

METAPHYSICS

PHIL 245

Fall 2003

T, Th 2:40pm–4:00pm

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Text

M: *Metaphysics: An Anthology*, eds. Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa (Blackwell 2000).

R: Reserve readings.

Materials in '{...}' are supplementary readings, and are not required.

Requirements

*Five papers, 3–4 pages each, due at start of class on:

T 9/23; T 10/14; T 11/4; T 11/18; Th 12/4.

Schedule

Th 4 September	Introduction
T 9 Th 11	Russell, "Existence and Description" [M] {Parsons, "Referring to Nonexistent Objects" [M]}
T 16 Th 18	Quine, "On What There Is" [M] {Carnap, "Empiricism, ..." [M]} {Lewis, "Noneism or Allism?" [R]}
T 23 * Th 25	Black, "The Identity of Indiscernibles" [M]
T 30 Th 2 October	Chisholm, "Identity through Time" [M] {Thompson, "Parthood and Identity across Time" [M]}
T 7 Th 9	Parfit, "Personal Identity" [M] {Lewis, "Survival and Identity" [R]}
T 14 * Th 16	NO CLASS—Fall Break
T 21 Th 23	Armstrong, "The Problem" [R], and "Universals as Attributes" [M] {Aune, "Universals and Predication" [R]}
T 28 Th 30	Plantinga, "Modalities: Basic Concepts and Distinctions" [M] Armstrong, "The Nature of Possibility" [M]
T 4 November * Th 6	Salmon, "Causation" [R] {Mackie, "Causes and Conditions" [M]} {Lewis, "Causation" [M], Davidson, "Causal Relations" [M]}
T 11 Th 13	Bennett, "What Events Are" [R] {Lewis, "Events" [R], Davidson, "The Individuation of Events" [R]}
T 18 * Th 20	Lewis, "The Paradoxes of Time Travel" [R]
T 25 & Th 27	NO CLASS—Thanksgiving Break
T 2 December Th 4 *	Ayer, "Freedom and Necessity" [R]