
Meeting alternately at Rutgers and Princeton.
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Reading should be done ahead of time for discussion at the session indicated.

The following books should be available from the local campus bookstore.

Quine, *From a Logical Point of View*
Quine, *Word and Object*
Davidson, *Essays on Actions and Events*
Davidson, *Inquiries into Truth and Interpretation*

Much of the other reading listed is available online from Sakai at Rutgers. Princeton students should send email to harman@princeton.edu to obtain access.

**Syllabus**

Mondays, 2-5 PM

1. **Analytic/Synthetic I (January 26th at Rutgers)**
   - **Main Readings:**
     - Quine, “Two Dogmas of Empiricism,” in *From a Logical Point of View*
     - Quine, “The Problem of Meaning in Linguistics,” in *From a Logical Point of View.*
     - Grice and Strawson, “In Defense of a Dogma”
   - **Supplemental Readings:**
     - Ayer, *Language, Truth, and Logic*
     - Carnap, “Meaning Postulates”
     - Carnap, “Empiricism, Semantics, and Ontology”
     - Carnap, “Meaning and Synonymy in Natural Languages”
     - Quine, “Truth by Convention” 1936
     - Quine, On Carnap's Views on Ontology. 1951
     - Quine, Two Dogmas in Retrospect. 1991

2. **Analytic/Synthetic II (Visitor: Jerry Fodor) (Feb 2nd at Princeton)**
   - **Main Readings:**
     - Quine “Truth by Convention”
     - Quine “Mr. Strawson on Logical Theory”
     - Boghossian, “Analyticity Reconsidered”
     - Harman, “Analyticity Regained?”
     - Harman, “The Death of Meaning”
     - Carnap ”Meaning Postulates”
   - **Supplementary Readings:**

3. **The reconstruction of meaning on an empiricist basis: Radical translation, indeterminacy, and ontological relativity (Feb 9th at Rutgers)**
   - **Main Readings:**
     - Carnap, “Meaning and Synonymy in Natural Languages”
     - Quine, *Word and Object*, 1960, Chapters 1 and 2
     - Quine, *Ontological Relativity*. 1968
   - **Supplemental Readings:**
     - Quine, On the Reasons for Indeterminacy of Translation 1970
     - Quine, Three Indeterminacies. 1990
     - Quine, Indeterminacy Without Tears. 1994
     - Harman, ”The Death of Meaning”

4. **Ontology and Ontological commitment (Feb 16th at Princeton)**
   - **Main Readings:**
     - Quine, On What There Is. (1948)
     - Quine, Identity, Ostension, and Hypostasis. 1950
   - **Supplemental Readings:**
     - Quine, A Logistic Approach to the Ontological Problem (written in 1939 but not published until 1966 in Ways of Paradox)
     - Quine, Logic and the Reification of Universals (in From a Logical Point of View)

5. **Modality (Guest Presentation: Barry Loewer) (Feb 23rd at Rutgers)**
   - **Main Readings:**
     - Quine, Reference and Modality
     - Quine, Three Grades of Modal Involvement
   - **Supplemental Reading**
     - Kaplan, “Quantifying In”
     - Parsons, “Essentialism and Quantified Modal Logic”
     - Marcus, “Extensionality”
     - Kripke, “Naming and Necessity”
6. Truth and Meaning: the role of a truth theory in providing a compositional meaning theory (March 2nd at Princeton)

Main Readings:
Davidson, Theories of Meaning and Learnable Languages, 1965
Davidson, Truth and Meaning, 1967

Supplemental Readings:
Davidson, Semantics for Natural Languages, 1970
Davidson, In Defense of Convention T, 1973

7. Reference (March 9th at Rutgers)

Main Readings:
Quine, Word and Object, 1960, Chapters 3 and 4

Supplemental Readings:
Quine, The Roots of Reference (1973)

8. Regimentation (Guest Presentation: Jim Higginbotham) (March 23rd at Rutgers)

Main Readings:
Quine, Word and Object, 1960, Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Supplemental Readings:
Quine, Davidson on Events, 1984

9. Agency (Guest Presentation: Kirk Ludwig) (March 30th at Princeton)

Main Readings:
Davidson, Actions, Reasons and Causes, 1963

Supplemental Readings:
Davidson, How is weakness of the will possible? 1970
Davidson, Agency, 1971
Davidson, Freedom to Act, 1973
Davidson, Intending, 1978
Davidson, Problems in the Explanation of Action, 1987

10. Radical Interpretation: the role of radical interpretation in Davidson's account of meaning (April 6th at Rutgers)

Main Readings:
Davidson, Radical Interpretation, 1973
Davidson, Belief and the Basis of meaning, 1974

Supplemental Readings:
Davidson Thought and Talk, 1975
Davidson, Reply to Foster, 1976
Davidson, The Structure and Content of Truth

11. Propositional Attitudes (April 13th at Princeton)

Main reading:
Quine, Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes. 1956
Davidson, On Saying That, 1967

Supplemental Readings:
Quine, On Mental Entities. 1953
Quine, Propositional Objects. 1968
Quine, Mind and Verbal Dispositions. 1975

12. Logical Form (April 20th at Rutgers)

Main Reading:
Davidson, "The Logical Form of Action Sentences"

Supplementary Reading:

13. Ontology and Ontological commitment (Guest Presentation: Gideon Rosen) (April 27th at Princeton)

Main Readings:
Quine, Ontological Reduction and the World of Numbers 1964
Quine, Existence. 1970
Quine, Things and Their Place in Theories, in Theories and Things, 1980

Supplemental Readings:
Quine, Ontology and Ideology. 1951
Quine, On Carnap's Views on Ontology. 1951
Quine, Semantics and Abstract Objects 1951
Quine, The Scope and Language of Science 1957
Quine, Speaking of Objects. 1958
14. Naturalized epistemology (Guest Presentation: Thomas Kelly) (May 4th at Princeton)

Main Readings:
Quine, Natural Kinds. 1969
Quine, Epistemology Naturalized. 1971

Supplemental Readings:
Quine, The Nature of Natural Knowledge 1975
Quine, Naturalism; Or, Living Within One's Means 1995
Quine, Five Milestones of Empiricism
Quine, Intensions Revisited. 1977
Quine, On Simple Theories of a Complex World 1963.
Quine, States of Mind 1985