

**Philosophy of Mind (Philosophy 418)**  
**Fall 2013**

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**Time:** TTH 5<sup>th</sup> period (2:50-4:10)

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**Requirements:** 2 papers eight pages single spaced and a final exam

**Final Grade:** the 2 papers and the final exam will count equally in determining your final grade.

**Texts:** Rutgers Univ. Bookstore: (1) Jaegwon Kim's *Philosophy of Mind* (2) *Oxford Handbook in the Philosophy of Mind*, eds. McLaughlin, Beckermann, and Walters.

**Purpose of Course:** The purpose of the course is to familiarize the student with the main issues surrounding the mind/body problem and with the major theories of mind. The issues that will be covered include substance dualism, property dualism, mental causation, intentionality, and consciousness.

Sept 3 Introduction

5 Chs. 1 and 2 of Kim's *Philosophy of Mind*

10 Same as on Sept 5 and "Mental Causation" by Kim in the *Oxford Handbook*

12 Same as on Sept 5 and "Epiphenomenalism" by Walters in the *Oxford Handbook*

17 "Dualism" by Lowe, *Oxford Handbook*

19 Same as on Sept 17

24 Ch.3 of (Kim's) *Philosophy of Mind*

26 Same as on Sept 24

Oct 1 Ch.7 of *Philosophy of Mind*

3 Same as on Oct 1; and "Anomalous Monism" by Yoo and "Non-reductive Materialism" by Baker in the *Oxford Handbook*

8 Same as on Oct 3; 1<sup>st</sup> PAPER DUE

10 Ch.5 of *Philosophy of Mind*

15 Same as on Oct 10;

22 Ch.6 of *Philosophy of Mind*

24 Same as on Oct 22; and "Functionalism" by van Gulick in the *Oxford Handbook*

29 Same as on Oct 24

31 Ch. 8 of *Philosophy of Mind*

Nov 5 Same as on Oct 22; and "Information Theoretic Semantics" by Dreske and "Biosemantics" by Millikan both in the *Oxford Handbook*

7 "Wide Content" by Egan and "Narrow Content" by Segal, both in the *Oxford Handbook*

12 Ch. 9 of *Philosophy of Mind*; also "Subjectivity" by Perry in the *Oxford Handbook*

14 Ch. 10 of *Philosophy of Mind*; also "The Explanatory Gap" by Levine in the *Oxford Handbook*

19 Ch. 4 of *Philosophy of Mind*

- 21 Same as on Nov 19
- 26 Can a robot be conscious?
- Dec 3 Can a robot be conscious?
- 5 “Pansychism” by Seager in *Oxford Handbook*; also 2<sup>nd</sup> PAPER DUE
- 10 Same as on Dec 5

THE FINAL EXAM, WHICH WILL BE CUMULATIVE, WILL ON THE DATE AND  
AT THE TIME SCHEDULED BY THE UNIVERSITY