

PHIL 332: Philosophy of Language
Questions for Second Paper

Due: By email, Thursday 6th December
Length: 10 – 12 pages (double spaced)
Worth: 35% of final grade

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. In 'Truth and Meaning', Davidson argues that a theory of meaning for a language should take a certain form. What is that form? Do you think he is right?
2. In 'Assertion', Stalnaker introduces the notion of a *propositional concept*. How, according to Stalnaker, are propositional concepts useful in the philosophy of language. Do you agree?
3. In 'Dthat', Kaplan proposes the use of 'd' as a prefix to demonstratives and other words. Why? Do you think this is a useful device?
4. In 'Logic and Conversation', Grice introduces the notion of *conversational implicature*. What, according to Grice, are conversational implicatures, and how are they generated? Do you find all of his examples convincing?
5. In 'A Theory for Metaphor', Martinich proposes a Gricean account of Metaphor. What is his account? How well do you think that it succeeds?

Remember to quote the question at the start of your paper, and to remain focused on answering the question throughout. Only do things that are relevant to answering the question, and make it clear throughout how what you are doing contributes to answering the question.