COURSE SYLLABUS

PHILOSOPHY 5960-002 - ALDO LEOPOLD AND THE LAND ETHIC

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OBJECTIVE

To explore the seminal environmental philosophy of Aldo Leopold

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Aldo Leopold, *A sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1949) *ASCA*


OPTIONAL TEXTS


**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Regular attendance, participation in seminar discussion.

2. Weekly reading quiz

3. Diligent and responsible performance as a member of a research team and contribution to a jointly authored paper to be submitted for publication.

**RESEARCH TEAMS**

Team 1: What does Aldo Leopold mean by “beauty”? To be published in *Environmental Ethics*.

Team 2: Was Aldo Leopold a Pragmatist?: Against Bryan Norton. To be published in *Environmental Values*.

Team 3: Leopold and Levinas: The Other. To be published in *Environmental Philosophy*.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

(1) Aug 26: Introduction to course and texts

(2) Sept 2: Understanding *A Sand County Almanac*. **Read**: ASCA Part I and ½ of Part II; pp. vii-116; CSC, pp. 91-127 (Ribbens, Tallmadge). **Report**: Team 1

(3) Sept 9: Understanding *A Sand County Almanac*. **Read**: ASCA 2nd ½ of Part II and Part III; pp. 117-226; CSC, pp. 128-153 (Fritzell) and 172-217 (Meine, Callicott). **Report**: Team 2


(5) Sept 23: The Southwest, part 1. **Read**: ALLW, chs. 6-8; RMG, pp. 41-77 and 82-85. **Report**: Team 1


(8) Oct 14: The game manager. **Read:** *ALLW*, chs.12-15; *RMG*, pp. 150-180. **Report:** Team 1

(9) Oct 21: Beyond game management. **Read:** *ALLW* chs.17-18; Aldo Leopold, “Naturschutz in Germany” and “Deer and Dauerwald” (photocopied); *RMG* pp., 181-225. **Report:** Team 2


(12) Nov 11: land health. **Read:** *FHL*, pp. 3-81; *ALLW*, chs. 19-21. **Report:** Team 2


(14) Nov 25: Thanksgiving break. No class


(16) Dec 9: Exam week. **Research reports:** Teams 1, 2, and 3.