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**Philosophy 113: Existentialism and Phenomenology**

**Fall, 2013, Department of Philosophy**

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**Wednesday evenings, 7-9:45pm, BBC 203**

Attempts to supply an overview of existentialism and phenomenology in one semester cannot help but leave out major figures and texts. We’ll nonetheless attempt a synoptic approach this semester, touching upon some of the highly influential literary expressions of existentialism as well as the primary philosophical figures. Husserl, Heidegger, and Merleau-Ponty and commentary on these main philosophers will take up most of the time. But we’ll also discuss selections from Kierkegaard, Dostoyevsky, Sartre, De Beauvoir, Camus and Ellison.

**Required Books**:

Solomon, Robert C., *Phenomenology and Existentialism,* New York: Roman & Littlefield, 2001. ISBN: 0-7425-1240-1.

Marino, Gordon, *Basic Writings of Existentialism,* New York: The Modern Library, 2004. ISBN: 0-375-75989-1.

**Assignments:**

There will be a midterm written in class and three papers. Two relatively short, four to five pages, ands one longer seven to eight pages due at the time of the final exam.