

PERSONAL IDENTITY

Philosophy 188

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Schedule: MW 3:15-4:30

Lecture Room: Building 60-62P

Office hour: W 2:00-3:00pm

and by appointment

Required Readings are available through Coursework. There is no book or coursepack.

Supplementary Readings will be made available through Coursework

N.B. You are required to read the assigned texts *before* the lecture

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

Date	Lecture	Topic	Readings (required readings are in boldface)	
09/26	I	Introduction		
09/28	II	Where Am I?	Dennett "Where Am I?"	
10/03	III	Identity	Quine "Identity" Chisholm "Identity Through Time"	
10/05	IV	Locke	Locke, J. An Essay Concerning Human Understanding: Book 2: Chapter 27 Atherton "Locke's Theory of Personal Identity", <i>Midwest Studies in Philosophy</i> , Vol. VIII, 1983	FIRST OUTLINE DUE
10/10	V	Butler, Reid and Hume	Butler, Joseph. 1900. "Of Personal Identity," <i>The Works of Bishop Butler</i>, Vol. II, ed. J. H. Bernard. London. Reid, Thomas. 1785. <i>Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man</i>. Edinburgh. Ed. A. D. Woozley. London: Macmillan, 1941; Especially Essay III; Chs. 4 and 6. Hume "Personal Identity" <i>Treatise of Human Nature</i> , I, 4, vi, and the appendix (here is the complete volume 1 of the <i>Treatise</i>)	
10/12	VI	Identity and Memory	Shoemaker, Sidney. 1984. "Persons and Their Pasts," in S. Shoemaker. <i>Identity, Cause and Mind</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984. Burge, TBA McDowell, J., 1997, 'Reductionism and the First Person', in <i>Reading Parfit</i> , J. Dancy (ed.), Oxford: Blackwell Hamilton, Andy. 1995. "A New Look at Personal Identity" <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> 45 # 180 Shoemaker, Sydney. 1959. " Personal Identity and Memory ," <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> 56: 868-882	
10/17	VII	The Psychological Criterion 1	Shoemaker 'Personal Identity: a Materialist's account' in Shoemaker &	SECOND OUTLINE DUE
10/19	VIII	The Psychological Criterion 2		

			Swinburne, <i>Personal Identity</i> , 1994, Oxford: Blackwell pp. 89-97, 106-118, 130-132 Shoemaker, "Self and Substance", <i>Philosophical Perspectives</i> , 1997, vol. 11: 283-304	
10/24	IX	The Bodily Criterion	Williams, Bernard. 1970. " The Self and the Future ," <i>Philosophical Review</i> 79 (2): 161-180	THIRD OUTLINE DUE Topics of first paper distributed
10/26	X	Animalism	Snowdon - 'Persons, Animals and Bodies' in <i>The Body and the Self</i> , Bermudez, J., Eilan, N. and Marcel, A. (eds.), MIT Press, 1995, p. 71-86 Mark Johnston, " Human Beings ," <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> 84 1987, pp.59-83 Wiggins, D. Self and Substance, Renewed. Ch. 7 "Personal identity" Noonan, 'Animalism Versus Lockeanism: A Current Controversy', <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> 1998, 4 8: 302-318	
10/31	XI	Parfit 1	Parfit, D. 1984. <i>Reasons and Persons</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press. Ch. 12-13	FIRST PAPER DUE
11/02	XII	Parfit 2		
11/07	XIII	The Importance of Identity 1	Perry, John. 1975. "The Importance of Being Identical," in Amelie Rorty <i>The Identities of persons</i> (1975): 67-90 Wiggins "The Concern to Survive" in <i>Needs, Values, Truth</i> , Ch. IX	FOURTH OUTLINE DUE
11/09	XIV	The Importance of Identity 2	J. Whiting "Personal Identity" in <i>The Blackwell guide to metaphysics / edited by Richard M. Gale</i> . 2002. Ch. 10	
11/14	XV	Identity: Practical or Metaphysical? 1	Christine Korsgaard " Personal Identity and the Unity of Agency " <i>Philosophy and Public Affairs</i> , Vol. 18, No. 2. (Spring, 1989), pp. 101-132	
11/16	XVI	Identity: Practical or Metaphysical? 2	Velleman " Self to Self " <i>The Philosophical Review</i> , Vol.105, No. 1 (1996), pp. 39-76	
11/21	--- Happy Thanksgiving ---			
11/23				
11/28	XVII	Identity Practical or Metaphysical? 3	Rovane, C., 1998, <i>The Bounds of Agency</i> , Princeton University Press Ch. 3	FIFTH OUTLINE DUE Topics of second paper distributed
11/30	XVIII	The Narrative View 1	D. Dennett, " The Self as a Center of Narrative Gravity " D. Velleman " The Self as Narrator "	
12/5	XIX	The Narrative View 2	D. Dennett & N. Humphrey, " Speaking for Ourselves ," in <i>Brainchildren</i> Velleman " Narrative Explanation "	
12/7	XX	Conclusion	TBA	SECOND PAPER DUE

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ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING POLICY

UNDERGRADUATES

5 Outlines (300-500 words each)	15%
First Paper (1500-2100 words / approximately 5-7 pages)	35%
Second Paper (1800-2400 words / approximately 6-8 pages)	40%
Class participation	10%

No incompletes will be granted, but for documented medical or family emergencies

- Attendance to lectures and sections is expected

- Papers and outlines MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS BY THE DEADLINES indicated above. No late papers or outlines will be accepted, but for documented medical or family emergencies.
- In order to pass this course you MUST COMPLETE ALL assignments.

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