Meta-ethics
Fall Semester 2012
CRS: PH5225 (Sect 01)
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Wednesday 3-5:30, Anderson Hall 722

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Course Materials

All readings are on Blackboard

Grades

The grade will be based on a final paper.

Plagiarism

Cite all sources you use. If you are caught plagiarizing, you will fail the course.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. If you cannot attend for some legitimate reason you must notify me by email before class. Excuses after the fact will not be accepted. Each unexcused absence will result in a deduction of your final grade by a step; for example, from B+ to B.

If you miss class (for any reason), you are responsible for finding out what the assignment for the next class is, doing the assignment, and turning it in on time. Late work will not be accepted.

Disability Statement

This course is open to all students who met the academic requirements for participation. Any student who has a need for accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. Contact Disability Resources and Services at 215-204-1280 to
coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

**Statement on Academic Freedom**

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**Class meetings, readings, and assignment dates**

ALL READINGS ARE DUE ON THE DATE GIVEN (NOT ON THE FOLLOWING CLASS MEETING)

**Aug 29**


**Sept 5**


**Sept 12**

Stephen Findlay, "A Good Word to Start With," from *Confusion of Tongues* (ms. in progress)

**Sept 19**

Peter Godfrey-Smith, "Functions: Consensus without Unity," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 74 (1993) 196-208

**Sept 26**


**Oct 3**


**Oct 10 Reading week** (On the psychological pre-conditions of human normativity)


**Oct 17**


**Oct 24**

Niko Kolodny, "Why Be Rational?" *Mind* 114 (2005) 509-63 (first half)

**Oct 31**

Niko Kolodny, "Why Be Rational?" *Mind* 114 (2005) 509-63 (second half)

**Nov 7**


**Nov 14**


**Nov 21**


**Nov 28**


**Dec 5**