Evolutionary debunking arguments in ethics
Graduate seminar syllabus

Week 1: Introductory readings
Guy Kahane (2011) Evolutionary debunking arguments. Nous 45, 103-125. [Link]

Suggested further reading:
On the science:

On evolutionary debunking arguments:

Week 2: Is morality as “a collective illusion foisted upon us by our genes”?
Michael Ruse (1986) Taking Darwin seriously, 250-258. Oxford: Blackwell. [Scan to be put on Weblearn]
Suggested further reading:

Week 3: Do evolutionary considerations debunking meta-ethical objectivism?

Suggested further reading:

Week 4: Do evolutionary debunking arguments support utilitarianism?

Suggested further reading:
**Week 5: Realist rejoinders to debunking arguments**


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Kevin Brosnan (2011) Do the evolutionary origins of morality undermine moral knowledge? *Biology and Philosophy* 26, 51-64.  

**Week 6: Street’s reply**


*Suggested further reading:*


**Week 7: The epistemology of genealogical debunking**

Roger White (2010) You just believe that because … *Philosophical Perspectives* 24, 573-615. [Link]  
Suggested further reading:
Adam Elga (ms.) Lucky to be rational. [Link]
Joshua Schechter (ms.) Luck, rationality, and explanation: a reply to Elga’s ‘Lucky to be rational.’ [Link]
Katia Vavova (ms.) Irrelevant influences. [Link]

Week 8: Are debunking arguments premised on mistakes about biological explanations?
Andreas L. Mogensen (forthcoming) Evolutionary debunking arguments and the proximate/ultimate distinction. [Link]
(ms) Do evolutionary debunking arguments rest on a mistake about evolutionary explanations? [Link]

Suggested further reading:
Justin Clarke-Doane (forthcoming) Justification and explanation in mathematics and morality. [Link]
Ben Fraser (2014) Evolutionary debunking arguments and the reliability of moral cognition. [Link]
Joel Pust (2001) Natural selection explanation and origins essentialism. [Link]