

**Intro to Ethics**  
**Dr. Heather Salazar**  
**Take-Home Essay #2**  
**Due: Mon., May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**  
**Via email as MS Word**  
**file attachment only**  
**Extra Office Hours:**  
**Thurs, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-3 pm at Java City.**

Please answer the following prompts below in three to four pages. Observe the guidelines in the syllabus for paper presentation. A good paper will be complete, clear, thoughtful, original, and display your ideas in a well-reasoned way. Please make sure that it is organized and has a clear thesis statement. If you decide to use quotes, keep them focused and short. Although you may discuss the subject of the prompt with others in and outside of class, you may not cooperate on writing the essay. You may want someone to read and comment on your paper after you have written it. If you do so, please acknowledge your reader and the contributions made in your essay. All sources of information that you use must be documented thoroughly. (I cannot emphasize this enough.) Please review the guidelines from the college and for this class on academic integrity. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your ideas, please see me in my office hours or make an appointment with me. Please note that this essay must be submitted via email. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are able to submit the paper on time and in the format requested. I will confirm that I am able to open your document when you have sent it.

In Alice Munro's short story "Silence," there are two main characters: Juliet and Penelope. Discuss these characters' actions, motivations, and character traits from the perspectives of the Kantian, the Utilitarian and the Aristotelian. Did each of them do the right thing in the short story? Did they have the correct motivations? Are they virtuous? You may choose to emphasize certain actions or events over others. The only requirements are that you discuss *both* characters and that you address *at least two* normative perspectives in doing so. Please make sure to briefly explain each normative perspective, as well.

### **The Elements of a Good Philosophy Paper**

1. **Clarity:** Your paper should make the complex philosophical concepts and sometimes convoluted arguments clear and as easy to understand as possible. This can be accomplished through precise statements of your intent, your arguments and your conclusions, as well as your definitions of key terms throughout the paper. In addition, it will be helpful if you use examples.
2. **Logical Structure:** Your paper should progress in a natural way, starting with more fundamental or easily accepted premises and arguing based off of these. Your reasoning process should be clear.
3. **Thoughtfulness:** Your paper should explore the issues involved thoroughly and from different angles. Without thoughtfulness, you do not have a philosophical paper, but merely an exposition of philosophical ideas.
4. **Originality:** Your paper should have your own mark upon it and should never be a mere recitation of others' thoughts without your own evaluation of them. Your own examples, interpretations and reasoning all serve to increase the originality (and philosophical value) of your paper.