

Philosophy 3334: Philosophy of Science
Spring 2016
First short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, Feb 9th.

You are to write roughly one page (400-600 words) answering the following questions.

What is John Beatty's "Evolutionary Contingency Thesis"? Why does he think it is true? How is this connected to the question of whether there are laws of biology? Carefully describe one or two examples of biological regularities that someone might consider to be laws of biology. What would Beatty say about them? Do you think he is right?