

PHILOSOPHY
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DESIRE AND CONATION

Texts

Joel Marks (ed.), *The Ways of Desire*, Precedent Publishing, 1986.

G.F. Schueler, *Desire*, Bradford/MIT, 1995

Tim Schroeder, *Three Faces of Desire*, Oxford U.P., 2004.

Written work

There will be one short paper (1250-1500 words), due on February 14, and a term paper due April 24. Topics will be of your own choosing.

Syllabus

January 10: Propositional attitudes and the Eternal

Triangle. *Reading*: Background handout, "Intentionality and Propositional Attitudes" (distributed). *Suggested*: M. Aydede, "The Language of Thought Hypothesis," <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/language-thought/>.

January 17: [No meeting.]

January 24: D.W. Stampe, "Defining Desire"; W.A. Davis, "The Two Senses of Desire." [These and all subsequent articles are in Marks.]

January 31: R.B. DeSousa, "Desire and Time."

February 7: J. Marks, "The Difference Between Motivation and Desire"; R.M. Gordon, "The Circle of Desire."

February 14: R. Audi, "Intending, Intentional Action, and Desire." Short paper due.

February 21: A.C. Baier, “The Ambiguous Limits of Desire.”

February 28: M. Staude, “Wanting, Desiring, and Valuing: The Case against Conativism”; M. Stocker, “Akrasia and the Object of Desire.”

March 6: Schueler, Chs. 1, 2.

March 20: Schueler, Ch. 3.

March 27: Schueler, Chs. 4, 5.

April 3: Schueler, Ch. 6.

April 10: Schroeder, Chs. 1, 2.

April 17: Schroeder, Ch. 3.

April 24: Schroeder, Chs. 4, 5. Term paper due.

May 1 [extra meeting to replace January 17]: Schroeder, Ch. 6.