PHIL 4700.001 Environmental Ethics (Water Ethics)
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Course Description
PHIL 4700 - 001 Environmental Ethics
An examination of appropriate human interventions in the natural world. Topics include the history of ideas behind environmental thought, the legal and moral standing of nature, social ecology, environmental justice. We will focus on these issues through the topic of water at the interface of science, policy, philosophy, art and culture. Philosophical approaches include ethics, aesthetics and ontology of water, epistemological analyses of water issues, local and global governance theories.

Class Structure
Lectures, Discussion, Films, (Group) Presentations

Reading Materials:
  http://books.google.com/books/about/Water_Cultural_Diversity_and_Global_Env.html?id=UX5hDaypV6gC
  http://www.amazon.com/dp/9400717733/ref=rdr_ext_tmb

Requirements:
1. Class attendance and participation
2. River (Group) Presentation
   - Choice of topic in consultation with Professor Klaver: chosen by March 16, 2011
Evaluation:
30% Class attendance & participation (including occasional 1-page blog assignment)
20% Group Presentation
50% Final paper

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CLASS SCHEDULE
WEEK I: Film: Blue Gold-World Water Wars
Wed, Jan 18: Introduction and Overview of Course
Fri, Jan 20: Klaver, Irene J., “Placing Water and Culture” in: Water, cultural diversity & global environmental change: Emerging trends, sustainable futures? (WCD)

WEEK II: Film: Blue Gold-World Water Wars
Mon Jan 23: Klaver, Irene J. Introduction to Section 1
http://books.google.com/books/about/Water_Cultural_Diversity_and_Global_Env.html?id=UX5hDaypV6gC
Wed, Jan 25: Klaver, Irene J. Introduction to Section 1
Fri, Jan 27: Klaver, Irene J., “Placing Water and Culture”

WEEK III: Film: Cadillac Desert I: Mulholland’s Dream (1997)
Mon, Jan 30: Rivertown: pp 1-23, Ch 1
Wed, Feb 1: Rivertown: pp 23-47 Ch 2
Fri, Feb 3: Rivertown: pp 23-47 Ch 2

WEEK IV: Website: KERA Living with the Trinity
DVD’s: The Vision for the Trinity; The Trinity River Project-A Plan in Progress; Waters to the Sea—Trinity River
Mon Feb 6: Rivertown: pp 47-67, Ch 3
Wed, Feb 8: Pearce, When the Rivers Run Dry, Introduction and Ch 1, 2 & 3, pp ix-25
Fri, Feb 10: Idem: Rivertown and Pearce

WEEK V:
Mon, Feb 13: Rivertown: pp 67-85, Ch 4
Wed, Feb 15: Pearce, When the Rivers Run Dry, Ch 6, 45-49
Fri, Feb 17: Guest Lecture Professor Ruthanne Thompson

WEEK VI: Film: Gasland
Mon, Feb 20: Rivertown: pp 85-11, Ch 5
Wed, Feb 22: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 9, 67-75
Fri, Feb 24: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 10, 77-87

Mon, Feb 27: Rivertown: pp 111-143, Ch 6
Wed, Feb 29: Rivertown: pp 143-179, Ch 7
Fri, March 2: Idem

Mon, March 5: Rivertown: pp 179-197, Ch 8
Wed, March 7: Rivertown: pp 197-205 Overview Whole book
Fri, March 9: Idem

Mon, March 12: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 12, 93-104
Wed, March 14: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 15, 131-139
Fri, March 16: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 19, 167-173

SPRING BREAK: NO CLASS Mon March 19 - Wed, March 21-Fri, March 23

WEEK X: Film: *Cadillac Desert IV, Last Oasis* (1997)
Mon, March 26: Kaika, Ch 1, pp 3-11
Wed, March 28: Kaika, Ch 2, pp 11-27
Fri, March 30: Kaika, Ch 2, pp 11-27

Mon, April 2: Kaika, Ch 3, pp 27-51
Wed, April 4: Kaika, Ch 4, pp 51-75
Fri, April 6: Kaika, Ch 4, pp 51-75

Mon, April 9: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 21, 185-191
Wed, April 11: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 23, 201-216
Fri, April 13: Presentation Group 1

Mon, April 16: Kaika, Ch 5, pp 79-105
Wed, April 18: Kaika, Ch 6, pp 107-140
Fri, April 20: Presentation Group 2

WEEK XIV:
Mon, April 23: Kaika, Ch 7, pp 141-165
Wed, April 25: Kaika, Epilogue, pp 167-174
Fri, April 27 Presentation Group 3

WEEK XV:
Mon, April 30: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 26, 237-243
Wed, May 2: Pearce, *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Ch 34, 305-311
Fri, May 4: Reading Day  No Class

WEEK XVI:  Official Exam Time  THERE IS NO OFFICIAL EXAM
FINAL PAPER DUE  WED DAY MAY 9, 2012