*Scaffolded Writing Assignment in PHL 230: Methods of Philosophical Inquiry*

*Fall 2017*

*A scaffolded, original essay in philosophy*. A central assignment in this course is the completion of an original philosophical essay. If you are currently taking another upper-level philosophy course that offers the opportunity to write a similar paper, and if the instructor of that course is amenable, you have the option to write *one* paper for the two courses. Of course, this means that the expectations for the quality and depth of the paper will be proportionately increased.

This is a scaffolded assignment, which means you will do a series of assignments leading to (and a bit beyond) your final draft. Details about each assignment will be provided closer to the due dates.

Assignment #1: Pre-proposal meeting; this meeting is ungraded, but if you fail to schedule it *or* show up unprepared, you will lose 2 points from your proposal/annotated bib assignment. You must meet with me no later than September 22 to discuss your idea for your paper and possible sources you will use to develop your analysis. You should have already done significant thinking and research prior to this meeting.

Assignment #2: Proposal and annotated bibliography – 5 points. Due October 6 by 5 pm.

Assignment #3: First draft – 10 points. Due October 24 by 5 pm.

Assignment #4: Final draft – 15 points. Due November 17 by 5 pm.

Assignment #5: Reflection on scaffolded process and peer review – 10 points. Due December 1 by 5 pm.