

PHILOSOPHY 740
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PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Text

W.G. Lycan and J. Prinz (eds.), *Mind and Cognition*, Third Edition
(Blackwell).

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Written work

There will be four short papers (1300-1500 words) during the semester, due on September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2. Topics will be of your own choosing, but we will hand out lists of suggestions.

Syllabus

August 19: Introduction to the main issues. Dualism and Behaviorism. Read the Introduction to Part I as soon as possible, and then **I: 1** (Skinner).

August 26: The Type-Identity theory and the Causal theory. **I: 2** (Place), **3** (Armstrong).

September 2: Functionalism. **I: 4** (Putnam), **5** (Block), **7** (Lycan).

September 9: Eliminativism. **IV: Introduction**, **16** (Churchland); **VI: 27** (Horgan and Woodward). **Paper #1 due.**

INTENTIONALITY

- September 16: Instrumentalism. **V**: Introduction, 21 (Dennett), 22 (Stich), 23 (Dennett).
- September 23: The “language of thought” hypothesis. **III**: Introduction, 12 (Fodor); **IV**: 17 (Churchland and Sejnowski), 18 (Fodor and Pylyshyn). *Recommended*: **III**: 13 (Carruthers).
- September 30: Folk psychology and content externalism. **VI**: Introduction, 26 (Stich), 35 (Clark and Chalmers); T. Burge, “Individualism and Psychology” <[http://www.jstor.org/sici?sici=0031-8108\(198601\)95%3A1%3C3%3AIAAP%3E2.0.CO;2-L&cookieSet=1](http://www.jstor.org/sici?sici=0031-8108(198601)95%3A1%3C3%3AIAAP%3E2.0.CO;2-L&cookieSet=1)>. *Recommended*: Rupert <<http://spot.colorado.edu/~rupetr/ExtdRev5.pdf>>.
- October 7: Psychosemantics. **II**: 8 (Fodor), 9 (Millikan), 10 (Loewer). **Paper #2 due.**
- October 14: Neo-internalism. **IV**: 32 (Segal); T. Horgan and J. Tienson, “The Intentionality of Phenomenology and the Phenomenology of Intentionality” <<http://dingo.sbs.arizona.edu/~thorgan/papers/IP&PI.htm>>; **II**: 11 (Brandom).

CONSCIOUSNESS

- October 21: Conscious awareness. **VII**: Introduction, 39 (Rosenthal), 40 (Lycan), 41 (Dretske). *Recommended*: Armstrong, “What is Consciousness?” <<http://www.unc.edu/~ujanel/DMAWiC.pdf>>.
- October 28: Consciousness and attention. J. Prinz, “Is Attention Necessary and Sufficient For Consciousness?,” adapted from *The Conscious Brain*, forthcoming (to be posted); J.M. Wolfe, “Inattentional amnesia” <http://search.bwh.harvard.edu/new/pubs/fleeting_memories.pdf>; excerpt from N.J. Block, “Consciousness, Accessibility, and the Mesh between Psychology and Neuroscience,” <<http://www.bbsonline.org/Preprints/Block-09282006/Block-09282006.pdf>>, pp. 487-94.
- November 4: “Knowing what it’s like.” **VII**: 42 (Jackson), 43 (Van Gulick). **Paper #3 due.**

November 11: Qualia strictly so called. **VII**: 44 (Harman), 45 (Peacocke), 46 (Tye)

PERCEPTUAL CONTENT

November 18: Conceptual vs. non-conceptual. **VIII**: Introduction, 47 (Dretske), 48 (Evans), 49 (McDowell).

November 25: Enactive perception. **VIII**: 50 (Noë); J. Prinz, “Putting the Brakes on Enactive Perception”
<<http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/symposia/noe/Prinz.pdf>>. *Recommended*:
The whole Psyche symposium on Noë.

December 2: What (if anything) does perception represent? A. Clark, “Feature-Placing and Proto-Objects”
<<http://selfpace.uconn.edu/paper/ClarkAusFeaturePlacing.html>>; S. Siegel, “Which Properties are Represented in Perception?”
<<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~ssiegel/papers/msKfinal.html>>.
Recommended: B. Brewer, “Perception and Content”
<<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/staff/brewer/pc.ejp.pdf>>;
A. Byrne, “Experience and Content,” posted under “Course Documents.”
Paper #4 due.