Schedule of Readings:


17 -- Overthrowing Aristotle: Galileo's *Dialogues concerning the Two Chief World Systems*; Epicurus' Atomism Baptized -- Gassendi's *Paradoxes Against the Aristotelians*, Boyle on the Corpuscular Philosophy (AW, 262-9); Ancient Skepticism Revived -- Pyrrho & Pierre Bayle (AW 486-490)

For these first two readings, there is a very helpful website on the scientific background to early modern thought found at [http://galileo.rice.edu](http://galileo.rice.edu). [This is known as 'The Galileo Project' – very well-informed site put together by some prestigious historians of science.] Scroll down to Science, then down to Theories, then down to Copernican system.

22 -- Descartes: *Discourse on Method*, Pts. 1, 2, 5 (AW, 12-21); Dedication, Preface, Synopsis of *Meditations* (A&W, 22-27) [Also, see [stanford.edu](http://stanford.edu), then go to 'Descartes' Life and Works' for Pts. 3, 4, 6 of the Discourse.]

24 -- Descartes: *Meditation* I, II (AW 27-34); Hobbes' Obj. (AW 63-66)

29 -- *Meditation* III (AW 34-41); Hobbes', Arnauld's Obj. (AW 66-73)

31 -- *Meditation* IV (AW 41-5); Mersenne's Obj. (CSM 278-284)

February 5 -- *Meditation* V (AW 45-8); Gassendi's Obj. (CSM 224-228)

7 -- *Meditation* VI (AW 48-55); Mersenne's Obj. (CSM 87-92)

[For an excellent outside source, go to [http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/emcurley/descartes](http://www.sitemaker.umich.edu/emcurley/descartes) for an online version of E. M. Curley's *Descartes Against the Skeptics* (1978; now out of print).]


14, 19 -- *A Letter Concerning Toleration* (Locke, ed. Shapiro 213-54)


26 -- *Letters to Clarke* (AW 249-58)

28 -- Guest Lecturer: Dr. Sloane Despeaux on Newton-Leibniz Dispute on Calculus

March

3-7 -- SPRING BREAK

11 -- Hume: "Of Miracles"; "Immortality of Soul"; "Suicide" (H, 107-25; 91-105)

13 -- No Class: Daryl at Duke Divinity School conference

18 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. I-III (H, 3-27)

19-21 -- Easter Break: No Class (Ironic, how it falls during our Hume readings?)

25 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. IV-VII (H, 28-48)

27 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. VIII-X (H, 49-66)

April 1 -- NO CLASS: Advising Day

3 -- *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, Pt. XI-XII (H, 67-89)

8 -- Kant: "What is Enlightenment?"; "What is Orientation in Thinking?" (K, 3-14)

10 -- "Miscarriage of All Philosophical Experiments in Theodicy" (K, 17-30)

15 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part One (45-73)

17 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Two (77-102)

22, 24 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Three (105-147)

29 -- *Religion within the Boundaries of Sheer Reason*, Part Four (151-170)

May

1 -- "The End of All Things" (195-205)

Wed., May 7 -- FINAL EXAM, 12:00-2:30

Review terms (toleration, theodicy, atomism, monadism, realism, idealism, skepticism, solipsism, dualism, et al.); key Latin or German phrases (cogito ergo sum, tabula rasa, Wissenschaft, scientia, Naturforschern) and thinkers (Descartes & critics, Locke, Leibniz, Hume, Kant)