

Most of this course aims to explore, and even answer, tentatively, two related questions:

1. What Are Our Moral Obligations to the World=s Neediest People?
2. Do We Have Any Rights that Might Free Us of Such Obligations?

There=s a lot to answer both questions in my short book, *Living High and Letting Die*, almost all of which we=ll be reading. And, this book also does something toward providing a negative answer to the second question. For more on the two questions, especially the second of them, we=ll read most of Michael Otsuka=s short recent book, *Libertarianism without Inequality*. And, we=ll read quite a few other selections, too, provided either in the COURSEPACK, or C-PACK, or else online at JSTOR. The syllabus that follows comports with all that, though it may turn out to be only a partial, tentative syllabus.

A main aim of mine is that this course be stimulating, and that it be quite involving, for most of its students. To that end, classes will be conducted mainly in the form of a prolonged exploratory discussion: I=ll begin each sessions discussion, trying to present ideas that will stimulate others to join me soon.

Week 1 There=s no time to read anything before the week=s class, but, anyway, I=ll put a little something here: *Living High and Letting Die* (or LHL D), Peter Unger, Chapter 1, pages 3-14

Week 2 LHL D, Chapter 2

ARich and Poor,@ Peter Singer From his *Practical Ethics*, C-PACK

AThe Global Baby Bust@ Phillip Longman (This is Factual Background) C-PACK

Week 3 LHL D, Chapter 3

LHL D, Chapter 6, sections 6 - 8 (pages 146-152) and section 10 (156-57)

AThe Demands of Beneficence@ Liam Murphy, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 22, No. 4. (Autumn, 1993), pp. 267-292. (JSTOR)

AThe Collective Principle of Beneficence@ Liam Murphy C-PACK

AWhat Should a Billionaire Give B and What Should You?@ Peter Singer C-PACK

Week 4 AKilling and Starving to Death@ James Rachels C-PACK

AOur Duties to Animals and the Poor@ Colin McGinn

AFeminine Ethics: The Problem of Distance in Singer=s Ethical Theory,@ F. M. Kamm

AREply to McGinn@ and AREply to Kamm@ Peter Singer All in C-PACK

Week 5 AShould the Numbers Count?@ John Taurek, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 6, No. 4. (Summer, 1977), pp. 293-316. (JSTOR)

AInnumerate Ethics@ Derek Parfit, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 7, No. 4. (Summer, 1978), pp. 285-301. (JSTOR)

ASkepticism about Saving the Greater Number== Michael Otsuka, *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 32 (2004): 413-26. Otsuka=s Web-Page

<http://www.homepages.ucl.ac.uk/~uctymio>

Week 6 AThe Trolley Problem@ Judith Thomson C-PACK

LHLD Chapter 4

Week 7 AThe Survival Lottery@ John Harris C-PACK

LHLD Chapter 5

Week 8 LHLD Chapter 6

AMoral Saints@ Susan Wolf, *The Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 79, No. 8. (Aug., 1982), pp. 419-439. (JSTOR)

AThinking about the Needy@ (Etc.) Larry Temkin, C-PACK

Week 9 Book Symposium on LHLD

APrecis of Living High and Letting Die@ Peter Unger, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 59, No. 1. (Mar., 1999), pp. 173-175. (JSTOR)

ASacrificing for the Good of Strangers-Repeatedly@ Brad Hooker, *PPR* 177-181.

(JSTOR)

ALiving High and Letting Die@ Peter Singer, *PPR* 183-187. (JSTOR)

ATake and Give@ Thomas W. Pogge, *PPR* 189-193. (JSTOR)

AComments on Living High and Letting Die@ Fred Feldman, *PPR* 195-201. (JSTOR)

AREplies@ Peter Unger, *PPR* 203-216. (JSTOR)

Reviews of LHLD

ALiving High and Letting Die: Our Illusion of Innocence@ Daniel M. Farrell, *Ethics*, Vol. 109, No. 4. (Jul., 1999), pp. 931-938. (JSTOR)

ALiving High and Letting Die: Our Illusion of Innocence@ F. M. Kamm, *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. 108, No. 2. (Apr., 1999), pp. 300-305. (JSTOR)

Allusory Innocence?@ David Lewis, *Eureka Street* C-PACK

Weeks 10 *Libertarianism without Inequality* (or LwI), Michael Otsuka Chapter 1

Week 11 LwI Chapters 2, 3 and 4

Week 12 LwI, Chapter 5

Week 13 LwI Chapters 6 and 7

Week 14 Left Open for Additional Reading, mostly suggested in earlier weeks