The NEW YORK PHILOSOPHY of LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

We're a community of philosophers of language centered in New York City. We have a meeting each week at which a speaker presents a piece of their own work relating to the philosophy of language.

During Fall 2020, we'll regularly meet online. (We're still sorting out the details of that. Watch this space.) Anyone with an interest in philosophy of language is welcome!

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Fall 2020 Speakers

Sept 28
Bob Beddor (NU Singapore)

Oct 5
Vera Flocke (Indiana)

Oct 12
No workshop

Workshop Monday October 26th: Masha Esipova, "Composure and composition: towards a cross-modal typology of affective content"

Our speaker next week will be **Masha Esipova**, who is Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the University of Oslo. Masha will give a talk called 'Composure and composition: towards a cross-modal typology of affective content':

When we speak, we routinely express our emotions and attitudes via words, facial expressions, prosody, hand gestures, etc. However, these expressions of affect don't all integrate into the utterances they inhabit in the same way. For instance, some of them must convey the speaker's feelings towards the denotation of the expression they combine with in the syntax (e.g., 'lovely' in 'Lea might bring her lovely dog') while others don't seem to interact compositionally with the surrounding material (e.g., 'fucking' in 'I hope this music never fucking stops'). In this talk, I will outline a cross-modal typology of affective expressions and their meaning

No workshop

Oct 19
Dilip Ninan (Tufts)

Oct 26
Masha Esipova (Oslo)

Nov 2
No workshop

Nov 9
Angelika Kratzer (UMass)

Nov 16
Nate Charlow (Toronto)

Nov 23
No workshop

Nov 30
Eric Tracy (Princeton)

Dec 7
Rory Harder (Toronto)

Organizers

Justin Bledin (Johns Hopkins) | **email**

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Kate Ritchie (UC Irvine) | **email**

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components based on how they integrate into host utterances at various levels of representation. I will also discuss the potential sources of the distinctions observed and how these distinctions should be captured in our formal analyses.

The workshop will take place on Monday, October 26th from 5:30 until 7:30 (Eastern Time) on Zoom. Click **this link** to join the meeting (or enter the meeting ID 976 4111 2565 in your Zoom client).

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Workshop Monday October 19th: Dilip Ninan, The Projection Problem for Predicates of Personal Taste

Our speaker next week will be **Dilip Ninan**, who is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Tufts. Dilip will give a talk called 'The Projection Problem for Predicates of Taste':

Utterances of simple sentences containing taste predicates (e.g. *delicious, fun, frightening*) typically imply that the speaker has had a particular sort of first-hand experience with the object of predication. For example, an utterance of *The carrot cake is*

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Past Speakers:

Spring 2020

3 February
Paul Pietroski (Rutgers)

10 February
Brian Leahy (Harvard)

17 February
No Workshop

24 February
Elizabeth Coppock (Boston)

2 March
Maria Biezma (UMass)

9 March
Jenn McDonald (CUNY)

Remaining workshops cancelled

Fall 2019

Sept 9
Donka Farkas (Santa Cruz)

Sept 16
John Mackay (U Wisconsin–Madison)

Sept 23
Andrew Bacon (USC)

delicious would typically imply that the speaker had actually tasted the cake in question, and is not, for example, merely basing her judgment on the testimony of others. According to one approach, this *acquaintance inference* is essentially an implicature, one generated by the Maxim of Quality together with a certain principle concerning the epistemology of taste (Ninan 2014). I will first discuss some problems for this approach, problems that arise in connection with disjunction and generalized quantifiers. Then, after stating a conjecture concerning which operators 'obviate' the acquaintance inference and which do not, I build on Anand & Korotkova 2018 and Willer & Kennedy Forthcoming by developing a theory that treats the acquaintance requirement as a presupposition, albeit one that can be obviated by certain operators.

The workshop will take place on Monday, October 19th from 5:30 until 7:30 (Eastern Time) on Zoom. Click **this link** to join the meeting (or enter the meeting ID 976 4111 2565 in your Zoom client).

