

# Philosophy 2335: Topics in Contemporary Philosophy

## Contemporary Philosophical Naturalism

Fall 2006 | Bob Brandom

Tuesdays 3:00–5:30

Wilfrid Sellars Seminar Room (“The Space of Reasons”) — 1001 Cathedral of Learning

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### Week 1 (9/5): Introduction; Physicalism

Stoljar, “Physicalism” ([plato.stanford.edu/entries/physicalism](http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/physicalism))

Dupré, “The Miracle of Monism” in De Caro & Macarthur (henceforth: *DC&M*)

Crane & Mellor, “There is No Question of Physicalism” (JSTOR)

### Week 2 (9/12): Supervenience & Reduction I

Haugeland, “Weak Supervenience”

Kim, “Multiple Realization and the Metaphysics of Reduction” (JSTOR)

Fodor, “Special Sciences: Still Autonomous After All These Years” (JSTOR)

### Week 3 (9/19): Supervenience & Reduction II

Stalnaker, “Varieties of Supervenience” (JSTOR)

Horgan, “Supervenience and Superdupervenience” (JSTOR)

Crane, “All God Has To Do” (JSTOR)

### Week 4 (10/3): Jackson I

Jackson, *From Metaphysics to Ethics: A Defense of Conceptual Analysis (FME)*, Introduction

Jackson, *FME*, Chapter One

Jackson, *FME*, Chapter Two

### Week 5 (10/10): Jackson II

Jackson, *FME*, Chapter Three

### Week 6 (10/17): Jackson III

Jackson, *FME*, Chapter Five

Jackson, *FME*, Chapter Six

### Week 7 (10/24): Sellars I: the *Scientia Mensura*

Sellars, “Philosophy and the Scientific Image of Man”

### Week 8 (10/31): Sellars II: Modality, Description, and Explanation

Sellars, "Counterfactuals, Dispositions, and the Causal Modalities"

**Week 9 (11/7): Sellars III: A World of Facts vs a World of Objects**

Sellars, "Counterfactuals, Dispositions, and the Causal Modalities"

**Week 10 (11/14): The New Non-naturalism I**

Stroud, "The Charm of Naturalism" (*DC&M*)

Putnam, "The Content and Appeal of "Naturalism"" (*DC&M*)

**Week 11 (11/21): The New Non-naturalism II**

Davidson, "Could There Be a Science of Rationality?" (*DC&M*)

McDowell, "Naturalism in the Philosophy of Mind" (*DC&M*)

**Week 12 (11/28): The New Non-naturalism III**

Rorty, "Naturalism and Quietism"

Price, "Naturalism Without Representationalism" (*DC&M*)

Ramberg, "Naturalizing Idealizations: Pragmatism and the Interpretive Strategy"

**Week 13 (12/5): Concluding Questions**