



KEITH WHITTINGSLOW PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR BEST GRADUATE ESSAY



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“A Partial Case for Pragmatic Encroachment”

There are certain morally problematic beliefs that nevertheless seem epistemically rational to form insofar as there appears to be evidence for these beliefs. Moral encroachment is meant to dissolve the tension in cases like these by having our moral considerations influence our epistemic standards for belief. In this presentation, I want to challenge the efficacy of moral encroachment as a solution to apparent conflicts between fairness and accuracy by examining situations in which high-stakes practical concerns clash with high-stakes moral concerns. I will end by offering two considerations for addressing these kinds of situations that attempt to respect the importance of both moral and practical concerns.



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