAYRE-MCCORD, AND WOLF

The seminar will devote four weeks each to studying the work of of three contemporary philosophers: David Copp (University of Florida, Gainesville), Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (UNC, Chapel Hill), and Susan Wolf (UNC, Chapel Hill). In the first three weeks we will study a selection of their previously published work. In the fourth week they will visit and present their current research. Students will also have an opportunity to discuss their previously published work with them. The reading, which must be done prior to each seminar, can be downloaded from both Blackboard and from my course webpage <www.princeton.edu/~msmith/mycourses/>.

1. David Copp on normative naturalism

Thursday 3 February 1:30-4:20

David Copp 'Milk, Honey, and the Good Life on Moral Twin Earth,' *Synthèse* (2000) Terence Horgan and Mark Timmons 'Copping Out on Moral Twin Earth,' *Synthèse* (2000)

2. David Copp on moral realism

Thursday 10 February 1:30-4:20

David Copp 'Realist-Expressivism: A Neglected Option for Moral Realism,' *Social Philosophy and Policy* (2001)

3. David Copp on moral naturalism

Thursday 17 February 1:30-4:20 David Copp 'Moral Naturalism and Three Grades of Normativity,' in Schaber (ed.) *Normativity and Naturalism* (2004)

4. Presentation by David Copp

Thursday 24 February 1:30-4:20

David Copp will attend this week's seminar and participate in a discussion of his paper 'The Normativity of Self-Grounded Reason' *Social Philosophy and Policy* (forthcoming). The manuscript is available on Blackboard so that it can be read before the seminar.

5. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord on Hume's moral theory

Thursday 3 March 1:30-4:20

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord 'On Why Hume's General Point of View Isn't Ideal -- and Shouldn't Be,' *Social Philosophy and Policy* (1994)

____ 'Hume and the Bauhaus Theory of Ethics,' *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (1996)

6. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord on the justification of moral claims

Thursday 10 March 1:30-4:20

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord 'Coherentist Epistemology and Moral Theory,' in Sinnott-Armstrong and Timmons (eds) *Moral Knowledge?* (1996)

___ 'Contractarianism' in LaFollette (ed.) Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory (1999)

Spring Break

7. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord on moral kinds

Thursday 24 March 1:30-4:20

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord "Good" on Twin Earth, Philosophical Issues (1997)

Ernie Sosa 'Water, Drink, and 'Moral Kinds,' *Philosophical Issues* (1997)

Jaegwon Kim 'Natural Kinds and Moral Kinds: What's the Difference—for a Naturalist?' *Philosophical Issues* (1997)

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord 'Different Kinds of Kinds: A Reply to Kim and Sosa' *Philosophical Issues* (1997)

8. Presentation by Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

Thursday 31 March 1:30-4:20

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord will present 'Normative Concepts' (manuscript).

9. Susan Wolf on free will

Thursday 7 April 1:30-4:20

Susan Wolf 'Asymmetrical Freedom,' *The Journal of Philosophy* (1980)

'Sanity and the Metaphysics of Responsibility,' in Schoeman (ed.)

Responsibility, Character, and the Emotions (1987)

10. Susan Wolf on whether morality is overriding

Thursday 14 April 1:30-4:20

Susan Wolf 'Moral Saints,' *The Journal of Philosophy* (1982)

'Above and Below the Line of Duty,' *Philosophical Topics* (1986)

11. Susan Wolf on meaning in life

Thursday 21 April 1:30-4:20

Susan Wolf 'Meaning and Morality,' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* (1997)

____ 'Happiness and Meaning: Two Aspects of the Good Life,' *Social Philosophy & Policy* (1997)

12. Presentation by Susan Wolf

Tuesday 26 April 7:00-9:50 (note special day and time)

Susan Wolf will present her paper 'Moral Psychology and the Unity of Virtue' (manuscript)