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Andrew Bacon (USC)

Sept 30

Eleonore Neufeld (USC)

Oct 7

Eli Alshanetsky (Temple)

Oct 21

Gabe Dupre (UCLA)

Oct 28

Dorit Bar-On (UConn)

Nov 4

Sam Berstler (Princeton)

Nov 11

Robert Henderson (Arizona)

Nov 18

Sam Cumming (UCLA)

Nov 25

Harvey Lederman (Princeton)

Dec 2

Sarah Fisher (Reading)

Dec 9

Michael Glanzberg (Northwestern)

Spring 2019

28 January

Luca Incurvati (ILLC/Amsterdam)

4 February

Dan Hoek (NYU)

11 February

Peter Klecha (Swarthmore)

25 February

Ginger Schultheis (NYU/Chicago) and **David Boylan** (Rutgers)

Reminder: Workshop today (Monday October 5th, 5:30-7:30 EDT): Vera Flocke, 'Nested Epistemic Modals'

This is just a reminder that Vera Flocke will speak today, Monday October 5th, 5:30–7:30 EDT, on 'Nested Epistemic Modals'. You can see Vera's abstract **here**, and join the Zoom by clicking **this link** (or by entering the meeting ID 976 4111 2565 in your Zoom client).

Posted on 5 Oct 2020 | permalink

Workshop Monday, October 5th: Vera Flocke, "Nested Epistemic Modals"

Our speaker next week will be **Vera Flocke**, who is an Assistant Professor at Indiana University, Bloomington. Vera will give a talk called 'Nested Epistemic Modals':

> Strings of multiple epistemic modals are meaningful, and not in general equivalent to just one modal. For example, 'We certainly might hire Jones' is meaningful, and not equivalent to 'We might hire Jones'. Strikingly, extant semantics for epistemic modals do not explain what nested modals

4 March

Chris Tancredi (Keio University, Tokyo)

11 March

Aurore Gonzalez (Harvard) and **Karoliina Lohiniva** (NYU/Geneva)

25 March

Yael Sharvit (UCLA)

1 April

Thony Gillies (Rutgers)

8 April

Yale Weiss (CUNY)

15 April

Friederike Moltmann (CNRS)

22 April

Craige Roberts (OSU/NYU)

29 April

David Balcarras (MIT)

6 May

Nadine Theiler (ILLC, Amsterdam)

13 May

Valentine Hacquard (Maryland)

Fall 2018

10 Sept

Michael Rieppel (Syracuse)

17 Sept

Ethan Jerzak (Berkeley)

24 Sept

Jeff King (Rutgers)

1 Oct

Philippe Schlenker (NYU/ENS/Jean Nicod)

8 Oct

mean, or at least do not explain it well. The most promising approach, Moss' (2015; 2018) probabilistic semantics, invalidates conjunction elimination (Hawke and Steinert-Threlkeld, 2020), interprets 'p' and 'must p' as equivalent (Mandelkern, 2019), interprets 'it is certain that p' and 'it is not certain that it is certain that p' as inconsistent, and invalidates the inference from 'We certainly might hire Jones' to 'We might hire Jones'. In this talk, I present a new semantics for nested modals. Using a framework due to Humberstone (1981), I argue that the semantic value of 'Fat Tony might be dead' is the set of epistemic possibilities that have a refinement at which Fat Tony is dead. The possibility semantics allows the truth-value of 'might p' to be indeterminate, and motivates a view on which nested modals express higher-order (un-)certainty: (un-)certainty about what's certain.

The workshop will take place on Monday, October 5th from 5:30 until 7:30 (Eastern Time) on Zoom. Click **this link** to join the meeting (or enter the meeting ID 976 4111 2565 in your Zoom client).

