

Ryerson University  
Department of Philosophy  
Area Readings

**Part One: Rawls and His Legacy on Justice**  
**Part Two: Natural Rights Theories and Left Libertarianism**  
**(Summer 2016)**

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**Course Description:**

This Area Reading Exam will examine:  
Part One: selections of the collected works of John Rawls and other readings  
Part Two: natural rights theories and left libertarianism.

**Evaluation Scheme:**

Grades will normally be determined in the following manner:

Task	Due Dates and Submission Information
<b>Short Response Papers:</b> One Summary and One Critical Commentary (Each approx. 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words; Total 8-10 pages; 2000-2500)	Due Dates: Summary – June 30 Critical Commentary – July 15
<b>One Essay</b> (8-10 pages; 2000-2500 words); Topic: TBD	Due Date: August 25, 2016 (TBC)

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

One Expository/ Explication Summary (approximately 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words)  
DUE DATE: TBD

One Critical Commentary (approximately 4-5 pages; 1000-1250 words)  
DUE DATE: TBD

The responses are to be graded Pass/Fail, with a Pass on each needed to pass the course.

Essay

8-10 pages; 2000-2500 words

DUE DATE: August 25, 2016 (TBC)

Suggested essay topic to be determined.

Please Note: A grade of A- on the essay is needed to pass the course.

NOTE: Failure to submit all written work by final due date of August, in circumstances that do not fit within Ryerson University policies on accommodation, may result in failing grade.

## Schedule of Topics and Readings

\*Note: The selection and sequencing of readings will be developed as an iterative process, with the potential for revision as the course progresses, depending on interests, discovery of additional materials, and the pace of discussion.

PRELIMINARY READING LIST (Note: only a selection of these items are to be covered during the ARE):

Part One: Rawls on Justice (Preliminary List)

1. Rawls, John. 1999/ 2001. *Collected Papers*. Edited by Samuel Freeman. Harvard University Press. [Selections TBD]
2. Tomasi, John. 2012. *Free Market Fairness*. Princeton University Press.
3. Bohman, James and William Rehg. 1997. *Deliberative Democracy: Essays on Reason and Politics*. MIT Press. [Selections TBD]
4. Freeman, Samuel, editors. 2003. *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*. Cambridge University Press. [Selections TBD]

Part Two: Natural Rights Theories and Left Libertarianism

5. Dembour, Marie-Bénédicte. 2010. "What Are Human Rights? Four Schools of Thought". *Human Rights Quarterly*, Volume 32, Number 1, February 2010, pp. 1-20.
6. Fried, Barbara H. 2004. "Left Libertarianism: A Review Essay". *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Volume 32 (1), Winter, pp. 66-92.
7. Griffin, James. 2001. "First Steps in an Account of Human Rights". *European Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 3, pp. 306-327.
8. Locke, John. 1690. *The Second Treatise of Civil Government*. [Selections TBD]

9. Narveson, Jan and James P. Sterba. 2010. *Are Liberty and Equality Compatible?* Cambridge University Press.
10. Tuck, Richard. 1981. *Natural Rights Theories*. Cambridge University Press. Ryerson University Library Call Number: [K415 .T83 1981](#)
11. Vallentyne, Peter and Hillel Steiner, editors. 2006. *The Origins of Left-Libertarianism: An Anthology of Historical Writings*. Palgrave. [Selections TBD] [NOTE: Request made to Ryerson University Library to order book in.]
12. Vallentyne, Peter and Hillel Steiner, editors. 2000. *Left-Libertarianism and Its Critics*. 2000. Palgrave. [Selections TBD] [NOTE: Request made to Ryerson University Library to order book in.]
13. Vallentyne, Peter, Hillel Steiner and Michael Otsuka. 2005. "Why Left-Libertarianism Is Not Incoherent, Indeterminate, or Irrelevant: A Reply to Fried". *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Volume 33 (2) pp. 201-215.