

PHILOSOPHY 840
Fall, 2009

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THE METAPHYSICS OF MIND

This seminar will explore the metaphysical underpinnings of nonreductive physicalism in the philosophy of mind.

Texts: various articles, a draft manuscript by Paul, and Sydney Shoemaker's *Physical Realization* (OUP, 2007). We may add additional readings as we go along.

Requirements and Written Work: One presentation and (two drafts of) a paper. The second and final version of the paper will be due in December. Topic of your own choosing.

Syllabus:

August 31: Introduction. "Matter." Material constitution and metaphysics of mind.

September 14: Derk Pereboom. "Robust Nonreductive Materialism," *Journal of Philosophy* 99 (2002), 499-531, and L.A. Paul, "Coincidence as Overlap," *Nous* 40 (2006), 623-59.

September 21: Stephen Yablo, "Mental Causation," *Philosophical Review* 101 (1992), 245-280. David Robb, "The Properties of Mental Causation," *Philosophical Quarterly* 47 (1997), 178-94.

September 28: Stephen Yablo, "Wide Causation," *Philosophical Perspectives* 11 (1997), 251-281.

October 5: Sydney Shoemaker, *Physical Realization*, chapters 1-3.

October 12: Shoemaker, chapters 4, 5. [**NOTE:** There is a possibility that both WGL and LAP will be out of town, in which case the syllabus will be moved back one week and a replacement meeting will be held on December 14.]

October 19: Shoemaker, chapter 6. Excerpt from William Lycan, "Phenomenal Intentionalities," *APQ* 45 (2008), 233-52.

October 26: L.A. Paul, ms.

November 2: L.A. Paul, ms.

November 9: L.A. Paul, ms. Plus additional readings TBA.

November 16: Student presentations.

November 23: Student presentations. [Drafts of term papers due.]

November 30: Student presentations.

December 7: Student presentations.