

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy 332/Linguistics 332—Spring 03

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Required Texts

1. *The Philosophy of Language* (Fourth Edition) A.P. Martinich, editor. (At Campus Store)
2. *Naming and Necessity* by Saul Kripke. (At Campus Store by 2/14)
3. Course Packet. (At Campus Store by 2/14)
 - Readings from course packet will be available on reserve at Uris, and for photocopy in the philosophy department lounge (216 Goldwin Smith Hall).

Reading List

- Reference and Descriptions (3 weeks)
 - (1) “On Sense and Nominatum” (1892) by Gottlob Frege (Martinich)
 - (2) “On Denoting” (1905) by Bertrand Russell (Martinich)
 - (3) “Descriptions” (1919) by Bertrand Russell (Martinich)
 - (4) “Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description” (1910–11) by Bertrand Russell (Course Packet)
 - (5) “On Referring” (1950) by P.F. Strawson (Martinich)
 - (6) “Reference and Definite Descriptions” (1966) by Keith Donnellan (Martinich)
 - (7) “Speaker’s Reference and Semantic Reference” (1977) by Saul Kripke (Course Packet)
- Naming, Necessity, and Externalism (6 weeks)
 - (8) “Two Dogmas of Empiricism” (1953) by W.V. Quine (Martinich)
 - (9) “Three Grades of Modal Involvement” (1953) by W.V. Quine (Course Packet) or:
“Reference and Modality” (1953) by W.V. Quine (Course Packet)
 - (10) “Proper Names” (1958) by John Searle (Martinich)
 - (11) *Naming and Necessity* (1972) by Saul Kripke
 - Lecture I
 - Lecture II
 - Lecture III
 - (12) Appendix to Chapter 5 of *Frege: Philosophy of Language* (1973) by Michael Dummett (Course Packet)
 - (13) “The Causal Theory of Names” (1973) by Gareth Evans (Martinich)
 - (14) “Reference and Contingency” (1979) by Gareth Evans (Course Packet)
 - (15) “Meaning and Reference” (1973) by Hilary Putnam (Martinich) or:
“The Meaning of ‘Meaning’ ” (1975) by Hilary Putnam (Course Packet)

- Propositional Attitudes (3 weeks)
 - (16) “Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes” (1956) by W.V. Quine (Martinich)
 - (17) “Quantifying In” (1968) by David Kaplan (Martinich)
 - (18) “A Puzzle about Belief” (1979) by Saul Kripke (Martinich)
 - (19) “The Problem of the Essential Indexical” (1979) by John Perry (Martinich)
- Pragmatics (2 weeks)
 - (20) “Logic and Conversation” (1975) by H.P. Grice (Martinich)
 - (21) “Pragmatics” (1972) by Robert Stalnaker (Course Packet)

Course Requirements

- Four papers: Due 10 Feb (2–3 pp. 10%); 10 Mar (4–5 pp. 20%); 31 Mar (2–3 pp. 10%); 2 May (4–5 pp. 20%). Paper topics will be distributed one–two weeks in advance of their due date.
- Final Exam (40%). The final will most likely consist of a combination of essay questions and short-answer questions, and perhaps some definitions. This may be a take-home!