

PHIL 3710 / LING 3332: Philosophy of Language  
Questions for Second Paper

**Due:** By email, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 'A Theory for Metaphor', Martinich proposes a Gricean account of Metaphor. What is his account? How well do you think that it succeeds?
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. According to one theory of conditionals, it is true that if P then Q just in case either it is false that P or it is true that Q. What are the arguments for and against this theory? Do you think that the theory is right?

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.