

Philosophy of Mind

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We will cover a number of neglected topics in the contemporary philosophy of mind as well as a few staples. As much as possible, we will avoid worrying about how best to interpret a given author, and instead focus on clearly articulating what's interesting about the topic.

1/19 Central Concepts: Phenomenology, Representation, Mind, Body

Daniel Stoljar, "Physicalism," especially sections 1-3 and 10-17
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Zalta (ed.)
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/physicalism/>

Michael Tye, "Qualia," especially sections 1-5
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Zalta (ed.)
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/qualia/>

1/26 Naturalized Theories of Representation (I)

Barry Loewer, "A Guide to Naturalizing Semantics"
A Companion to the Philosophy of Language, Hale and Wright (eds.)
<http://rci.rutgers.edu/~loewer/pub.php>

2/2 Simplicity of Consciousness

David Barnett, "The Simplicity Intuition and Its Hidden Influence on Philosophy of Mind"
Nous 42: 308-35 (2008)
http://spot.colorado.edu/~barnetdb/my_papers/index_papers.html

Guest: David Barnett

2/9 Unity of Consciousness

Tim Bayne: "The Unity of Consciousness: A Cartography"
Cartographies of the Mind, Marraffa, Caro & Ferretti (eds.)
http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/members/timothy_bayne

2/16 Perception and Justification

Jim Pryor, "What's Wrong with Moore's Argument?"
Philosophical Issues 14: 349-378 (2004)
<http://www.jimpryor.net/research/index.html>

Roger White, "Problems for Dogmatism"
Philosophical Studies 131:525-57 (2006)
<http://philpapers.org/rec/WHIPFD>

Guest: Sinan Dogramaci

2/23 Perceptual Variation

Michael Tye, "The Puzzle of True Blue"
Analysis 66: 173-178 (2006)

Cohen, Hardin & McLaughlin, "True Colours"
Analysis 66: 335-340 (2006)

Michael Tye, "The Truth About True Blue"
Analysis 66: 340-344 (2006)

Alex Byrne & David R. Hilbert, "Truest Blue"
Analysis 67: 87-92 (2007)

Michael Tye, "True Blue Redux"
Analysis 67: 92-93 (2007)

Cohen, Hardin & McLaughlin, "The Truth About 'The Truth About True Blue'"
Analysis 67: 162-166 (2007)

<http://analysis.oxfordjournals.org/archive/>

3/2 Color Blindness

Alex Byrne & David R. Hilbert, "How Do Things Look to the Color-Blind?"
Color Ontology and Color Science, Cohen and Matthen (eds.)
<http://tigger.uic.edu/~hilbert/papers.html>

3/9 Shadows

Roy Sorensen, "Seeing Intersecting Eclipses"
The Journal of Philosophy, 96: 25-49 (1999)
<http://www.jstor.org/pss/2564647>

3/23 Spatial Perception

Patrick Suppes, "Is Visual Space Euclidean?"
Synthese, 35:397-421 (1977)
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/h18117m5r4851615/>

Chris Peacocke, *A Study of Concepts*, chapter three, sections 1-3

- 3/30 Temporal Perception
Sean Kelly, "The Puzzle of Temporal Experience"
Cognition and Neuroscience, Brook and Akins (eds.)
<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~sdkelly/SDK-4-Publications.html>
- 4/6 Peripheral Experiences
John Morrison, "At Vision's Edge"
Manuscript, to be distributed
- 4/13 Alief
Tamar Gendler, "Alief and Belief"
Journal of Philosophy 105:634-663 (2008)
Tamar Gendler, "Alief in Action (and Reaction)"
Mind & Language 23:552-585 (2008)
<http://pantheon.yale.edu/~tgendler/TamarGendlerPapersLinks.htm>
- 4/20 Desiring as Perceiving
Karl Schafer, "The Rational Contribution of Desires"
Manuscript, to be distributed
Guest: Karl Schafer
- 4/27 Naturalized Theories of Representation (II)
Stephen Schiffer, *Remnants of Meaning*, selections
Guest: Gary Ostertag
- 5/14 Term Papers Due