

Fifth paper topics

Please answer one of the following question using no more than 900 words, about three double-spaced pages. Put a copy of your paper to Michael Green's box in Pearsons 208 before Wednesday, November 24. Please leave an electronic copy in the Sakai drop box as well. (If you have to, you can just put a copy on Sakai.) Good luck!

1. Explain what you regard as a compelling objection to Nussbaum's Aristotelian essentialism. How might Nussbaum reply to this objection? Would this reply succeed, in your opinion?
2. Our readings on health care policy in the US make it clear that there is significant pressure to limit spending on health care. The state of Oregon tried to do just that with its Medicaid program. Explain what you regard as a significant problem with Oregon's plan. Then suggest ways that this problem might be overcome or corrected. Would your suggestion handle the problem or not? (I have national health policy in mind, but you can legitimately focus just on state-level policy making if you like.)
3. Norman Daniels maintains that the health system ought to be "designed to protect equality of opportunity" (p. 286). That strikes me as both interesting and odd. It's unfamiliar to me and I wonder what you think about it. Give what you consider the best case for and the best case against this claim about the proper goal of the health care system.

