DVPR 47604:
Brauer Seminar: Intentionality and Belief

Winter term, 2014
Martin Marty Center Library
Tuesdays, 1:30-4:20

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Course requirements: In addition to exhibiting regular attendance and spirited participation in (or at least, alert attention to) weekly discussion, students will be required to attend two talks (on Thursday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 26), and to write a paper of moderate length (6,000-10,000 words), due Friday, March 21. (Late papers will not be accepted without prior arrangement.) Additionally, the last meeting of the seminar (Tuesday, March 11) will consist in 15-minute student presentations of paper topics.

Readings: Most books are available for purchase at the Seminary Coop, and also on reserve at Regenstein; n.b., however, that Husserl’s *Idea of Phenomenology* (for week 2) is out of print, and therefore available only through Abebooks.com or Amazon. Shorter selections are all on e-reserve, available through the seminar’s Chalk site.

**Schedule of Topics and Readings:**

**WEEK 1 (TUESDAY, JANUARY 7):** FRANZ BRENTANO, *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*, pp.3-27, 77-154

> *Useful background reading:* John Passmore, *A Hundred Years of Philosophy*, Chapter 8: “The Movement Towards Objectivity” (pp.175-202); John Haugeland, “The Intentionality All-Stars”

**WEEK 2 (TUESDAY, JANUARY 14):** EDMUND HUSSERL, *The Idea of Phenomenology*

> *Useful background reading:* Gilbert Ryle, “Are There Propositions?”

**WEEK 3 (TUESDAY, JANUARY 21):** MARTIN HEIDEGGER, *Being and Time*, §§ 1-13, 39-60

> *Useful background reading:* Gilbert Ryle’s review of *Being and Time*

**WEEK 4 (TUESDAY, JANUARY 28):** WILFRID SELLARS, “Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind” (with Robert Brandom’s “Study Guide”)

> *Recommended:* “The Chisholm-Sellars Correspondence on Intentionality” (http://www.ditext.com/sellars/sccor-f.html)


**WEEK 6 (TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11):** JOHN MCDOWELL, *Mind and World*

*(Thursday, February 13, 4:30 pm: Talk by Prof. Sean Kelly, Harvard University)*

**WEEK 7 (TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18):** G. E. M. ANSCOMBE, *Intention*

**WEEK 8 (FEBRUARY 25):** ROBERT BRANDON, *Tales of the Mighty Dead*, pp.298-347 (“Heidegger’s Categories in Sein und Zeit”; “Dasein, the Being That Thematizes”); JOHN HAUGELAND, selections from *Dasein Disclosed*, including “Heidegger on Being a Person” and “Authentic Intentionality”

*(Wednesday, February 26, 4:30 pm: Talk by Prof. Charles Taliaferro, St. Olaf College)*

**WEEK 9 (TUESDAY, MARCH 4):** Emmanuel Levinas, *Existence and Existents*.

**WEEK 10 (TUESDAY, MARCH 11):** Terry Godlove, “Saving Belief: On the New Materialism in Religious Studies.” *Student presentations.*

*Final papers due Friday, March 21!*