

William James

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Reading Schedule

- * = Available as a PDF on Beachboard
PP = William James, *Principles of Psychology* [Available at Bookstore]
P = William James, *Pragmatism* [At bookstore—bound together w/ MT]
MT = William James, *The Meaning of Truth* [At bookstore—bound together w/ P]
RE = William James, *Essays in Radical Empiricism* [At bookstore]

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
Jan 26	Introduction to seminar	No reading
Feb 2	Evolution and Mind [Kris]	<u>Primary</u> [*] Spencer , <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , Vol. 1, pp. 129-140, 291-303. [*] James , “Remarks on Spencer’s Definition of Mind as Correspondence” <u>Secondary</u> Russell Goodman , William James entry at the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Feb 9	Space Perception: Background [Uriel]	<u>Primary</u> [*] Berkeley , <i>New Theory of Vision</i> , sections 1-28, 46-65. [*] Hume , <i>Treatise of Human Nature</i> , Book 1, Part 2, Sections 1-3. [*] Kant excerpt. [*] Hering excerpt. [*] Helmholtz excerpt. <u>Secondary</u> [*] Klein , “On Hume on Space: Green’s Attack, James’s Empirical Response”—pp. 415-428.
Feb 16	Space Perception: James	<u>Primary</u> [PP] James , <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , Chapter 20. FOCUS on pp. 134-140, 145-161, 166-176, 216-222, 237-243, 270-282.

		<u>Secondary</u> [*] Klein, "On Hume on Space: Green's Attack, James's Empirical Response"—pp. 428-449.
Feb 23	Psychology as Science, 1: A Science of Mind?	<u>Primary</u> [PP] James, <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , VOLUME I: Preface, Ch. 7, and Ch. 9 (focus on pp. 224-229). [*] James, <i>Psychology: The Briefer Course</i> , epilogue. [*] James, "Plea for Psychology as a 'Natural Science.'" <u>Secondary</u> [*] Klein, "William James and Naturalistic Philosophy of Science."
Mar 2 [Furlough]	[Abstract due, 11 pm]	
Mar 9	Psychology as Science, 2: A Science of Knowledge?	<u>Primary</u> [MT] James, "The Function of Cognition." [PP] James, <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , ch. 21. [PP] James, <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , pp. 216-223. <u>Secondary</u> [*] Hatfield, "Perception as Unconscious Inference"
Mar 16	Time Perception [Uriel]	<u>Primary</u> [PP] James, <i>Principles of Psychology</i> , ch. 15 <u>Secondary</u> [*] Skrupskelis, "James and Kant's Second Analogy"
Mar 23	Pragmatism 1 [Brian]	<u>Primary</u> [P] James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lectures 1-3 <u>Secondary</u> [*] Bird, <i>James</i> , Chapter 2
Mar 30 [Spring Break]		
Apr 6 [Short Paper due: Wednesday, Apr 7, 11 PM]	Pragmatism 2 [Jason]	<u>Primary</u> [P] James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lectures 4-5 [*] Arthur O. Lovejoy, "The 13 Pragmatisms" <u>Secondary</u> [*] Hookway, "Logical Principles and Philosophical Attitudes"
Apr 13	Pragmatism 3 [Brian]	<u>Primary</u> [P] James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lectures 6-7

		<p>[*] Russell, “Pragmatism”</p> <p><u>Secondary</u></p> <p>[*] T. L. S. Sprigge, “James, Aboutness and his British Critics”</p>
Apr 20	The Idealist Challenge [Jenifer]	<p><u>Primary</u></p> <p>[*] Josiah Royce, Religious Aspects of Philosophy, 384-396, 431-435</p> <p>[*] Josiah Royce, “Error and Truth,” pp. 111-118.</p> <p>[MT] James, <i>Meaning of Truth</i>, “Tigers in India” and “The Pragmatist Account of Truth and its Misunderstanders” (pp. 33-36, 99-116).</p> <p><u>Secondary</u></p> <p>[*] James Conant, “The James/Royce Dispute”</p>
Apr 27	Radical Empiricism [Jason]	<p><u>Primary</u></p> <p>[*] James, “The Knowing of Things Together”</p> <p>[RE] James, “Does Consciousness Exist?”</p> <p><u>Secondary</u></p> <p>?</p>
May 4	Radical Empiricism [Kalamian]	<p><u>Primary</u></p> <p>[RE] James, “A World of Pure Experience.”</p> <p>[RE] James, “The Thing and its Relations”</p> <p><u>Secondary</u></p> <p>[*] Russell, “Relation of Sense-Data to Physics”</p>
May 11	Radical Empiricism	<p><u>Primary</u></p> <p>[RE] James, “How Two Minds Can Know One Thing.”</p> <p>[*] Bode, “‘Pure Experience’ and the External World”</p> <p><u>Secondary</u></p> <p>[*] Heft, “Restoring naturalism to James’s epistemology: A belated reply to Miller & Bode.”</p>

My Furlough Days (* denotes campus-wide): Jan 27, Feb 19, Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 26*, Apr 21*, Apr 29, May 6*, May 13

Final essay due date: Tuesday, May 18th, 5 PM.

Required Books

1. James, William. *Essays in Radical Empiricism*. New York: Dover, 1912/2003.
ISBN: 0486430944

2. James, William. *Pragmatism and The Meaning of Truth*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1907/1978. ISBN: 0674697375.
3. James, William. *The Principles of Psychology*, Volumes 1 and 2. New York: Dover, 1890/1950. ISBN: 0486203816 and 0486203824.