Third Paper Topic

Write a 5-6 page, double-spaced, paper on one of the following topics. The paper will count for 25% of your grade. Papers are due TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 by midnight, by e-mail.

Be sure that your paper has a clear and comprehensible thesis; that it contains arguments for that thesis; and that it anticipates and responds to likely criticisms.

1. What is the Gettier problem? Why did the Gettier problem cause such a revolution in epistemology? How effective are Gettier examples in attacking the standard account of knowledge? Are any of the proposed fixes to the standard account plausible? Why or why not? In approaching this prompt, make sure to explain at least one of the Gettier cases in discussing the problem raised for the Traditional Analysis of Knowledge.

2. Explain the difference between internalism and externalism regarding both justification. Why might Goldman’s version of process reliabilism be considered to combine internalist and externalist elements? Do you think that any of the objections to Goldman we discussed show that process reliabilism is false? Why or why not?