Metaphor and Analogy, in Ethics, Law, and Literature

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Oral Exam Reading List

Exam Date: May 22, 2015
Exam Location: Building 50, Room 52E
Examiners: Bernadette Meyler (University Chair; Law)
Joshua Landy (Primary Advisor; Comparative Literature, French)
David Hills (Philosophy)
Ewa Domanska (Anthropology)
Russell Berman (Comparative Literature, German)

1. Theories of Metaphor

Black, Max. Models and Metaphors: Studies in Language and Philosophy (1962)
---. “How Metaphors Work” (1978)


---. “Metaphor and the Cultivation of Intimacy” (1978)


Davidson, Donald. “What Metaphors Mean” (1978)


Goodman, Nelson. “Metaphor as Moonlighting” (1978)

---. “Problems of Paraphrase: Bottom’s Dream” (2007)


Kripke, Saul. “Speaker’s Reference and Semantic Reference” (1977)


Lakoff, George, and Mark Johnson. *Metaphors We Live By* (1980)


Richards, I.A. “Metaphor.” *The Philosophy of Rhetoric* (1965)


Tversky, Amos. “Features of Similarity” (1977)


Walton, Kendall L. “Metaphor and Prop Oriented Make-Believe” (2008)

### 2. Literary Theory, Law, Metaphor / Analogy


DeMott, Deborah A. “Beyond Metaphor: An Analysis of Fiduciary Obligation” (1988)


Landy, Joshua. How to do Things with Fictions (2012)


Stone, Christopher D. “Should Trees Have Standing?—Toward Legal Rights for Natural Objects” (1972)


3. Ethics, Animals, Anthropomorphism


Mitchell, Robert W., Nicholas S. Thompson, and H. Lyn Miles, eds. *Anthropomorphism, Anecdotes, and Animals* (1997)

Nagel, Thomas. “What is it Like to be a Bat?” (1974)


4. **Applications: Case Studies in Metaphor / Analogy**


Coetzee, J.M. *Disgrace* (2000)

Colb, Sherry F. “The European Court of Human Rights Upholds German Ban on PETA’s ‘Holocaust On Your Plate’ Campaign: Lessons For Animal Activists and for Animal Product Consumers” (2012)

dewaal, Frans. Our Inner Ape (2005)

Halkin, Hillel. “Inhuman Comedy” (1992)

Kafka, Franz. “A Report for An Academy” (1917)
—“Josephine the Singer, or The Mouse Folk” (1924)
—The Metamorphosis (1915)


Levi, Primo. If This is a Man (1947)


Nietzsche, Friedrich Thus Spoke Zarathustra (1883)


Patterson, Christopher. Eternal Treblinka (2002)

Rosenbaum, Alan S. Is the Holocaust Unique? Perspectives on Comparative Genocide (2009)


Singer, Peter. Animal Liberation (1975)


Snaza, Nathan. “(Im)possible Witness: Viewing PETA’s ‘Holocaust on Your Plate’” (2004)

Sztybel, David. “Can the Treatment of Animals be Compared to the Holocaust?” (2006)