

HEALTHCARE ETHICS: THEORIES, VALUES, & PRACTICE

READING LIST  
WINTER TERM 2017

Week of:

- Jan. 4 Introduction: Value pluralism, moral relativism, and professional ethics.
- Jan. 9 Consequentialism: J. S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*, pp. 1-9 (91-98).
- Jan. 16 Consequentialism (cont.): Non-maleficence: Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources; Abortion & Maternal-Fetal Conflicts.
- Jan. 23 Rights and Contractarianism: J. Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, pp. 52-64 (246-258); Negative vs. Positive Rights.
- Jan 30 Rights and Contractarianism (cont.): Patient Autonomy & Informed Consent.
- Feb. 6 Rights and Contractarianism (cont.): Conscientious Objection.
- Feb. 8 Mid-Term Test on this day.
- Feb. 13 Duty-Based Ethics (Deontology): I. Kant, *The Foundation of the Metaphysics of Morals*, pp. 10-27 (150-167).
- Feb. 20-24 Reading Week.
- Feb. 27 Duty-Based Ethics (Deontology): W. D. Ross, *What makes right acts right?*, pp. 28-44 (189-205).
- Mar. 6 Deontology (cont.): Beneficence: Duty to provide care; Preserving Dignity; Physician-Assisted Suicide.
- Mar. 13 Virtue Ethics: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, pp. 71-84 (303-16).
- Mar. 20 Term paper due on this day.
- Mar. 20 Virtue Ethics (cont.): Justice & Public Goods; Limits to Care.
- Mar. 27 Virtue Ethics (cont.): Healthcare Professional-Patient Relationship: CNA *Code of Ethics*; combining non-maleficence, autonomy, beneficence & justice.
- Apr. 3 Review.