

## ETHICS AND NORMATIVITY

A collaboration between the *Liberal Studies Program* and the *Philosophy Department*. Convenors: Luca Oliva, Luis Oliveira, and Robert Tierney



The *Ethics and Normativity* seminar series aims to present and discuss the findings of scholars specialized in normative ethics, social or cognitive normativity, and related topics. Its in-person only meetings welcome faculty, graduate students, and senior undergraduates with competence or interest in the field. All seminars take place at the University of Houston.

Fall 2026

TBD

Past Seminars

**Alejandro Vesga** (UH Philosophy) - *Trusting is Cooperating*. Apr 17 (2026), 3-5pm, Science & Engineering Classroom Building, SEC 206

**Brandon Williams** (UH, Hobby School) - *Wanting to Want*. Apr 3 (2026), 3-5pm, Science & Engineering Classroom Building, SEC 206

**Andrew Chau** and **John Gillespie** (San Jacinto College) - *Thomas Merton's Existential Conversion: Beauvoir's Ethics Reveals Merton's True Self*. Nov 7 (2025), 3-5pm, Science & Engineering Classroom Building, SEC 206

**Samuel Reis-Dennis** (Rice University) - *Elevation*. Oct 17 (2025), 3-5pm, Science & Engineering Classroom Building, SEC 206

**Nandi Theunissen** (Rice University) - *Iris Murdoch's Perfectionism*. Apr 11 (2025), 3-5 pm in Science Building, S 120

**Christopher Quintana** (Houston Community College) - *Technoamicitia: A Neo-Aristotelian Account of User-Friendly Technology*. Feb 21 (2025), 3-5pm in Science Building, S 120

**Iain Morrisson** (University of Houston) - *Ressentiment and Self-deception in Nietzsche's Genealogy*. Oct 11 (2024), 3-5 pm in Agnes Arnold Hall, AH 210

**Amie Berg** (Rice University) - *Beneficence and Partial Compliance*. Sep 20 (2024), 3-5 pm in Agnes Arnold Hall, AH 210

**Jeffrey Church** (University of Houston) - *Distributive Justice in J.G. Fichte*. Feb 23 (2024), 1-3 pm in Agnes Arnold Hall, AH 210

**Christian J. Emden** (Rice University) - *Democracy and Poverty: Hegel on the Importance of the Welfare State*. Mar 29 (2024), 3-5 pm in Science Building, S 102

**Andrew Werner** (University of Houston) - *Hegel's Externalist Epistemology of Empirical Knowledge*. Dec 1 (2023), 3-5 pm in Science Building, S 102

**Robert Tierney** (University of Houston) - *Retribution and Dignity*. Oct 24 (2023), 3-5 pm in Science Building, S 115

**Kristi Sweet** (Texas A&M University) - *Morality and Politics in Kant's Supposed Right to Lie*. Apr 18 (2023), 3-5 pm in Roy Gustav Cullen Bldg., 132 A