The presentation assignment is worth 15% of your grade in Philosophy 431. Each of you will deliver a 10-15 minute presentation. You will then be asked to facilitate discussion for the balance of the class.

The presentation is to be based on work related to the reading for the week, unless you talk about an alternative with me in advance. You are to prepare several things for your assigned session:

- A draft of your presentation write-up. (See below.)
- A handout for the class.
- Any additional materials you will need to guide you as you make the presentation.

Each presentation will yield a 4-5 page written document. This is essentially a larger reading essay, and as such will be focused on reconstructing an argument from the reading and responding to that argument with one of your own. You are to prepare a draft of this before the session and bring it with you to give to me. The final draft of this will be due the class period following your presentation. You should take advantage of the additional time to revise the paper in light of comments made during your session by me and the class. It is not uncommon for the final draft to be much more focused than the first draft, for example.

You are responsible for preparing and printing out the handout for the class. This can provide an outline of your presentation, a representation of your arguments, long quotes, etc. I can help you determine what will go on your handout, if you’d like. You should use it to provide your audience with information that will help them track your remarks and contribute helpfully during discussion.

You must visit an office hour during the week before your assigned presentation to discuss the topic with me. You should also practice your presentation before delivering it—that makes a world of difference. A PowerPoint presentation is not required, but it can be very helpful as a way of making the talk go more smoothly.

Altogether, the oral presentation is worth 25% of the presentation grade, the discussion facilitation 25%, and the written presentation paper 50%.