PULSE PL089 08
Spring Semester 2012, Prof Marina McCoy
MWF 9 am, Carney 002
Discussion sections M at 10 or F at 11, Carney 002
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Office Hours: Monday 12-1, Wednesday 11-12, Friday 10-11 (in chocolate bar Friday only), or by appointment via email.

Placement work begins immediately upon start of the semester, as do discussion sections.

Class Grading:
Classroom portion:
Midterm and final exams (both take-home), 30 and 35 points, respectively.
Five 2-3 page papers, graded on 1-5 point scale, cumulatively worth up to 15 points.
Class discussion and attendance: 20 points

TOTAL:
Classwork: 65 percent of grade
Placement: 35 percent of grade

Please note that the grading scale is the same as used on the fall syllabus, and the PULSE course-wide policy that you must receive an A in both the classroom and placement to receive an A in the course still applies.

As with last semester, two discussion sections will be cancelled in order to accommodate your two additional required meetings specific to your placement. These cancelled sections are noted in the schedule below.

Books to purchase (either at bookstore, or Kindle/ Ibooks versions also acceptable).
Please note that most of these books are also on reserve at O'Neill Library, if book costs are an issue.

Locke, Second Treatise on Government 0915144867
Rousseau, Rousseau’s Discourse on Origin of Inequality 0872201503
David Shipler, The Working Poor: Invisible in America, 0375708219
Kant, Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals, 978-0872201668
Foucault, Discipline and Punishment, 0679752552
Henri Nouwen, Return of the Prodigal Son 0385473079
Gary Smith SJ, Radical Compassion, 0829420002
Brackley, The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times, 0824522680
Hannah Arendt, The Human Condition 0226025985
Course Schedule (subject to change as class needs dictate):

**Week one:**
Wednesday: Opening lecture on early modern philosophy and transition from medieval to modern world. *Short reading on Hobbes* found online.
Friday: John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, Chapters I – V. Available in print form, or as a kindle ebook and on bb vista.

**Week two:**
Monday: Locke, *Second Treatise*, Chapters VI – IX.
Friday: “Discourse on Origin”, part two. **Reflection paper on Rousseau due.**

**Week three:**
Friday: Excerpts from Marx, *The German Ideology* (on BB vista site), only the section titles “Idealism and Materialism” (all); “Proletarians and Communism” (all) and chapter four of Shipler.

**Week four:**
Monday: *Rerum Novarum* (linked to from BB vista), paragraphs 1-50.
Wednesday: Kant, *Groundwork*, part one.
Friday: Kant, *Groundwork*, part two.

**Week five:**
Monday: Finish Kant. **Reflection paper on Kant due.**
Wednesday: Smith, *Radical Compassion*, first half
Friday: Smith, second half.

**Week six:**
Wednesday: *Discipline*, 57 - 69. Film on prison system and justice.

**Week seven:**


**March: 5-9 SPRING BREAK!**

**Week eight:**
Monday: Iris Marion Young, “Five Faces of Oppression” (bb vista)
Wednesday: Maria Lugones Spellman, “Have we got a theory for you” (bb vista);
“Unpacking the White Knapsack” (bb vista)
Friday: **Take home midterm exam due by start of class, to bb vista.** In class discussion of institutional analyses.

**Week nine:**
Wednesday: Martha Nussbaum, "Human Capabilities, Female Human Beings," handout.
Friday: Patricia Hill Collins, "Mammies, Matriarchs...” (bb vista). **Reflection paper on gender/ race due.**

**Week ten:**
Wednesday, Brackley, Part Two.
Friday, Brackley, Part Three and Jim Keenan, SJ “Jesuit Hospitality” (on immigration and hospitality).

**Week eleven:**
Monday: Brackley, Part Four, “Passion and Compassion.”

**EASTER BREAK W-M**

**Week twelve:**
**Easter Monday, No classes.**
Wednesday: Boff, *Introducing Liberation Theology*, selections (on reserve)
Friday: **Reflection paper due** on Film “Romero,” which you are required to view on your own. In class discussion of the film.

**Week thirteenth:**
**Monday: NO CLASSES, PATRIOT’S DAY**
Wednesday: Excerpts from Reinhold Niebuhr, handout.
Friday: Excerpts from Reinhold Niebuhr, handout.

**Week fourteen:**
Wednesday: Arendt, continued.
Friday: Arendt, continued.

Week fifteen:
Monday: Benedict, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”) read Introduction and then Part II, on BB vista.
Wednesday: Last day of classes. Final class discussion.
Friday: STUDY DAYS BEGIN

Final Take Home exam is due by Thursday, May 10, at 12:30 via BB Vista.