SPRING 2015 GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

APHI 520 – Philosophy of Science (#10152)
MWF 11:30AM-12:25PM
Location: BB-137
Instructor: P.D. Magnus

An advanced survey of some central topics in philosophy of science. Topics will include laws of nature, the nature of causation, scientific explanation, scientific realism, and the under determination of theory by data.

This is a shared-resource course with Philosophy 418. Graduate students should take this course under that number.

APHI 524 – 17th-19th Century Ethical Theory (#10153)
TH 2:45PM – 5:35PM
Location: BA-210
Instructor: Rachel Cohon

Intensive historical and critical study of selected ethical theories from the period between 1600 and 1900. The figures covered this semester will probably include Hobbes, Hutcheson, Hume and Kant.

APHI 530 – PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (#10154)
W 2:45PM – 5:35PM
Location: HU-032
Instructor: Lisa Fuller

This course will cover a series of topics concerning the relation between gender oppression and the requirements of global justice, such as: the exploitation of migrant careworkers and transnational sex workers, the ethics of international surrogacy, the appropriate response to the “feminization” of poverty, and the role of adaptive preferences in individual and policy choices. We will read authors such as Iris Marion Young, Martha Nussbaum, Alison Jaggar, Susan Moller Okin, and their critics. Assessment will be based on several short commentaries, an outline, and a term essay.

APHI 532 – COMPLETENESS AND DECIDABILITY (#10156)
TuTh 1:15PM – 2:35pm
Location: ED-021
Instructor: Bradley Armour-Garb

This course will review propositional and predicate logic but will focus on the metalogical features of those logics, viz., their soundness, completeness, decidability and undecidability. There will be some attention to the philosophical implications of these features, as well. This is a shared resource course with PHI 432.
APHI 652 – TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY - Trust, Promises, Self-Deception, and Character (10157)
Tu 2:45PM – 5:35PM
Location: BA-210
Instructor: Jason D’Cruz

We will cover overlapping topics relating to trust, promises, self-deception, and character. Regarding trust and promises, we will investigate such questions as: What sorts of considerations underwrite rational trust in others? When do we responsibly promise and invite the trust of others? What does it mean to trust well, and what are the moral stakes of unwarranted distrust? How do trusting and promising well relate to moral character?

Regarding self-deception and rationalization, we will investigate such questions as: How is it possible to deceive oneself? What is the best way to model self-deception? Does self-deception differ from motivationally biased belief formation? Does being self-deceived impugn a person’s moral character?

APHI 674 – TOPICS IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY – HUMAN RIGHTS (#10158)
Mo 5:45PM – 8:35PM
Location: LC-11
Instructor: Kristen Hessler

This course will focus on human rights. We will address the moral philosophy of rights, as well as the role of human rights in thinking about global justice and international law. Course material will include both academic investigations of human rights issues as well as current controversies relevant to human rights. Questions we will address include the following: What is the best philosophical account of human rights? How authoritative should philosophical argument about human rights be in structuring international human rights treaties? Would we be better off without the rhetoric of human rights? Are “welfare rights” really human rights? Can we make sense of environmental human rights?