

Philosophy 3334: Philosophy of Biology
Spring 2016
Sixth (and last) short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, May 3rd. **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 related sex, gender, biology, and human nature.

The essay should make specific reference to at least one of the readings that we have done in class.

Here are some sample topics that you might write on (there are many more possibilities):

- 1) Is there an important difference between sex and gender?
- 2) Could sex be socially constructed?
- 3) What, if anything, do facts about intersex individuals tell us about sex and gender in society as a whole?
- 4) What is the best definition of sex (or gender)
- 5) Is there any good argument that sex differences are socially constructed? (or innate?)
- 6) How should we think about the sex and/or gender of transgendered individuals?