Weekly outline

January 23 - January 29

• UNIT 1

January 30 - February 5

• Stanford Ency of Philosophy - Deflationary Theory of Truth
• Chalmers Ch. 1: David Manley “A Guided Tour of Metametaphysics”

February 6 - February 12

• Seminar Discussion: (Prof. Pam will take the lead again)
  1. Finish up Unit 1 list of terms. (If you think of others, please add them to the Glossary.)
  2. Chalmers, finish Ch. 1 (We won't do another "read out loud" this time. So be prepared to ask questions about issues raised in Ch. 1)
  3. Aristotle, Categories 2
  4. Plato, Republic V, 473d-480a; VI, 507c-513e

February 13 - February 19

• WEEK 4

• Primary Reading:
  Plato  Rep. Bks V-VI
  Aristotle  Categories 1-5; Metaphysics Bks 1-3
  Chalmers, Metametaphysics - Prof. Pam will do these chapters
  Chapter 3 "Ontological Realism" (Chalmers)
  Chatper 4 " Carnap and Ontological Pluralism" (Eklund)

Secondary Reading:
NB: Non-leaders should try to read at least two articles in addition to the two articles we all will be reading. You may select any two readings. Leaders should
  1. Lead: Alex
  Theories of Individuation: A Reconsideration of Bare Particular
  J. P. MORELAND
  Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 79 (1998) 251–263
  2. Lead: Nate
  "Categories and Ontological Dependence"
  Daniel Nolan
  The Monist, vol. 94, no. 2, pp. 277-301.  2011
  3. Lead: Paul
Can Empiricism Leave Its Realism Behind? Toward a Dialogue with Transcendentalists in "Constituting Objectivity".
Bas C. van Fraassen
Springer, 2009
4. Lead: Jason
The Return of Concept Empiricism

**Everyone reads:**
1. Beyond Concepts: Ontology as Reality Representation
Barry Stroud

- Prof. Pam's PHIL 301 Aristotle Notes
- **Introduction to Aristotle on the Category of Relation (Hood)**

February 20 - February 26

- **UNIT 2 - Metaphysics**
  A. Reading schedule [listed in order of priority for 2/20]
  1. Top Priority = Plato, *Parmenides* (Part I. Introduction, Part II: Problems with Forms (130a-135d - we'll stop at 132b and finish the dialogue the following week)
**Leaders: Post your analysis, sketch, outline, notes, etc. on iLearn**
**Volunteers should be those who were not leaders for this past week**
Leader #1
Part I. Introduction
Introductory Conversation (126a-127a)
Characters and Setting (127a-d)
Zeno's Paradox (127d-128e)
Leader #2
Socrates' Solution to Zeno's Paradox (128e-130a)

Part II: Problems with Forms (130a-135d)

Leader #3
The Extent of Separate Ideas (130a-e)
The Dilemma of Participation (131a-c)

Leader #4 = Michael Moore

The Paradox of Divisibility (131c-e)
The Largeness Regress (131e-132b)

2. Background reading
Parmenides (philosopher) entry Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP)
Prof. Pam's argument analysis of Parmenides' poem
Parmenides' poem

3. Medium Priority reading = [we will discuss]
Secondary Literature
Chalmers, Ch. 3 - [Let's slow down and review prior chapters]

4. Lower Priority = Aristotle [we will not discuss]
Aristotle, *Metaphysics* Bk III (Beta)
Aristotle, *Metaphysics* Bk. IV (Gamma), ch. 1-4 [*You may leave IV. 1-4 for next week.*]

5. Low Priority reading
[If you have time get started on these, but we will not begin discussion until next week]
Hacking,"Aristotelian Categories and Cognitive Domains" (44pp)
Kahn, Essays on Being
Introduction
The Greek Verb "To Be" and the Concept of Being
The Thesis of Parmenides
Parmenides and Plato

B. Writing Assignment
Short paper on Plato, *Rep* V-VI (3-4pp - double spaced.) Take as your focus the relationship between Plato's metaphysics and what could be the metametaphysical moves (commitments) he's making. Be sure to sketch out the general metaphysical (two-realm/three-realm) view.

Suggestion: 1 page each (in any order) - Plato's metaphysical view; what you regard as the metametaphysical; and whether or not Plato seems involved in metametaphysics, or whether you can find a hint of such philosophical activity or evidence of such concerns.
Upload on iLearn.
C. Presentations - please (re)prepare your presentations from last week. We will start with those first (3:30-4:30pm).
Leaders: Please post your sketch/notes/outline on iLearn.
Participants: (Not mandatory! Post responses to the above notes, etc.)

D. Seminar schedule for 2/20
1. 2/13 presentations 3:30-4:30pm
2. Plato's *Parmenides* 4:30-5:30pm
3. Chalmers, ch. 3 5:30-6:30pm