

Philosophy
Course Descriptions Fall 2025

PHI 8710-001: Philosophy of Race **Dr. Ashley Lamarre** **T 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

This course is dedicated to philosophies of race and racism. Students will pursue this by studying prominent figures in the field's history, such as Anna Julia Cooper, W.E.B Du Bois, and Frantz Fanon. Students will also investigate the various approaches to the philosophy of race, such as the analytic approaches to investigating the concept of race, the historical and issue-centered approaches favored by critical philosophers of race, and philosophies of race and domination that go beyond the Black/White Binary. In this exploration, students will consider key and current works at various philosophical intersections, such as metaphysics and epistemology, social and political philosophy, moral philosophy, philosophies of gender, phenomenology, and aesthetics to name a few. Illuminated by this survey are both antagonisms to and engagements with canonical figures and methods in the history of philosophy. Additional figures we will read (tentatively) include: Linda Martín Alcoff, Kathryn Sophia Belle, Robert Bernasconi, Patricia Hill Collins, Angela Davis, Kristie Dotson, David Marriott, Charles Mills, Helen Ngo, Falguni Sheth, Paul Taylor, George Yancy, etc.

PHI 8710-002: Global Marxism **Dr. Gabriel Rockhill** **W 11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

PHI 8710-003: Plato on Recollection **Dr. John Carvalho** **W 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

In this seminar, we will take a topical approach to the subject of psychoanalysis, studying the history and method of psychoanalysis, the pathogenesis of mental illness, the unconscious, sexuality and perversion, Oedipus, object relations, narcissism, mourning and melancholia, transference, repetition, the body and jouissance. The course will draw primarily on the texts of Freud and Lacan but include readings from and references to Irigaray, Kristeva, Klein, Rank, Laplanche, Brown, Marcuse, Foucault, Zizek, Deleuze and Guattari. Requirement: one seminar paper.

PHI 8720-001: Rousseau **Dr. Sally Scholz** **M 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

Jean-Jacques Rousseau has been credited as the champion of egalitarian democracy and the defender of totalitarianism, the philosopher of the French Revolution, and a cynical critic of his own time. In this course, we will explore his social and political philosophy. Our focus is on the question of inequality and whether civil and political institutions can address problems of social and economic inequality. Rousseau's diagnoses of social problems as well as his carefully detailed two-pronged response is found in education and politics. Readings include the *Discourse on the Origin and Foundation of Inequality Among Mankind*, *The Social Contract*, *Emile*, and *Julie, or la nouvelle Héloïse*.