

Environmental Ethics

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Required Texts and Outlines

- Louis and Paul Pojman, *Environmental Ethics: Readings in Theory and Application*, 5th ed.
- Several articles (each marked with an asterisk ‘*’) available on Moodle.

Outlines: Do not come to class without the lecture outlines for each reading (available on Moodle).

Assignments and Grading

Paper 1, 3-4 pages, 20%

Paper 2, 3-4 pages, 30 %

Paper 3, 4-5 pages, 30 %

Class participation: 20%

Due dates for papers will be determined as the semester proceeds. Requests for extensions should be made at least 2 days prior to the paper’s due date.

Tentative Reading List

Non-Human Animal Rights and Welfare

- Immanuel Kant “Rational Beings Alone Have Moral Worth” (62-5)
- Tom Regan "The Radical Egalitarian Case for Animal Rights" (82-90)
- *R.G. Frey “The Case Against Animal Rights”
- *Alan White, “Why Animals Cannot Have Rights”
- *Jeff McMahan “Our Fellow Creatures”
- *Christopher Knapp “Species Inegalitarianism as a Matter of Principle”
- *Dale Jamieson “The Rights of Animals and the Demands of Nature”

Valuing Non-Sentient Nature

- Holmes Rolston “Naturalizing Values”
- Ned Hettinger “Comments on Rolston’s ‘Naturalizing Values’”
- Aldo Leopold “The Land Ethic”
- J. Callicott “The Conceptual Foundations of the Land Ethic”

Deep Ecology

- Bill Devall and George Sessions "Deep Ecology" (228-34)
- Arne Naess "Ecosophy T" (219-28)
- *Simon Hailwood “The Value of Nature’s Otherness”
- Michael Nelson “The Great New Wilderness Debate” (200-8)

Mass Extinction

- *G. M. Aiken “Extinction”
- *Mark Michael “Is it Natural to Drive Species to Extinction?”

Ethics and Economics

- David Schmidtz “On the Value and Limits of Cost-Benefit Analysis” (628-41)
- Reading: *Clive Spash “How Much is that Ecosystem in the Window?”

Moral Demands and Personal Flourishing

- *Robin Attfield “Mediated Responsibilities, Global Warming, and the Scope of Ethics”
- *Baylor Johnson “Ethical Obligations in a Tragedy of the Commons”
- *Peter Wenz “Synergistic Environmental Virtues”
- *P. Cafaro and Gambrel “The Virtue of Simplicity”
- *Mark Burch, *Stepping Lightly*, chs. 1 & 9