

"To be alive means to live
in a world that preceded one's
own arrival and will survive one's
departure" - Hannah Arendt



Philosophy 113: Existentialism and Phenomenology **Spring 2020, Department of Philosophy**

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Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:45 pm, Sweeney Hall 241

This semester we'll offer a fairly comprehensive synopsis of main existentialist and phenomenological philosophers. Time spent on individual philosophers will have to be fairly short. Even so we'll distribute the time so that the most influential and formative thinkers receive the greater amount of discussion. We'll cover main doctrines of Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, de Beauvoir, Camus, Arendt, Levinas and Derrida. Because of their especially lasting philosophical influence, more time will be spent on Husserl and Heidegger than the others.

Required Books:

Moran, Dermot and Mooney, Timothy, (Eds.), *The Phenomenology Reader*, London and New York: Routledge, 2002 ISBN: 978-0-415-22421-5.

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

Assignments:

Since we'll cover many thinkers, the assignments will be spread out so students can write, however briefly, on several philosophers. There'll be four quite short papers (2-3 pages) on philosophers we read during the semester. One considerably longer writing assignment (7-10 pages long), a term paper, on a single philosopher that each student especially wishes to study, will be due at the end of the semester in lieu of a final exam. There may be occasional reading quizzes.