

### Phil 114, Third Paper Topic

**Due:** Thursday, May 3, in class, before lecture begins (=2:10).

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

- Would Bentham agree that *lawmakers* should never make a law that *generally* punishes people for crimes they did not commit? Why or why not?
- Would Bentham agree that a *jury*, or a *judge*, should never convict, or sentence, a *particular* person for a *particular* crime that he/she did not commit? Why or why not? (Hint: Consider a case in which acquitting a defendant would lead to violent riots.)
- Why might the answers differ?
- In light of your answers to the previous questions, do you think that Bentham's account of punishment is acceptable?