PHI 309/CHV 309: Political Philosophy: Equality
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Course Requirements and Grading
This course will be held in a seminar format. Seminars will take place Wednesdays, 1:30-4:20pm in McCosh Hall 4. There will be a midterm exam (30% of your grade) and a final paper due on Dean’s Date (40% of your grade). A further 30% of your grade will be for oral participation in seminars.

Readings
Readings should be done before the seminar indicated. There are two required books for this course, on order at Labyrinth Books:


All other readings will be posted to the course website. In addition, you are strongly encouraged to consult the following online resources to learn how to read philosophical texts and to write philosophy papers:

http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/reading.html
http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

February 3: Introduction
February 10: Egalitarianism, Prioritarianism, and the Leveling Down Objection

February 17: Equality vs Sufficiency

February 24: Luck-egalitarianism and the Currency of Equality

March 2: Equality of Opportunity

March 9: MIDTERM EXAM

SPRING BREAK

March 23: Rawls I
March 30: Rawls II

April 6: Libertarianism

April 13: Democracy and Social Equality

April 20: Political Fairness, Proportional Representation, and Legislative Districting

April 27: Justice, Gender, and the Family

Make-up Session, May 4: Race, Oppression, and Responses to Injustice

Final Paper due on Dean’s Date.