

**Ethics and Happiness**  
**Zephyr Institute Philosophy Camp, 2023**  
**July 17-21, 10am-2pm**  
**Stanford University Faculty Club**

**Monday: What Kind of Thing is Ethics?**

Ruth Benedict, "Defending Cultural Relativism," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., *Ethics: Contemporary Readings*, 43-48.

David Hume, "Ethical Claims Describe Feelings," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., 58-61.

Thomas Nagel, "Ethical Claims are Objective," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., 63-68.

David Enoch, "Why I'm an Objectivist About Ethics (And Why You are Too)," Shafer-Landau, ed., *The Ethical Life: Fundamental Readings in Ethics and Contemporary Moral Problems*, 192-200.

Outing: Walk to the Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden at Stanford

**Tuesday: Virtue Ethics and The Ethics of Human Enhancement**

Aristotle, "Nicomachean Ethics," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., 240-248

Michael Sandel, "The Case Against Perfection," Shafer-Landau, ed., 430-441.

Julian Savulescu, "Genetic Interventions and the Ethics of Enhancement of Human Beings," Shafer-Landau, ed, 443-450.

Guest: Landon Hobbs, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Philosophy, Stanford University

**Wednesday: Consequentialism and Effective Altruism**

Jeremy Bentham, "Classical Utilitarianism," Pojman and Vaughn, eds., *The Moral Life: An Introductory Reader in Ethics and Literature*, 195-199.

John Stuart Mill, "Utilitarianism," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., 197-200.

Peter Singer, "The Singer Solution to World Poverty," Shafer-Landau, ed., 223-229.

Emile Torres, "Against Longtermism," *Aeon*, Oct 19, 2021, <https://aeon.co/essays/why-longtermism-is-the-worlds-most-dangerous-secular-credo>.

Guest: Fr. Michael Scott Thomas, graduate student, Department of Political Science, Stanford University

**Thursday: Nonconsequentialism (and Various Trolley Problems)**

Immanuel Kant, "The Good Will and the Categorical Imperative," Shafer-Landau, ed., 87-98.

Phillipa Foot, "The Problem of Abortion and the Doctrine of Double Effect," *Oxford Review*, no. 5, 1967, pages 1-7, <https://sites.pitt.edu/~mthomps/ readings/foot.pdf>.

Activity: Trial by Trolley ("A Party Game of Ethical Dilemmas and Trolley Murder")

**Friday: The Ethical Status of Animals; Virtue Ethics Revisited**

Peter Singer, "Animal Liberation: All Animals Are Equal," Pojman and Vaughn, eds., 801-815.

Carl Cohen, "The Case Against Animal Rights," Pojman and Vaughn, eds., 816-819.

Roger Scruton, "A Carnivore's Credo," *Harper's Magazine*, May 2006.

Jeremy Waldron, selection from *One Another's Equals: The Basis of Human Equality*, Cambridge: Belknap Press, 2017, pages 230-46.

Alasdair MacIntyre, "Virtue Ethics," Gensler, Spurgin, and Swindal, eds., 249-255.

## Activity: Ethical Narratives