RELIGIOUS ETHICS EXAM VI
COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS ETHICS

The purpose of this examination is to address methodological and substantive matters in comparative religious ethics. A student will thereby be required (1) to have command of the basic required texts and thus conversant with major theoretical options for comparison and (2) select in consultation with appropriate faculty an additional five texts from each of the two traditions to be compared in this exam around a basic moral issue.

Required Texts:

A. Early Comparative Religious Ethics
   Émile Durkheim, The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life
   Sigmund Freud, Moses and Monotheism
   Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion
   Leonard T. Hobhouse, Morals in Evolution
   David Hume, A Natural History of Religion
   Immanuel Kant, Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone
   Friedrich Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals
   Ernst Troeltsch, The Absoluteness of Christianity and the History of Religions
   Edvard Westermarck, Origin and Development of the Moral Ideas

B. Mid-Twentieth Century Comparative Religious Ethics
   Ronald Green, Religion and Moral Reason
   Roderick Hindery, Comparative Ethics in Hindu and Buddhist Traditions
   David Little and Sumner B. Twiss, Comparative Religious Ethics
   Robin Lovin and Frank Reynolds, Cosmology and Ethical Order
   Alasdair MacIntyre, Three Rival Versions of Moral Inquiry
   Lee Yearley, Mencius and Aquinas

C. Contemporary Comparative Religious Ethics
   Elizabeth Bucar, Creative Conformity: The Feminist Politics of U.S. Catholic and Iranian Shi'i Women
   David Clairmont, Moral Struggle and Religious Ethics: On the Person as Classic in Comparative Theological Contexts
   Peter Harvey, An Introduction to Buddhist Ethics
   John Kelsay, Arguing the Just War in Islam
   William R. LaFleur, Liquid life: Abortion and Buddhism in Japan
   Jonathan Schofer, The Making of a Sage: A Study in Rabbinic Ethics
   Aaron Stalnaker, Overcoming Our Evil: Human Nature and Spiritual Exercises in Xunzi and Augustine
   Sumner Twiss and Bruce Grelle (eds), Explorations in Global Ethics
   Dale S. Wright, What Is Buddhist Enlightenment?

Secondary Texts:
Robert Bellah, *Religion in Human Evolution*
Elizabeth Bucar and Aaron Stalnaker, eds. *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism: Shaping a Third Wave of Comparative Analysis*
James M. Gustafson, *Can Ethics Be Christian?*
Catherine Hudak Klancer, *Embracing Our Complexity: Thomas Aquinas and Zhu Xi on Power and the Common Good*
Joseph Runzo and Nancy M. Martin eds., *Ethics in the World Religions*
William Schweiker ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics*
Arvind Sharma, *Our Religions*
Max L. Stackhouse, ed., *God and Globalization*
Paul Tillich, *Christianity and the Encounter of World Religions*