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**Philoso 2997F:  
Special Topics in Philosophy  
Food, Culture, and Values**

**Course Outline 2021-22**

**Dr. Benjamin Hill**

**Fall Term 2021**

**Lecture (001)**

**M 14:30–16:30 Eastern**

**W 14:30–15:30 Eastern**

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**The Project**

Keep a journal documenting your weekly, dedicated philosophical reflection exercises by means of which you engage with the assigned materials. Each reflection should consist of a substantive engagement with the philosophical content and ideas contained in the assigned materials. Some weeks you will be provided with prompts to address in your journals; other weeks you will be expected to devise your own philosophically important prompts to address. A philosophical engagement is generally focused on philosophically interesting or significant issues such as a significant vulnerability in a position or argument, a philosophical insight, breakthrough or advancement, or a contested point of conceptualization.

**Concrete Deliverable DUE 23:59 EASTERN ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:  
Sept 24, Oct 15, Nov 12, & Dec 3**

**Eligible for automatic 48-hour grace period**

Students will be supplied with a form-fillable MSWord document that they may use as their philosophical journal. Should a student choose an alternative format, they should make sure that the following information is clearly included in each journal entry:

- Minimum 350-word per weekly section consisting of  
the prompt(s) you've selected to occasion or guide your reflections  
your philosophical reflections addressing the prompt(s)  
the conclusions or resolutions (if any) that you achieve as a result of your reflective engagement.

Submission via OWL Assignments, Attachment only [MSWord]

**Project Parameters**

- The reflective engagements should be considered part of your weekly study activities and should build directly out of your regular weekly studies.
- Dedicate time each week to engage in the recommended reflective activities and to keep your journal current and up to date between submissions.
- Feel free to be creative with how you reflectively engage with the material and how you record and document your reflection; embed in the document any non-text material you wish to record and submit.

**Assessment**

Pass/Fail/No Submission, no Qualitative Feedback

**Learning Outcomes**

2. **Apply** the philosophical conceptions of identity, personal identity, and personhood to themselves and their relationship with food.
3. **Analyze** the ways that food directly and indirectly impacts their personhood and personal identity.

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4. **Apply** the philosophical conceptions of identity to various social and cultural groups, including their own.
5. **Analyze** the ways that food directly and indirectly impacts those social and cultural groups as well as how these impacts affect their cultural and personal identities.
6. **Critically Evaluate** their own personal and cultural food traditions and practices.



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**Philosophical Reflections Assignments Rubric**

Categories	Exemplary (4 +/-)	Superior (3 +/-)	Adequate (2 +/-)	Inadequate (1 +/-)
<b>Depth of Reflections</b>	Seeks to understand the text or ideas by examining <b>rigorous and in-depth</b> their meaning and philosophical significance as well as their connections to one another and other sections of the text Demonstrates a <b>sophisticated ability</b> to analyze texts, ideas, and logical structures. <b>Consistently asks probing questions</b> about ideas and <b>seeks to answer these in detail.</b>	Seeks to understand the text or ideas by examining <b>somewhat cautiously</b> their meaning and philosophical significance as well as their connections to one another and other sections of the text Demonstrates <b>some aptitude</b> for analyzing texts, ideas, and logical structures. <b>Occasionally asks probing questions</b> about ideas and <b>often seeks an answer</b> to these.	Seeks to understand the text or ideas by examining <b>cautiously</b> their meaning and philosophical significance as well as their connections to one another and other sections of the text Demonstrates a <b>merely adequate ability</b> for analysis texts, ideas, and logical structures. <b>Rarely asks probing questions</b> about ideas and make <b>little headway toward answering</b> them.	Exhibits <b>little to no examination</b> of the underlying philosophical meaning and significance of the text. <b>Little to no evidence of analytic ability</b> or

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Appendix 3 (Blog Posts Project)**

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