Phil 426 "Introduction to Philosophy of Language"
Tue/Thur 1230-1350
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Tentative Schedule:

The readings are from J. Hornsby and G. Longworth (2006) Reading Philosophy of Language, plus some others I will provide.

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<th>Week of:</th>
<th>Readings</th>
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<td>Sept. 6 (class starts Sept 9)</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>Introduction</td>
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<td>Sept. 13 (only class on Sept 14)</td>
<td>Locke, Mill (in Part 1)</td>
<td>What is meaning?</td>
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<td>Sept. 20 (no classes while instructor is away)</td>
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<td>Sept. 27</td>
<td>Frege (in Part 2)</td>
<td>Sense/Reference</td>
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<td>Oct. 4 – 11 (besides regular classes during these two weeks, we will also have a week’s worth of make-up classes. During these three week’s worth of class, we will cover Part 2 of the book (articles by Austin, Alston, and selections from a Searle book), and as well we will look at Paul Grice’s 1957 account of ‘meaning’ together with some material discussing it. Possibly we will look at some further work of John Austin’s. These will all be downloadable from the course website.</td>
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<td>Oct. 14: The first written assignment is due (electronically before midnight).</td>
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<td>Oct. 25:</td>
<td>Soames, Wright</td>
<td>Meaning &amp; Knowledge</td>
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<td>Nov. 1 – 8 (besides regular classes during these two weeks, we will also have a week’s worth of make-up classes. During the first two of these three week’s worth of class, we will cover Part 4 of the book (Chomsky, Dummett, Campbell) on “Knowledge of Language”. During the third of these weeks we will start discussion of the topic of “Meaning and Compositionality” by looking at a</td>
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paper of my own (downloadable from the course website) and possibly Horwich in Part 5 of the book.

Nov. 11 is a holiday

Nov. 15 (only class on Nov. 16)  Higginbotham  Compositionality

Nov. 22  Pietroski, Lewis  Compositionality;
         (Lewis to be downloaded)  Conventions
         (some other readings)  Mutual belief
         --to be downloaded

Nov. 29  (besides regular classes this week, we will make up one further class)
         Grice (downloadable)  Conversation
         Bergmann, Davies, Bach  Metaphor

Dec. 4 (note: this is a Saturday): The third written assignment is due.

Dec. 7: (the official last day of class). No class this day, the time for which will have already been made up.

Dec. 14: Final papers due (electronically before midnight).