

Phil 2062G: Power, Oppression, and Privilege

COURSE SCHEDULE

**This schedule is subject to change*

**All reading, listening, or viewing is required unless indicated otherwise*

**Initials of instructor who will cover the relevant topic appear under "Topic"*

WEEK	TOPIC	READINGS	ASSIGNMENTS
Week 1 (Jan. 11-15)	Introduction to the Course + Power (CM)	Amy Allen, "Defining Power" (9 pages) Eric Liu, " How to Understand Power ," TEDEd (7 mins) <i>Recommended:</i> David Concepción, "How to Read Philosophy" (9 pages) (pp. 358-367 of his "Reading Philosophy with Background Knowledge and Metacognition")	None
UNIT 1: DOMINATION (POWER OVER)			
2 (Jan. 18-22)	Oppression (HS)	Marilyn Frye, "Oppression" (7 pages) Iris Marion Young, "Five Faces of Oppression," read pp. 48-65 (17 pages)	Quiz + Participation (i.e., in the synchronous class)
3 (Jan. 25-29)	Privilege (CM)	Peggy McIntosh, "White Privilege and Male Privilege" (13 pages) Alison Bailey, "Privilege: Expanding on Marilyn Frye's 'Oppression'" (13 pages) <i>Recommended:</i> Joshua Rotman, " The Origins of 'Privilege.' " <i>The New Yorker</i> May 12, 2014	Quiz + Participation
4 (Feb. 1-5)	Intersectionality (CM)	Kimberlé Crenshaw, "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics" (29 pages) <i>Recommended:</i> Kimberlé Crenshaw, " The Urgency of Intersectionality ," TED talk (almost 19 mins)	Quiz + Participation

		Sojourner Truth, " Ar'n't I a Woman? "	
5 (Feb. 8-12)	Microaggressions (HS)	Lauren Freeman and Heather Stewart, " Shifting Perspectives: A Victim-Centered Account of Microaggressions in Medicine and Beyond ," <i>IJFAB Blog</i> , Feb. 11, 2019 Heather Stewart, " Bisexual Microaggressions in Medical Contexts ," <i>Bisexual Resource Center Blog</i> , March 23, 2019	Quiz + Participation Mid-term Test (Feb. 11)
6 (Feb. 22-26)	Silencing (HS)	Huzeyfe Demirtas, " 1000 Word Philosophy: Epistemic Injustice ," 1000-word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology, July 2020 Kirstie Dotson, "Tracking Epistemic Violence, Tracking Practices of Silencing," read pp. 242-251 (9 pages) <i>Recommended:</i> Kristie Dotson on " The UnMute Podcast with Myisha Cherry "	Quiz + Participation
7 (March 1-5)	Stereotyping (CM)	Laurence Blum, "Stereotypes and Stereotyping: A Moral Analysis" (38 pages)	Quiz + Participation Theory Summary (due March 4)
UNIT 2: RESISTANCE (POWER TO)			
8 (March 8-12)	Identity (CM)	Heath Fogg Davis, "Introduction: Sex Stickers" (23 pages) Heath Fogg Davis, "Racial Navigation" (5 pages)	Quiz + Participation
9 (March 15-19)	Empathy and Loving Perception (HS)	Marilyn Frye, "In and Out of Harm's Way: Arrogance and Love," read pp. 66-82 (16 pages) Maria Lugones, "Playfulness, 'World'-Travelling, and Loving Perception" (16 pages)	Quiz + Participation Essay Peer Review (March 16)
10 (March 22-26)	Deference and Autonomy (CM)	Laurence Thomas, "Moral Deference" (11 pages) Susan Brison, "Outliving Oneself," read pp. 59-66 (7 pages) <i>Recommended:</i> Uma Narayan, "Working Together"	Quiz + Participation Essay (due March 25)

		Across Difference: Some Considerations on Emotions and Political Practice,” read pp. 34-40 (6 pages)	
UNIT 3: SOLIDARITY (POWER WITH)			
11 (March 29-April 2)	Solidarity (CM)	Sally Scholz, “Political Solidarity and Violent Resistance” (13 pages) Meena Krishnamurthy, “Political Solidarity, Justice and Public Health” (11 pages) <i>Recommended:</i> Uma Narayan, “Working Together Across Difference: Some Considerations on Emotions and Political Practice,” read pp. 40-47 (7 pages)	Quiz + Participation
12 (April 5-9)	Course Summary (CM)	None	(Take-Home Final: Assigned April 12, due April 19)

Full Citations for Readings

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Young, I. M. 1990. "Five Faces of Oppression." In her *Justice and the Politics of Difference*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. Pp. 39-65.