8 Oct
No Talk (NYU Fall Recess)

15 Oct
(Cancelled)

22 Oct
Luvell Anderson (Syracuse)

29 Oct
Matthew Stone (Rutgers)

5 Nov
Justin Bledin (Johns Hopkins)

12 Nov
Samia Hesni (MIT)
19 Nov
Megan Hyska (Northwestern)

26 Nov
Derek Anderson (BU)

3 Dec
Cat Saint-Croix (Minnesota)

10 December
Elisabeth Camp (Rutgers)

Spring 2018

29 January
Gillian Russell (UNC)

5 February
Mandy Simons (CMU)

12 February
(No Workshop)

19 February
(No Workshop)

26 February
Daniel Rothschild (UCL)

5 March

Monday, September 28th: Bob Beddor, "Noncognitivism without Expressivism"

Our first speaker this Fall will be **Bob Beddor**, who is President's Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the National University of Singapore. Bob will give a talk called 'Noncognitivism without expressivism':

> According to expressivists, moral language does not try to describe the world; rather, it expresses desire-like states of mind. According to noncognitivists, moral beliefs are not representational mental states; rather, they have a desire-like direction of fit. What is the relation between these two doctrines? It is widely assumed that expressivism commits you to noncognitivism, and vice versa. In this talk, I argue against this assumption: we should distinguish between moral semantics and moral psychology. Once we do, we open up space for a new metaethical position, which combines a noncognitivist moral psychology with a descriptivist semantics for moral language. After developing this position, I advertise its virtues. The noncognitivist aspect of the theory can be implemented by making a modest adjustment to a standard semantics for belief reports. This

5 March
Chris Kennedy (UChicago)

12 March
Rachel Sterken (Oslo)

19 March
No Workshop

26 March
Andreas Stokke (Uppsala)

2 April
Rebekah Baglini (Stanford)

9 April
Gary Ostertag (CUNY)

16 April
Henry Schiller (UT Austin)

23 April
Manuel Križ (Jean Nicod)

30 April
Maria Aloni (ILLC/Amsterdam)

7 May
Alexis Wellwood (USC)

Fall 2017

11 Sept
Anna Szabolcsi (NYU)

18 Sept
Martín Abreu Zavaleta (NYU)

25 Sept
Simon Charlow (Rutgers)

2 Oct
Milica Denic (LSCP/IJN/ENS)

16 Oct
Jessica Rett (UCLA)

23 Oct

adjustment allows us to capture all of the explanatory benefits standardly associated with expressivism. At the same time, the descriptivist semantics allows us to avoid the Achilles' heel of expressivism: the Frege-Geach Problem. We get all of the advantages of expressivism without the headaches.

The workshop will take place on Monday, September 28th, from 5:30 until 7:30 (Eastern Time) on Zoom. You can click **this link** to join the meeting (or enter the meeting ID 976 4111 2565 in your Zoom client).

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Fall 2020 Lineup

During the Fall of 2020, we will meet on Mondays, 5:30–7:30, somewhat less than weekly. Here is our lineup of speakers:

Sept 28
Bob Beddor (NU Singapore)

Oct 5
Vera Flocke (Indiana)

Oct 19
Dilip Ninan (Tufts)

Oct 26
Masha Esipova (Oslo)

25 Oct

Megan Stotts (McMaster)

30 Oct

Dan Lassiter (Stanford)

6 Nov

Pekka Väyrynen (Leeds)

13 Nov

Adam Marushak (Pittsburgh)

20 Nov

Alex Kocurek (Berkeley)

27 Nov

Melissa Fusco (Columbia)

4 Dec

Jack Spencer (MIT)

11 Dec

Renee Jorgensen Bolinger (USC/ANU)

Spring 2017

January 30

Daniel Harris (Hunter College, CUNY)

February 6

Lucas Champollion (NYU)

February 13

Ben Holguín (NYU)

February 20

No Workshop

February 27

Sophia Dandelet (Berkeley)

March 6

Sam Carter (Rutgers)

March 13

No Workshop

March 20

Nov 9

Angelika Kratzer (UMass)

Nov 16

Nate Charlow (Toronto)

Nov 30

Eric Tracy (Princeton)

Dec 7

Rory Harder (Toronto)

As usual, anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Since our meetings will be online, we would be delighted if people from outside New York can join us this term. We will post abstracts (with zoom links) here as the talks approach.

