

Summer Institute in Ethics and Global Poverty

University of British Columbia

Vancouver BC Canada

3-credit graduate seminar

May 16-June 7th 2017

10-day Faculty Visit, Dr. Anthony Musonda, Department of Philosophy and Applied Ethics, University of Zambia

2 day professional workshop, Monday/Tuesday June 5/6th, 2017

The Seminar

Three credit graduate seminar, aimed at MA and PhD students in philosophy and related disciplines, to be offered on UBC campus. The course will offer background in a growing area of research and teaching within the discipline of philosophy.

The course will be taught by Professor Sylvia Berryman: Dr. Berryman previously offered a graduate seminar on this topic on location in rural Guatemala, with philosophy graduate students from University of British Columbia and University of Victoria.

Featured topics will include: Peter Singer and his critics; alternative ethical frameworks for assessing personal obligations for responding to extreme poverty; the 'problem of demandingness' of ethical theories; arguments for political rather than ethical responses to global poverty; ethical dilemmas in current practice of aid delivery; accountability and ethical status of international aid organizations; impacts of the aid delivery system on aid-recipient societies

The seminar is aimed to equip philosophy graduate students to include Ethics and Global Poverty in their future teaching portfolios, and to prepare graduate students wishing to pursue research in this growing area. Canadian graduate students at universities signatory to the Western Deans' Agreement can receive credit for the course at their home universities. Some student travel bursaries may be available.

Faculty Distinguished Visitor

A ten-day visit by Dr. Anthony Musonda of University of Zambia's Department of Philosophy and Applied Ethics will provide a much needed perspective from philosophers working in the Global South on the impacts of international aid and development on aid-recipient societies. Dr. Musonda designed and teaches UNZA's Masters course on development ethics, and is researching Zambia's efforts to develop new agenda for development in the aftermath of structural adjustment programmes. Dr. Musonda will give three addresses during his visit, and will participate in the graduate seminar as a Distinguished Visitor.

Two Day Professional Workshop

June 5-6th. A two-day professional workshop, overlapping with the graduate seminar, will bring together leading Canadian philosophers working on issues related to ethics and poverty. Graduate students will participate in the workshop and present their research in a poster session. All are welcome to attend.

Participants: Drs. Scott Anderson, Sylvia Berryman, Monique Deveaux, Jan Drydyk, Lisa Fuller, Cindy Holder, Christine Koggel. Keynote speaker: Dr. Anthony Musonda.

Topics: Public Service Ethics in Aid-recipient Countries; Social Movements of the Poor and Poverty Alleviation; Empowerment of Aid Participants; Children's Rights; the Legitimacy of INGOs; Aid and Responsibility for Recipients' Choices; Power and Domination in International Aid