Introduction to Ethical Reasoning: Life in Prison
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MWF 3:00pm–3:50pm
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Course Description:

In Philosophical Ethics, we will read and discuss texts by authors from the history of philosophy that discuss prisons, dealing with ethical questions such as:

• Which choices promote the best outcomes for the common good?
• What are my duties and obligations?
• What does human flourishing involve?
• Which choices respect the moral equality of persons?
• How do we respect others’ freedom?
• What are the morally relevant features of the situation?
• What do relevant experts, authorities, and exemplars have to say?
• What beliefs and values guide my choice?
• Which choices lead us to become the persons and communities we aspire to be?

Learning Outcomes:

• Navigate moral/ethical diversity and disagreements
• Engage moral/ethical arguments with increasing confidence and rigor
• Think deeply and critically about moral/ethical beliefs, values, and sources
• Reflect on personal moral/ethical growth