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Graduate Course Outline 2016-17**

Philosophy 9653A: Proseminar

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DESCRIPTION

A survey of foundational and highly influential texts in Analytic Philosophy. Emphasis will be on four sub-topics, namely *Language and Philosophical Logic*, *Methodology*, *Ethics* and *Epistemology*. Thematically, the focal point across all sub-topics will be the tools and techniques highlighted in these texts, which reappear across Analytic philosophy.

REQUIRED TEXT

A.P. Martinich and David Sosa (eds.)(2011) *Analytic Philosophy: An Anthology*. 2nd Edition. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

[All papers except the Stine and Thomson are reprinted here.]

OBJECTIVES

The twin objectives are honing of philosophical skills and enriching students' familiarity with some "touchstone" material in 20th Century Analytic philosophy. In terms of skills, the emphasis will be on: professional-level philosophical writing; close reading of notoriously challenging texts; metaphilosophical reflection; and respectful philosophical dialogue.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Twelve weekly "Briefing Notes" on Selected Readings: 60%

Three "Revised Brief Notes": 25%

Class Participation: 15%

COURSE READINGS

Language and Philosophical Logic

Gottlob Frege (1892), "On Sense and Reference"

Gottlob Frege (1918), "The Thought"

Bertrand Russell (1905), "On Denoting"

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1933-35 [1958]), Excerpts from *The Blue and Brown Books*

Peter F. Strawson (1950), "On Referring"

H. Paul Grice (1957), "Meaning"

H. Paul Grice (1975), "Logic and Conversation"

Saul Kripke (1971), "Identity and Necessity"

Hilary Putnam (1973), "Meaning and Reference"

Methodology

A.J. Ayer (1946), Excerpts from *Language, Truth and Logic*

W.V.O. Quine (1948), "On What There Is"

Rudolf Carnap (1950), "Empiricism, Semantics and Ontology"

Wilfred Sellars (1962), "Philosophy and the Scientific Image of Man"

W.V.O. Quine (1951), "Two Dogmas of Empiricism"

H. Paul Grice and Peter F. Strawson (1956), "In Defense of a Dogma"

Ethics

G.E. Moore (1903), Excerpts from *Principia Ethica*

Charles Stevenson (1937), "The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms"

Elizabeth Anscombe (1958), "Modern Moral Philosophy"

John Rawls (1958), "Justice as Fairness"

Philippa Foot (1972), "Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives"

Peter F. Strawson (1962), "Freedom and Resentment"

Judith Jarvis Thomson (1971), "A Defense of Abortion"

Epistemology

Bertrand Russell (1912), "Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description"

J.L. Austin (1947-59 [1964]), Excerpts from *Sense and Sensibilia*

G.E. Moore (1939), "Proof of an External World"

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1949-51 [1963]), Excerpts from *On Certainty*

Edmund Gettier (1966), "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"

Gail Stine (1976), "Skepticism, Relevant Alternatives and Deductive Closure"

Reading	Tentative Date	Presenter
Frege and Russell	Sept 14	Rob Stainton
Wittgenstein and Strawson	Sept 21	Rob Stainton
Grice	Sept 28	Rob Stainton
Kripke and Putnam	Oct 5	Rob Stainton and Chris Viger
Ayer and Sellars	Oct 12	Gillian Barker and Chris Smeenk
Carnap and Quine	Oct 19	Robert DiSalle
Quine vs. Grice & Strawson	Oct 26	Rob Stainton
Stevenson and Foot	Nov 2	?? and Samantha Brennan
Anscombe and Rawls	Nov 9	Tracy Isaacs and Dennis Klimchuk
Strawson and Thomson	Nov 16	Andrew Botterell
Russell and Austin	Nov 23	Rob Stainton
Moore and Wittgenstein	Nov 30	Rob Stainton
Gettier and Stein	Dec 7	Rob Stainton