

Seminar on the Philosophy of Language:
Normative Pragmatics, Inferentialist Semantics, and Metalinguistic Expressivism
Making It Explicit and Between Saying and Doing
Phil 2421
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Seminar meets Wednesdays, 1-4, in CL 1001.

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Course website available through Courseweb

Principle Texts (Brandom):

Making It Explicit [Harvard U. Press, 1994] (MIE).

Between Saying and Doing: Towards an Analytic Pragmatism [Oxford U. Press, 2008] (BSD).

Articulating Reasons: An Introduction to Inferentialism [Harvard U. Press, 2001] (AR).

Note: “Intentionality and Language” (IL), “Conceptual Content and Discursive Practice” (CCDP), and *ASoT* Ch. 5 are available on the website.

Syllabus:

1. 8/29: Introduction. *AR* Introduction. IL. (Also: *MIE* Preface)
2. 9/5: Normative Pragmatics and Analytic Pragmatism: *MIE* 1 and *BSD* 1.
3. 9/12: Semantic Inferentialism and Logical Expressivism: *MIE* 2, *AR* 1, *BSD* 2.
4. 9/19: Pragmatics as Discursive Scorekeeping : *MIE* 3, CCDP, *BSD* 3.
5. 9/26: Perception and Action: *MIE* 4, *AR* 3, *AR* 4.
6. 10/3: Deontic and Alethic Modal Vocabulary: *BSD* 4, *BSD* 5.
7. 10/10: Singular Terms and Subsentential Structure: *MIE* 6. (Also: *ASoT* 5.)
8. 10/17: Anaphora and Token-Recurrence Structures; “True” and “refers”: *MIE* 7, *MIE* 5.
9. 10/24: Ascriptions of Propositional Attitude, *De dicto* and *De re*: *MIE* 8 Sections I-III, *AR* 5.
10. 10/31: Proper Names, Indexicals, and Representation *MIE* 8 Sections IV-VI, *AR* 6.
11. 11/7: Normativity, Modality, and Intentionality: *BSD* 6.
12. 11/14: Discursive Practice and Semantic and Pragmatic Theory: *MIE* 9.

11/21: **No class. Thanksgiving break.**

11/28: **No class.**

13. 12/5: Conclusion