Classics of Analytic Philosophy  
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Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30.

Each week we will read a seminal work of twentieth century analytic philosophy and try to make as much sense of it as we can together. We will attempt to reconstruct and evaluate the author's argument, but we will be no less concerned to place the work in historical context and to understand why it achieved landmark status.

Students will make presentations and write short (2-3 page) papers on a regular basis (roughly, every other week). Please bring two hard copies of your paper to class.

**Schedule of Readings** (subject to change at discretion of the instructors).

Week 1, 9/17.


Week 2, 9/24.


Week 3, 10/1.

Week 4, 10/8.


Week 5, 10/15.


Week 6, 10/22.


Goodman, “The Passing of the Possible” (selections), Chapter 2 of *Fact, Fiction, and Forecast*.

Fall Break

Week 7, 11/5.


Week 8, 11/12.


Week 9, 11/19.


Week 10, 11/26.

Saul Kripke, Naming and Necessity.

Week 11, 12/3.

Kripke, Naming and Necessity (continued).

Week 12, 12/10.
