

Phil 108, Third Paper Topic

Due: Tuesday, April 8, by 9:40am.

Maximum Length: Three double-spaced pages, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Whose account of permissible self-defense, if either, is more defensible: Thomson's or McMahan's? In the course of your answer, or in concluding your essay, do one of the following:

- Discuss how the differences between their views of permissible self-defense might bear on the permissibility of certain **abortions**.
- Discuss how the differences between their views of permissible self-defense might bear on permissible conduct in **war**.
- Evaluate whether the more defensible view (or either view, if they are equally defensible) can explain the permissibility of **punishment**.