

Stanford University, in partnership with the National Education Equity Lab is pleased to offer, *Searching Together for the Common Good* to high-school students. Students who successfully complete the course will **receive 2 widely transferable undergraduate credits** from Stanford University.

## Course Overview

Are you interested in learning about modern philosophy and developing your analytical writing skills with one of the top universities in the country?

Drawing on primary texts from important thinkers in the tradition, we will study the central questions of philosophy as they evolve over time: metaphysics (*who are we and where are we?*); epistemology (*what can we know and how can we know it?*); and ethics (*how should we live?*). Since Socrates, these questions have been deeply interrelated; we will focus particularly on how metaphysical and epistemological concerns provide the framework for theories of how we should live. Important works from the Western tradition will be used to construct and explore some basic frameworks for ethical thinking. You will gain a familiarity with some canonical texts and develop skills of close-reading, group discussion, and essay writing when it comes to ethical inquiry.

## Who Should Enroll?

- ★ Students entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade
- ★ Students interested in writing, history or philosophy
- ★ Students interested in earning college credits in high school!

## Meet the Professor



**Dr. Gregory Watkins**

Greg has taught in Structured Liberal Education (SLE) since 2002. He has a BA in Social Theory (a self-designed major) from Stanford, with Honors in Humanities, an MFA in Film Production from UCLA, and a dual PhD in Religious Studies and Humanities from Stanford, also from Stanford. Greg's research interests hover around the intersection of film and religion, and he continues to work on a variety of film projects.

## Scholars Will Gain

- ✓ Exposure to college content and ways of thinking
- ✓ Three college credits, upon successful completion of the course
- ✓ Front-seat access to one of the world's top institutions of higher ed
- ✓ Membership in a national community of like-minded scholars