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March 20

Julia Zakkou (Hamburg)

March 27

Paolo Bonardi (Geneva)

April 3

David Plunkett (Dartmouth)

April 10

Kate Ritchie (City College, CUNY)

April 17

Una Stojnic (NYU/Columbia)

April 24

Elmar Unnsteinsson (UC Dublin/Iceland)

May 1

David Boylan (MIT)

May 8

Karen Lewis (Barnard/Columbia)

Winter 2017

January 18

Jack Woods (Leeds)

Fall 2016

Sept 12

Nat Hansen (Reading/Stanford)

Sept 19

Zsofia Zvolenszky (Eötvös U, Budapest)

Sept 26

Peter Van Elswyk (Rutgers)

Oct 3

Markus Kneer (Pitt/Columbia)

Oct 10

(No Workshop)

Oct 17

Kyle Rawlins (Johns Hopkins)

Oct 24
Rachel McKinney (Harvard)

Oct 31
Marija Jankovic (Davidson College)

Nov 7
Richard Stillman (CUNY)

Nov 14
Kristen Syrett (Rutgers)

Nov 21
Rachel Rudolph (Berkeley)

Nov 28
Kyle Blumberg (NYU)

Dec 5
Milo Phillips-Brown (MIT)

Dec 12
Craige Roberts (OSU)

Spring 2016

Jan 25
Justin Khoo (MIT)

Feb 1
Frank Pupa (Nassau Community College)

Feb 8
David Friedell (Barnard College)

Feb 22
Alex Worsnip (NYU)

Feb 29
Simon Goldstein (Rutgers)

Mar 7
Natalia Karczewska (Warsaw)

Mar 21

Mar 21
Matt Teichman (Chicago)

Mar 28
Malte Willer (Chicago)

April 11
Sanna Hirvonen (Oxford)

April 18
Fabrizio Cariani (Northwestern)

April 25
Dirk Kindermann (Graz)

May 2
Guillermo del Pinal (ZAS Berlin)
May 9
Magdalena Kaufmann (UConn)

May 16
Harvey Lederman (NYU)

Fall 2015

Sept 8
Chris Barker (NYU)

Sept 15
Daniel Wodak (Princeton)

Sept 22
Melissa Fusco (Berkeley)

Sept 29
Imogen Dickie (Toronto)

Oct 6
Daniel Hoek (NYU)

Oct 13
Carlos Santana (UPenn)

Oct 20
Matt Moss (Columbia)

Oct 27

Oct 27
Hazel Pearson (ZAS Berlin)

Nov 3
Ryan DeChant (CUNY)

Nov 10
Workshop Cancelled)

Nov 17
Yael Sharvit (UCLA)

Nov 24
Justin Bledin (Johns Hopkins)

Dec 1
Cameron Domenico Kirk-Giannini (Rutgers)
Dec 8
Alejandro Perez Carballo (UMass-Amherst)

Dec 15
Seth Yalcin (Berkeley)

Spring 2015

February 2nd
Andy Yu (Oxford)

February 9th
Kate Pendoley (CUNY)

February 16th
No Workshop

February 23rd
Simona Aimar (Barnard/UCL)

March 2nd
Ethan Nowak (Berkeley)

March 9th
Martin Abreu Zavaleta (NYU)

March 16th
No Workshop

March 23rd

March 23rd
Aidan Gray (Illinois-Chicago)

April 6th
Jamin Asay (University of Hong Kong)

April 13th
Janice Dowell (Syracuse)

April 20th
Matt Mandelkern (MIT)

April 27th
Alex Kaiserman (Oxford/Princeton)

May 4th
Lisa McKeown (New School)
May 11th
Stephen Schiffer (NYU)

Fall 2014

September 4th
Delia Graff Fara (Princeton)

September 11th
David Neely (CUNY)

October 2nd
Matias Bulnes (CUNY)

October 9th
Katherine Ritchie (CCNY)

October 16th
Anders Schoubye (Edinburgh)

October 23rd
Peter van Elswyk (Rutgers)

October 30th
Vera Flocke (NYU)

November 6th
Katrina Przyjemski (NYU)

November 13th

November 13th
Keith Hall (USC)

November 20th
Brett Sherman (Rochester)

December 4th
Cian Dorr (NYU)

