

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Course Outline**

**Phil 4210G/Phil 9614B/Ling 9453B  
“Survey of Philosophy of Language”**

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| <b>Winter Term 2019</b>     | <b>Instructor:</b>   |
| <b>Class Days and Hours</b> | <b>Office:</b>       |
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**DESCRIPTION**

A survey of foundational and highly influential texts in Analytic Philosophy of Language. Emphasis will be on three topics: contrasting conceptions of linguistic meaning; the semantics-pragmatics boundary; and two case studies (namely, definite descriptions and metaphor).

**TEXTS**

Required: Maite Ezcurdia & Robert J. Stainton (eds.)(2013). *The Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary in Philosophy*. Broadview Press.

Glossary: 15%  
Final Exam: 25%  
Class Participation: 10%

## **COURSE READINGS**

### **I. Four Approaches to Meaning**

#### *A. Reference and Truth Conditions*

Gottlob Frege (1892), On Sense and Reference

Bertrand Russell (1919), Descriptions

[Not reprinted in textbook]

#### *B. Use Theory*

J.L. Austin

Peter F. Strawson

#### *C. Dynamic Semantics*

Robert C. Stalnaker

David Lewis

Donald Davidson

**AUDIT**

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**ACCOMMODATION**

