SYLLABUS

Phil. 5337A (Course 1509) St. Thomas on Justice
Fall 2015, MW 2:10-3:25, Sullivan 100
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                Hours: MWF 10AM-12 noon, or by appointment

Course objectives:
1) To understand the Thomistic doctrine of justice, as set within the context of the cardinal virtues.
2) To explore Aquinas’s views and begin to develop your own, about selected moral issues which fall under justice and the other cardinal virtues.

Requirements:
1) Class presentations.
2) Term paper.
3) Final examination.
4) Small written assignments at the discretion of the instructor

Required texts:
Thomas Aquinas. Summa theologiae. 2-2.
    You will be required to read the selections in English translation and, if your Latin is good enough, in Latin. Please bring both English and Latin texts with you to class.

Please consult the bibliography of selected secondary sources, which is contained on another document.

24 Aug:   Introduction. Socrates and Plato on the virtues
    Read: Socratic texts (handout).
           Plato, Republic 2 (357a-376e), 3 (414c-417b), 4 (427d-445e).
           Houser 7-13.

    Read: Plato, Republic 4 (427d-445e).
           Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics.
              Definition of virtue and types of virtue. 2, 5-7.
              Courage: 3, 6-9.
              Temperance: 3, 10-12.
           Houser: 13-16.

31 Aug:   Stoics and the Fathers
    Read: Stoics: Diogenes Laertius, Lives, 7.XXXX
           Cicero, De officiiis, 1, 1-
           Houser: 16-38
2 Sep: Aquinas: the Cardinal Virtues: their nature
Read: Aquinas, De virtutibus cardinalibus, 1
      In Houser 158-169.

7 Sep: Labor Day Holiday

9 Sep: Aquinas: the Cardinal Virtues, their connections with each other
Read: Aquinas, De virtutibus cardinalibus, 2
      In Houser 170-183.

14 Sep: Aquinas: the Cardinal Virtues, their equality and destiny
Read: Aquinas, De virtutibus cardinalibus, 3 and 4
      In Houser 183-205.

16 Sep: Aquinas: Prudence, its nature
Read: Aquinas, Summa theologiae, 2-2.47.1-16.

21 Sep: Aquinas: Prudence, its parts
Read: 2-2.48.un.

23 Sep: Aquinas, Prudence, its species and its relation to the gift of counsel
Read: 2-2.50.1-4. Species.

28 Sep: Aquinas, Justice, its nature 1

30 Sep: Aquinas, Justice 2, and injustice
Read: 2-2.58.4-12. Legal justice & particular justice.
      2-2.59.1-4. Injustice.

5 Oct: Aquinas, the subjective parts of particular justice, commutative and distributive
Read: 2-2.61.1-4. Commutative and distributive justice.

7 Oct: Aquinas, Killing (homicidium; occidere) 1
Read: 2-2.64.1-5. Killing anything, killing sinners, killing oneself.

12 Oct: Columbus Day Holiday

14 Oct: Aquinas, Killing 2
Read: 2-2.64.6-8. Killing the innocent, killing in self-defense.
19 Oct: Aquinas, Theft and robbery (furtum, rapina [from Gk. harpe, bird of prey])
Read: 2-2.66.1-9.

21 Oct: Aquinas, Cheating and usury
Read: 2-2.77.1-4. Cheating.
2-2.78.1-4. Usury.

26 Oct: Aquinas, potential parts of justice, truth and lying.
2-2.110.1-4. Lying (mendacium, from mentior, to lie, cheat, deceive).

28 Oct: Aquinas, Equity, the Gift of Piety.
Read: 2-2.120.1-2. Equity.
2-2.121.1-2. Piety

2 Nov: Aquinas, the three Theological Virtues
Read:

4 Nov: Aquinas, Peace and its opposing vices
Read: 2-2.29.1-4. Peace
2-2.37.1-2. Discord
2-2.38.1-2. Contention
2-2.39.1-4. Schism
2-2.41.1-2. Quarreling

9 Nov: Aquinas, War and just war
Read: 2-2.40.1-4. War and just war.

11 Nov: Aquinas, Courage, its nature
Read: 2-2.123.1-12.

16 Nov: Aquinas, Courage, its prime instance
Read: 2-2.124.1-5. Martyrdom.
2-2.125.1-4. Fear

18 Nov: Aquinas, Temperance, its nature
2-2.142.1-4. Intemperance.

23 Nov: Aquinas, Temperance, its parts
Read: 2-2.143.un. parts of temperance.
2-2.144.1-4. Integral parts: shame (verecundia).

25 Nov: Thanksgiving Holiday
30 Nov: Aquinas, Temperance, subjective and potential parts: abstinence vs. gluttony, sobriety vs. drunkenness.
2-2.149.1-4. Sobriety.
2-2.148.1-6. Gluttony

2 Dec: Aquinas, Temperance, sexual virtues and vices.
2-2.153.1-5. Lust (luxuria).

7 Dec: Aquinas, On marriage.
Read: ST.3.supplement. Q. 41-46.
Scriptum, IV. d. 27. Q. 1. Art. 1.
Scriptum, IV. d. 27. Q. 1. Art. 2.

9 Dec: Study session for exam

Final Examination (3 hours) during Exam Period