

HIEU 3812 Marx Final Exam Saturday, May 3, 2014: 2:00-4:30 pm 211 NAU. Megill/Ethan R.

Ethan's cellphone number: **585-770-3238**. A. Megill's cellphone number: **434-249-9886**. (AM will be away at a conference and meetings, April 23-May 4.) **Ethan will be running the exam.**

Time: 2 1/2 hours. A closed book exam. **Do use a blue or green book. Don't write in pencil.** You are permitted to take this exam sheet away with you.

Read this carefully: write your ID number (all the digits from your student ID card) on the front (outer) page of **your blue or green book**. **Write your name** *only under a turned down flap at the back of the exam book—write it down now*. If you are taking the class credit/no credit, indicate this prominently on the front page. If you are graduating, write "graduating" on the front of the book.

Part One and **Part Two** are of equal value. You should spend about 75 minutes on each Part.

Part One: In instances where I offer no specific question below, write about what is **interesting, important, problematic, and broadly significant** in **six (6)** of the following quotations. Where I ask a specific question, answer it (12½ minutes for each of the six items you choose). Do not lengthily quote, paraphrase, or summarize the quotation: that wastes your time and tries my patience. Identify as best you can the author, the work, and the approximate date of each quotation, in addition to the more important task of discussing it.

[approximately 8-9 options will be provided for you to choose among]

Part Two: Essay Question (devote one-half of your time to this question—75 minutes):

Interpreters of Marx have characterized him in various ways. For example, Marx has been seen as committed to (1) "materialism," to (2) "humanism," to (3) "rationalism," and/or to (4) some combination of all three positions, or alleged positions.

Fixating on Marx's writings (thus excluding any writings by Engels that do not have textual support in the writings of Marx himself), answer the following question:

Which of the above four options (or variants thereof) is (are) *best* supported by what we find in the writings of Marx himself (from 1835 to 1867, and perhaps a bit beyond 1867)?

Be sure to define the central terms given above, in ways that find support in *Marx's own writings*, and that are also congruent with the accepted academic practice. (In other words, you should not use these terms as they are used in popular or propagandistic discussion, namely, thoughtlessly, as if their meanings were entirely obvious and not in need of explication.)