

Mind-Body Dualism

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Written work

One short paper (1000-1250 words) on a topic of your choosing, due February 14. One term paper, due April 25.

Syllabus

[Bracketed items are recommended only.]

January 17: What is Dualism? The "Body problem." Varieties of Dualism. Recent "naturalistic Dualism." *Reading*: [Lycan, "The Mind-Body Problem," <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~stich/104_Master_File/104_Readings/Lycan/Mind_Body_Problem.doc>.]

REBUTTING OBJECTIONS

January 24: Cartesian Dualism and the standard objections. *Reading*: Lycan, *Consciousness*, pp. 2-3; P.M. Churchland, *Matter and Consciousness*, pp. 18-21; E.W. Averill and B.F. Keating, "Does Interactionism Violate a Law of Classical Physics?" (go to <http://consc.net/biblio/3.html#3.3d> and click on the title there). [David Papineau, "The Rise of Physicalism," <<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/ip/davidpapineau/Staff/Papineau/OnlinePapers/Risephys.html>>.]

January 31: Non-interaction; Epiphenomenalism. *Reading*: Jackson, "Epiphenomenal Qualia," pp. 444-46; W.S. Robinson, "Causation, Sensations and Knowledge" (go to <http://consc.net/biblio/1.html#1.4f> and click on the title there).

A FEW DUALIST ARGUMENTS

February 7: Revisiting Kripke. *Reading*: Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*, pp. 329-34; Lycan, *Consciousness*, Ch. 2; T. Polger, *Natural Minds*, Ch. 2.

February 14: Jackson-Chalmers; matured Chalmers. *Reading*: Lycan, "Vs. a New A Priorist Argument for Dualism," <<http://www.unc.edu/~ujanel/AgAPrism.htm>>; Chalmers, "Mind and Modality," <<http://consc.net/papers/mm.html>>; Lecture 1; Chalmers, "Materialism and the Metaphysics of Modality," <<http://consc.net/papers/modality.html>>; sec. 3. [Chalmers, "Consciousness and Its Place in Nature," <<http://consc.net/papers/nature.html>>.] **Short paper due.**

February 21: Rosenberg. *Reading*: Gregg Rosenberg, *A Place for Consciousness*, Chs. 2 and 3.

THE "NATURALISTIC" TURN

February 28: Non-Dualist quantum weirdness. *Reading*: Henry Stapp, "Why Classical Mechanics Cannot Accommodate Consciousness But Quantum Mechanics Can," <<http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/v2/psyche-2-05-stapp.html>>; Kirk Ludwig, "Why the Difference Between Quantum and Classical Physics is Irrelevant to the Mind/Body Problem," <<http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/v2/psyche-2-16-ludwig.html>>; Michael Lockwood, "Consciousness and the Quantum World: Putting Qualia on the Map." [Quentin Smith, "Why Cognitive Scientists Cannot Ignore Quantum Mechanics."]

March 7: Panpsychism: Chalmers, Galen Strawson. *Reading*: Chalmers, *The Conscious Mind*, Ch. 8; Lycan, "Recent Naturalistic Dualisms," <<http://www.unc.edu/~ujanel/RecDuMat.htm>>; Strawson, "Realistic Monism: Why Physicalism Entails Panpsychism."

NONSTANDARD DUALIST ARGUMENTS

March 21: The temporal anomalies. *Reading*: Dennett, *Consciousness Explained*, Chs. 5 and 6.

March 28: "Filling in." *Reading*: V.S. Ramachandran and R.L. Gregory, "Perceptual Filling-in of Artificially Induced Scotomas in Human Vision," <http://psy.ucsd.edu/chip/pdf/Percept_Fill_In_Artfcl_Sctma_Nat.pdf>; Dennett, *Consciousness Explained*, Ch. 11.

April 4: Intentionality! *Reading*: Millikan, "Biosemantics," <<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-362X%28198906%2986%3A6%3C281%3AB%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9>>; Peacocke, *A Study of Concepts*, Ch. 5.

April 11: Personal identity across time. *Reading*: Chisholm, *Person and Object*, selections from Ch. III; Madell, *The Identity of the Self*, Chs. 4 and 5.

April 18: Freedom of the will. *Reading*: Clarke, "Toward a Credible Agent-Causal Account of Free Will," <<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0029-4624%28199306%2927%3A2%3C191%3ATACAAO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-E>>; O'Connor, *Persons and Causes*, Ch. 4.

April 25: Problems for a science of consciousness. *Reading*: Alvin Goldman, "Science, Publicity, and Consciousness," <<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0031-8248%28199712%2964%3A4%3C525%3ASPAC%3E2.0.CO%3B2-H>>. **Term paper due.**