

Phil 290

Seminar in Ordinary Language Philosophy

Meets Thursdays, 7:00—9:45 in SH 348

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This seminar will cover the often neglected work of the ordinary language philosophers, mostly from the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. Philosophers we'll look at include (but are not restricted to) Wittgenstein, Austin, Ryle, Wisdom (what a great name for a philosopher), Grice.

Topics we'll pursue include (but are not restricted to):

Meaning and use

The private language problem

Other Minds

Perception and sense data

We will look to see how the work of these thinkers has influenced contemporary discussions on these topics.

Requirements: Usual seminar stuff: short papers, student presentations, class participation, and a substantial term paper.

Texts:

Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*

Other works: Much of the work from this period appeared in philosophical journals and only later turned up in various anthologies, some of which are breathtakingly expensive. Thus, I am putting together a course reader of relevant materials, which will be available from Maple Press at the beginning of the semester.