

Philosophy 8700—Seminar: Metaphysics
Spring 2014

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Time: T ~~3:55 PM—6:40 PM~~ 4:00 PM – 6:45 PM
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Description

This seminar is on recent work on the metaphysics of propositions. In a previous seminar, we covered Jeffrey C. King, *The Nature and Structure of Content* (OUP, 2007) and Scott Soames, *What is Meaning?* (Princeton UP, 2010). In this seminar, we will cover some of Jeffrey C. King, Scott Soames, and Jeff Speaks, *New Thinking about Propositions* (OUP, 2014) and Peter Hanks, *Propositional Content* (OUP, forthcoming). Time permitting, we might also cover some of Trenton Merricks, *Propositions* (ms.) and work by Caplan and Tillman.

Peter Hanks and Jeff Speaks will be visiting the seminar this semester. Hanks is coming 4 February. Speaks's visit hasn't been scheduled yet.

Requirements

The course grade will be based on one seminar paper (10-15 pages) and your participation during the Hanks and Speaks visits. The seminar paper will be due at the end of the semester. Participation will count for a third of your final grade. During their visits, Hanks and Speaks won't be presenting; rather, they will be answering your questions. We will spend the seminar meeting before each visit preparing for the visit. You will be expected to write up and submit a draft of a question before the seminar meeting before the visit.

Schedule

The schedule will depend in part on when Speaks visits. A detailed and updated schedule will be maintained on Carmen. As usual, the last two or three seminar meetings in April will be cancelled to allow you time to work on your papers.

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