

PAPER 3: DUE MARCH 23 (100 POINTS)

Write a paper that is at least 2,500 words long on one of the following topics:

1. **Book Review:** Write a book review of *After Virtue* suitable for publication in *New York Review of Books* or *The Atlantic*. Both of these journals allow their review authors to present their own points of view of the book being reviewed. Neither would publish a review which was fawningly positive (as if written by one of the author's grad students hoping for an easy pass), or angrily negative (as if written by someone who'd crossed the author in an academic dispute).
2. **Inherent Interminability:** Consider the idea from page 11 that "Contemporary moral argument is interminable because *all* moral argument, indeed all evaluative argument, is and always must be rationally interminable." Fashion a dialog between two parties that take the pro and con side of this question. Make both of their arguments as powerful as you can. Bring in the work of philosophers mentioned in *After Virtue* as well as the thinking of MacIntyre himself.
3. **Wikipedia Page:** Write your own wholly original Wikipedia page for *After Virtue*. You may look at the page that is currently there. Your goal is to make your page significantly better than the present one. Its content and organization should be original to you.
4. **Socratic Dialog:** Write a dialog between MacIntyre and Macchiavelli on any subject in ethics, politics, or philosophy in general. You may assign either of your characters the Socratic role (Socrates usually leads the dialog by introducing one or more probing questions), but try not to give all the best lines to one or the other. Do your best to represent the two thinkers responsibly as if they were together going to grade your paper.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PAPER 4:

We want you to bring two paper copies of Paper 3 to class on March 23. One will be submitted to us for grading and the second one will be used as part of a "paper clinic" that we will run in the second half of the class. You will be paired up with someone else in the class and you will critique each other's papers. Tom DeMarco and George Markowsky will work with the various groups to help you get the most of this experience. More details soon via e-mail.