

PHIL 355 MIND AND REALITY**Fall 2009****READING ASSIGNMENTS**

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Required Textbooks:

Heil, John. *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*. Routledge, 2004. ISBN-10 0-415-28356-6, ISBN-13 978-0-415-28356-4

Loux, Michael J. *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*. Routledge, 1st or 2nd edition.

1st edition: 2001. ISBN-10 0-415-26109-0, ISBN-13 978-0-415-26109-8.

2nd edition: 2008. ISBN-10 0-415-96238-2, ISBN-13 978-0-415-96238-4.

THIS SCHEDULE MAY BE MODIFIED DURING THE COURSE OF THE SEMESTER. Any changes will be announced in class, and posted at <http://www.csun.edu/~hcphi003/PHIL355/schedule.html>.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Chapter or selection</u>	<u>Pages</u>
PHILOSOPHY OF MIND				
1	8/25	Heil		
	8/27	Heil	Chapter 2	Cartesian dualism 14-26
2	9/1	Heil	Chapter 3	Descartes' Legacy 27-40
	9/3	Heil	Chapter 6	Identity Theory, sections 6.1 – 6.8 72-81
			Chapter 7	Functionalism 89-105
3	9/8	Heil	Chapter 7	Functionalism (continued) 89-105
	9/10	Heil	Chapter 9	Qualia 123-129
	9/11	LAST DAY TO DROP a class or change basis of grading		
4	9/15	Heil	Chapter 13	Property Dualism 177-188
METAPHYSICS: UNIVERSALS				
4	9/17	Loux	Selection 1	Russell: The World of Universals 14-19
5	9/22	Loux	Selection 4	Williams: The Elements of Being 57-64
	9/24	Loux	Selection 2	Price: Universals and Resemblance 20-41
6	9/29	Loux	Selection 3	Quine: On What There Is 42-56

METAPHYSICS: POSSIBLE WORLDS

6	10/1	Loux	Selection 10	Lewis: Possible Worlds	160-167
7	10/6	Loux	Selection 10	Lewis: Possible Worlds	160-167
7	10/8	Loux	Selection 11	Plantinga: Actualism and Possible Worlds	168-187
8	10/13		WRITING: work on draft of midterm paper		
	10/15	Loux	Selection 11	Plantinga: Actualism and Possible Worlds	168-187
9	10/20		CATCH-UP		
	10/22	Loux	Selection 12	Lewis: Counterparts or Double Lives? (continued)	188-217
10	10.27	Loux	Selection 12	Lewis: Counterparts or Double Lives?	188-217

METAPHYSICS: PERSISTENCE THROUGH TIME

10	10/29	Loux	Sec 20 or 25	Heller: Temporal Parts of Four-Dimensional Objects	328-352 or 418-442
11	11/3	Loux	Heller (continued)		

METAPHYSICS: PERSONAL IDENTITY

11	11/5	Loux	Sec 22 or 27	Parfit: Personal Identity	374-394 or 464-484
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METAPHYSICS: CAUSATION

12	11/10	Loux	2d ed Sec 18	Lewis, "Causation" or in <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> 70 (1973)	326-338 556-567
	11/12	e-journal	Heathcote & Armstrong, "Causes and Laws", <i>Nous</i> 25 (1991)		63-73
13	11/17	e-journal	Heathcote & Armstrong, "Causes and Laws", <i>Nous</i> 25 (1991)		63-73
		e-journal	Dretske, "Laws of Nature," <i>Philosophy of Science</i> 44 (1977)		248-268
	11/19	e-journal	Tooley, "Causation: Reductionism versus Realism", <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 50 Supplement (1990)		215-236

THESIS STATEMENT FOR FINAL PAPER DUE 6 AM

14 11/23 **OUTLINE OF FINAL PAPER DUE 6 AM, Monday, November 23**

11/24 **FURLOUGH – no class meeting**

11/26 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

METAPHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY OF MIND: MENTAL CAUSATION

15	12/1	Oviatt	Kim, "The Non-Reductivist's Troubles with Mental Causation," <i>Mental Causation</i> , ed. John Heil and Alfred Mele (electronic reserve)		189-210
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DRAFT OF FINAL PAPER DUE 6 AM

15 12/3 **FURLOUGH – no class meeting**

16 12/8 **FURLOUGH – no class meeting**

12/11 **FINAL PAPER DUE 6 AM, Friday, December 11**