Spring 2014

January 14th
Daniel Harris (CUNY)

January 28th
Jeremy Goodman (NYU)

February 4th
Eliot Michaelson (McGill)

February 11th
Rachel McKinney (CUNY)

February 18th
Justin D'Ambrosio (Yale)

February 25th
Robert Willison (UPenn)

March 4th
Ryan Doody (MIT)

March 11th
Ray Buchanan (UT Austin)

March 25th
Cassie Herbert (Georgetown)

April 1st
Una Stojnic (Rutgers)

April 8th
Simon Goldstein and **Bob Beddor** (Rutgers)

April 22nd
Carlotta Pavese (NYU/Duke)

April 29th
Nate Charlow (Toronto)

May 6th
Ricardo Mena (Rutgers)

Fall 2013

September 9th
Matt Moss (Columbia)

September 16th
Bob Beddor (Rutgers)

September 23rd
Megan Henricks Stotts (UC Riverside)
September 27th-29th
New Work on Speech Acts Conference

September 30th
Indrek Reiland (USC)

October 7th
Paolo Santorio (Leeds/ANU)

October 21st
Robert May (UC Davis)

October 28th
Salvador Mascarenhas (NYU)

November 4th
Michael Hannon (Fordham)

November 25th
Lucas Champollion (NYU)

December 2nd
Ben Lennertz (USC)

December 9th
Jim Pryor (NYU)

Spring 2013

January 28th

January 28th
Ian Olasov (CUNY)

February 4th
Ulf Hlobil (Pittsburgh)

February 11th
Daniel Greco (NYU/Yale)

February 25th
Philipp Koralus (Wash U)

March 4th
Daniel Fogal (NYU)

March 11th
Daniel Harris (CUNY)
March 25th
Jack Woods (Princeton)

April 1st
Christoph Pfisterer (Zürich)

April 8th
Arancha San Ginés (Columbia)

April 15th
Cory Nichols (Princeton)

April 22nd
Jennifer Carr (MIT)

April 29th
Jessica Keiser (Yale)

May 6th
Will Starr (Cornell)

May 13th
Katrina Przyjemski (NYU)

Winter 2013

January 11th - Friday at 3:00pm
Josh Armstrong (Rutgers)

January 18th - Friday at 3:00pm

January 18th - Friday at 5.00pm
David Pereplyotchik (Hamilton College)

Fall 2012

September 11th
Karen Lewis (Barnard/Columbia)

September 18th
Alex Anthony (Rutgers)

September 25th
Ashley Atkins (Princeton)

October 2nd
Justin Khoo (Yale)

October 9th
Dirk Kinderman (St. Andrews/Rutgers)

October 23rd
Nate Bulthuis (Cornell)

November 13th
Carlotta Pavese (Rutgers)

November 20th
Ben Phillips (CUNY)

December 4th
Michael Schweiger (NYU)

Spring 2012

February 2nd
Nate Bice (Columbia)

February 9th
Ariadna Pop (Columbia)

February 16th
Cory Nichols (Princeton)

February 23rd
Lars Dänzer (Köln/NYU)

March 1st

March 1st
Jesse Rappaport (CUNY)

March 8th
Han Wezenberg (Humboldt/NYU)

March 22nd
Elmar Unnsteinsson (CUNY)

March 29th
Paolo Bonardi (Geneva)

April 5th
Guillermo Del Pinal (Columbia)

April 26th
Eliot Michaelson (UCLA)
May 3rd
Lisa Miracchi (Rutgers)

Fall 2011

September 13th
Daniel Harris (CUNY)

September 20th
Max Barkhausen (NYU)

September 27th
Matt Moss (Columbia)

October 4th
David Pereplyotchik (CUNY)

October 18th
Daniel Fogal (NYU)

October 25th
Josh Armstrong (Rutgers)

November 2nd
Rachel McKinney (CUNY)

November 15th
Jack Woods (Princeton)

November 22nd

November 22nd
Oliver Marshall (CUNY)

November 29th
Nemira Gasiunas (Columbia)

December 6th
Yu Guo (NYU)

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