THE METAPHYSICS OF MIND

This seminar will explore the metaphysical underpinnings of nonreductive physicalism in the philosophy of mind.

Texts: various articles, a draft manuscript by Paul, and Sydney Shoemaker’s Physical Realization (OUP, 2007). We may add additional readings as we go along.

Requirements and Written Work: One presentation and (two drafts of) a paper. The second and final version of the paper will be due in December. Topic of your own choosing.

Syllabus:


October 5: Sydney Shoemaker, Physical Realization, chapters 1-3.
October 12: Shoemaker, chapters 4, 5. [NOTE: There is a possibility that both WGL and LAP will be out of town, in which case the syllabus will be moved back one week and a replacement meeting will be held on December 14.]


October 26: L.A. Paul, ms.

November 2: L.A. Paul, ms.

November 9: L.A. Paul, ms. Plus additional readings TBA.

November 16: Student presentations.

November 23: Student presentations. [Drafts of term papers due.]

November 30: Student presentations.

December 7: Student presentations.