

Second Paper Topic
Philosophy 174
Winter, 2018

Due: March 21, 2018 at the final examination

Write an essay of roughly 4-6 pages on the following topic. Use the *Treatise* and the *Enquiry* (if appropriate) as the basis of your work. Be sure to quote the text whenever you attribute a claim to Hume. You may use the numbering convention of the *Treatise* text edition (e.g., 1.1.1.1 for Book 1, Part 1, Section 1, paragraph 1) and the marginal numbers in the *Enquiry* text edition. Papers not turned in on the day due will be penalized progressively, with the penalties increasing each two working days overdue. Papers should be double-spaced (3 lines per inch) with ample room in the margins for comments.

In Book II, Parts I and II, of the *Treatise*, Hume gives an account of the “indirect passions,” pride and humility, and love and hatred. Using either one of these pairs, show how Hume attempted to explain generically their origin in the human mind. Then show how he specifically explains one of the causes of one of these passions (e.g., virtue as the cause of pride). Illustrate the explanation with an example. Then consider one objection to this specific explanation (either one noted by Hume or your own) and provide a response on behalf of Hume.