

Philosophy 3334 Summer 2018
Reading questions #14
Due Mon, June 24th

1) Read John Dupré's "The Evolutionary Psychology of Sex and Gender" (Chapter 29 *Arguing about Human Nature*). One thing that Dupré discusses is the claim by evolutionary psychologists that there is a mental module for detecting a person's waist-to-hip ratio which have evolved by natural selection. One bit of evidence mentioned for this is that Playboy centerfolds have consistently had roughly the same 0.7 WTH ratio for decades. What is Dupré's alternate explanation for this preference?

Can you think of any alternative explanations of why playboy centerfold models would all consistently have a similar waist-to-hip ratio?

2) After reading the chapter, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the chapters forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapters.