

PHILC3912 Majors Seminar: The Emotions Macalester Bell F/09

This seminar will focus on the nature and value of emotions. What are emotions? What does it mean for an emotion to be justified or unjustified? Under what conditions, if any, are our emotions rational? Are we responsible for our emotions? What role should emotions have in our moral lives? Do we ever have reasons to overcome our negative emotions through a process of forgiveness? We will address these and related questions through readings drawn from contemporary and historical sources.