

Philosophy 3330: Philosophy of Science
Spring 2016
Fourth short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, April 5th. **ALSO** please make your essay anonymous by putting your R# at the top of the page and **NOT** your name.

You are to write roughly one page (400-600 words) on something broadly within the topic of evolutionary theory and ethics and how they are (or are not) related.

This is an argumentative paper. You must defend some particular thesis. A good paper is clear, easy to read, and provides good arguments for its conclusion. But exactly what you write about is quite open ended. You might discuss the naturalistic fallacy. Or perhaps the meaning of "altruism". It would be fine to explain the problems with Shermer's description of the expanding moral sphere.

It is possible to write something on an inappropriate topic – for example, I do not want a paper explaining the Flynn effect unless it also ties in to ethics in some clear way. If you are unclear whether or not you have selected an appropriate topic, please ask me.