Due: June 1, 2010

Write an essay of roughly 4-6 pages on the following topic. Use the *Treatise* and the *Enquiry* (if appropriate) as the basis of your work. Be sure to quote the text whenever you attribute a claim to Hume. You may use the numbering convention of the *Treatise* text edition (e.g., 1.1.1.1 for Book 1, Part 1, Section 1, paragraph 1) and the marginal numbers in the *Enquiry* text edition. Papers not turned in on the day due will be penalized progressively, with the penalties increasing each two working days overdue. Papers should be double-spaced (3 lines per inch) with ample room in the margins for comments.

In Book II, Part 3, Sections 1 and 2 of the *Treatise*, Hume argues that “all actions of the will have particular causes” (2.3.2.8) and against “the doctrine of liberty or chance.” Explain what “the doctrine of liberty or chance” is supposed to be and what claim Hume is specifically making in opposition to it. Show how Hume argued against the doctrine and how he supported his positive claim that all actions of the will have particular causes. Then state whether his arguments are convincing to you and explain why they are or are not.