PHIL 323: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS  
Fall 2013

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Schedule of Readings and Assignments:

week 1 (8/26): introduction  
read: “Rules, Principles, and Integrity: A General Introduction” (textbook, pp. xv-xxii)  
watch: introductory lecture

week 2 (9/2): what is “natural”? what is “wilderness”?  
listen: Odenbaugh, J. NPR "Philosophy Talk" on the nature of wilderness  
read: McKibben, “The End of Nature” (d2l)  
read: Cronon, “The Problem with Wilderness” (d2l)

Module 1: Conservation and Preservation

week 3 (9/9): conservation and preservation  
watch: week 2 discussion  
watch: week 3 lecture  
read: Leopold, “The Land Ethic” (textbook, pp. 124-129)  
read: Muir, “Hetch Hetchy Valley” (textbook, pp. 230-231)  
read: McPhee, “Part 3: A River” from Encounters with the Archdruid

week 4 (9/16): conservation and preservation, con.  
watch: week 3 discussion  
watch: week 4 lecture  
read: McPhee, “Alchafalaya” from The Control of Nature (pp. 3-92)

week 5 (9/23): consequences of conservation/conservation biology  
watch: week 4 discussion  
watch: week 5 lecture  
read: Soule, “What is Conservation Biology?” (d2l)
week 6 (9/30): case study: assisted colonization
   watch: week 5 discussion
   watch: week 6 lecture
   read: Schwartz et al., “Managed Relocation: Integrating the Scientific, Regulatory, and Ethical Challenges” (d2l)
   read: Guldberg et al., “Assisted Colonization and Rapid Climate Change” (d2l)

Module 2: Climate Change and Personal/Collective Responsibility

week 7 (10/7): climate change: some science
   watch: week 6 discussion lecture
   watch: video clips from NASA:
      (http://climate.nasa.gov/ClimateReel/TemperaturePuzzle640360)
      (http://climate.nasa.gov/climate_reel/CarbonClimateChange)
      (http://climate.nasa.gov/ClimateReel/EarthWaterPlanet)
      (http://climate.nasa.gov/ClimateReel/FrozenEarth)
      (http://climate.nasa.gov/ClimateReel/FeelingTheSting640360)
   read: Walther et al., “Ecological Responses to Recent Climate Change” (d2l)

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week 8 (10/14): climate change: ethical issues
   watch: week 7 discussion lecture
   watch: Odenbaugh and Callender on climate change (d2l)
   watch: Odenbaugh and Jamieson on climate change and related ethical issues (http://www.philostv.com/dale-jamieson-and-jay-odenbaugh)
   read: Jamieson, “Ethics, Public Policy, and Global Warming” (textbook, pp. 538-546)
   read: Gardiner, “A Perfect Moral Storm: Climate Change, Intergenerational Ethics and the Problem of Corruption” (textbook, pp. 547-557)

week 9 (10/21): climate change and personal responsibility
   watch: week 8 discussion
   watch: week 9 lecture
   read: Johnson, “Ethical Obligations in a Tragedy of the Commons” (d2l)
   read: Hourdequin, “Climate, Collective Action and Individual Ethical Obligations (d2l)
week 10 (10/28): personal responsibility, con.
watch: week 9 discussion
watch: week 10 lecture
read: Raterman, “Bearing the Weight of the World” (d2l)
read: Singer, “Famine, Affluence, and Morality” (textbook 486-493)

Module 3: Non-human Animals and Human Overconsumption

week 11 (11/4): non-human-animal consumption
watch: week 10 discussion
watch: video clips from “Food Inc”:
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3P5tmkJHa8)
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9Tda7MqhNs)
watch: video clip from Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution:
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wshInRWnf30)
read: “Egg Carton Labels: A brief guide to labels and animal welfare”
(http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/confinement_farm/facts/guide_egg_labels.html)
read: “Meat and Dairy Labels: A brief guide to labels and animal welfare”
(http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/confinement_farm/facts/meat_dairy_labels.html)
watch: “Meat.org” video: (http://www.meat.org/)
** note: this is a PETA propaganda video that contains very graphic and disturbing images!

11/10: CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESPONSIBILITY PAPER DUE

week 12 (11/11): obligations to animals/ethics of animal consumption
watch: week 11 discussion
watch: week 12 lecture
read: Wallace, “Consider the Lobster” (d2l)
read: Singer, “All Animals are Equal” (textbook, pp. 49-59)
read: Sullivan, “One of Us”:
(http://www.laphamsquarterly.org/essays/one-of-us.php?page=all)

week 13 (11/18): do environmental ethics and animal ethics conflict?
watch: week 12 discussion
watch: week 13 lecture
read: Sagoff, “Animal Liberation and Environmental Ethics: Bad Marriage, Quick Divorce” (textbook 59-65)
read: Varner, “Can Animal Rights Activists be Environmentalists?” (d2l)
read: Whyte, “The Elephant Management Dilemma” (textbook, pp. 71-84)
week 14 (11/25): environmental/socioeconomic effects of factory farming
  watch: week 13 discussion
  watch: week 14 lecture
  read: Eshel & Martin, “Diet, Energy, and Global Warming” (d2l)
  read: Pollan, “The (Agri)Cultural Contradictions of Obesity” (textbook, pp. 33-37)
  read: Popkin, “Reducing Meat Consumption has Multiple Benefits for the World’s Health” (d2l)

week 15 (12/2): other areas of issues with overconsumption
  watch: week 14 discussion
  watch: week 15 lecture
  read: Shue, “Global Environment and International Inequality” (textbook, pp. 516-525)
  read: Glennon, “Unquenchable: America’s Water Crisis and What to Do About It” (textbook, pp. 579-586)
  read: Sagoff, “Do We Consume Too Much?” (textbook, pp. 303-323)
  read: Gambrel & Cafaro, “The Virtue of Simplicity” (textbook, pp. 324-338)

week 16 (12/9): conclusion: now what?
  watch: conclusion lecture

12/11: ANIMALS AND HUMAN OVERCONSUMPTION PAPER DUE

12/11: CONSUMPTION PROJECT DUE

All readings and assignment due dates may be subject to change, with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.