Readings

Forms of Reasoning

January 13th: The Nature of Arguments
- Brian Skyrms: “The Basics of Logic”

January 20th: The Problem of Induction
- Peter Lipton: “Induction”

January 27th: Reasoning with Probabilities
- Brian Skyrms: “The Probability Calculus”

February 3rd: Explanation and Simplicity
- Gilbert Harman: “Inference to the Best Explanation”
- Alan Baker: “Simplicity”

Theological Explanations

February 10th: The Cosmological Argument
- Peter van Inwagen: “Necessary Being: The Cosmological Argument”
- Alexander Pruss: “Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit”

February 17th: The Argument from Design
- Richard Swinburne: “Argument from the Fine-Tuning of the Universe”
- Elliott Sober: “The Design Argument”

February 24th: The Problem of Evil
- Tim Hold: “The Argument from Evil”
- Klaas Kraay: “Theism, Possible Worlds, and the Multiverse”
Multiverse Explanations

March 3rd: INTRODUCING THE MULTIVERSE
- Robert Nozick: selections from *Philosophical Explanations*
- Bernard Carr and George Ellis: “Universe or Multiverse”

March 10th: POSSIBLE WORLDS
- David Lewis: “Possible Worlds”
- David Lewis: selections from *On the Plurality of Worlds*

March 24th: SELF-LOCATING BELIEF
- Adam Elga: “Self-Locating Belief and the Sleeping Beauty Problem”
- Nick Bostrom: “Self-Location and Observation Selection Theory”

March 31st: THE MANY WORLDS INTERPRETATION OF QUANTUM PHYSICS
- David Alpert: “Superpositions”
- David Deutsch: “Shadows”

Philosophical Implications

April 7th: THE NATURE OF TIME
- Michael Lockwood: selections from *The Labyrinth of Time*

April 14th: FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY
- Galen Strawson: “The Impossibility of Moral Responsibility”
- Susan Wolf: “Freedom within Reason”

April 21st: PERSONAL IDENTITY
- Derek Parfit: selections from *Reasons and Persons*
- David Lewis: “Survival and Identity”

April 28th: THE MEANING OF LIFE
- Robert Nozick: “Philosophy and the Meaning of Life”