

Phil 132 – Winter 2024

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T, TH 3:30-4:50 PM

Office Hour: Th 2-3 PM

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Topic: Epistemic Revolutions – 20th Century to the Present

Grades: Midterm (1/3 of grade), Paper (1/3 of grade), Final (1/3 of grade).

Paper: 10-15 pp. Should demonstrate knowledge and independent thinking. Due on last day of classes.

Integrity Requirements in Force.

Reading materials are on the Internet or on Canvas under "Files" or "Course Reserves".

Schedule of Classes & Readings:

T 1/9 *Introduction to Class*

Sher: "Epistemic Friction and Freedom". *Epistemic Friction*.

Th 1/11 *Truth and Knowledge*

Sher: "The Basic Epistemic Situation". *Epistemic Friction*.

Sher: "The Fundamental Principle of Truth" & "The 'Manifold' Correspondence Principle". *Epistemic Friction*.

T 1/16 *The Logical Revolution*

Frege: *Begriffsschrift, A Formula Language ... for Pure Thought*. Preface.
Klement: "Gottlob Frege". *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Opening paragraph and Sections 1-2.

Th 1/18 *The Linguistic/Analytic Revolution*

Preston: "Analytic Philosophy". *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
Introductory paragraph and Sections 1,2,4.

T 1/23 *Russell: Knowledge of the External World*

Russell: "On Our Knowledge of the External Knowledge", Lecture III.

- Th 1/25 *Gettier and the Definition of Knowledge*
 Gettier: "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"
- T 1/30 *Cont.*
 Ichikawa & Steup: "The Analysis of Knowledge". *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Internet.
- Th 2/1 *The Logical Empiricist/Positivist Revolution*
 Carnap: *The Logical Structure of the World*. Pp. v-xi, xv-xviii, 5-15.
 Carnap: "Empiricism, Semantics, and Ontology".
- T 2/6 *Cont.*
 Creath: "Logical Empiricism". *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Up to (and including) Section 4.2.
 Quine: "Truth by Convention".
- Th 2/8 *Preparation for Midterm*
- T 2/13 **Midterm**
- Th 2/15 *Quine's First Revolution*
 Quine: "Two Dogmas of Empiricism".
- T 2/20 *Cont.*
 Sher: "Quine's Model of Knowledge: An Inner Tension". *Epistemic Friction*.
- Th 2/22 *The Foundation of Knowledge I: the Foundationalist-Coherentist Debate*
 Sosa: "The Raft and the Pyramid"
 Sher: "Epistemic Friction and the Illusion of Foundationalism". *Epistemic Friction*.
- T 2/27 *Cont.*
 Rorty: "Knowledge as Needing 'Foundations'". *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*.
 BonJour: "The Dialectic of Foundationalism and Coherentism".

- Th 2/29 *The Foundation of Knowledge II: Foundational Holism*
Sher: "From Foundationalism to *Foundational Holism*". *Epistemic Friction*.
- T 3/5 *Cont.*
Sher: "The Foundational Problem of Logic". *Epistemic Friction*.
Sher: "Is Logic in the Mind or in the World?"
- Th 3/7 *Quine's Second Revolution: Naturalism*
Quine: "Epistemology Naturalized".
- T 3/12 *Cont.*
Stroud: "Naturalized Epistemology". *The Significance of Philosophical Scepticism*.
- Th 3/14 *Preparation for Final*