

Phil 290O: The Post-Hume Debate about Causation in Scotland
Spring, 2022

Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30–3:05pm, Hum 1 400

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Course Requirements

Seminar participation. One in-class presentation (approximately 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for discussion). One final paper (approximately 10–20 pages), due Tuesday, June 7.

Readings

Tuesday, March 29: no reading, first class.

Thursday, March 31: Locke, *Essay concerning Humane Understanding*, 4.3.9–14; Hume, *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* (1748), §§4, 5, and 7.

Tuesday, April 5: Thomas Reid (1710–1796), *An Inquiry into the Human Mind on the Principles of Common Sense* (1764), ch. II, §§8–9 (pp. 112–14); ch. V, §3 (pp. 121–2); ch. VI, §12, from “Before we answer this question” to “we can reach in the philosophy of minds” (p. 157); §24 (pp. 194–201). *Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man* (1785), Essay II, ch. 6 (pp. 260–262); Essay VI, ch. 6, from “The *second* metaphysical principle” to the end of the chapter (pp. 455–61).

Thursday, April 7: Reid, *Essays on the Active Powers of the Human Mind* (1788), Essay I, ch.'s 1–6 (pp. 512–27); Essay IV, ch.'s 2–3 (pp. 603–8).

Tuesday, April 12: James Beattie (1735–1803), *An Essay on the Nature and Immutability of Truth, in Opposition to Sophistry and Scepticism* (1770), Part I, ch. 2, §5 (pp. 85–102); Part II, ch. 2, §3 beginning of the section through “back to the second and third paragraphs of this section” (pp. 261–75).

Thursday, April 14: Dugald Stewart (1753–1828), *Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind*, vol. I (1792), Part II, ch. 1, §2 (pp. 96–108) and Notes C and D (pp. 476–9); *Elements of the Philosophy of the Human Mind*, vol. II (1814), ch. 4, §1 (pp. 230–52).

Tuesday, April 19: Stewart, “Dissertation: A General View of the Progress of Metaphysical, Ethical, and Political Philosophy since the Revival of Letters,” Part II (1821), §8, from “The bias of Mr. Hume’s mind to scepticism” to “the first fruits of his metaphysical studies” (pp. 440–56); *The Philosophy of the Active and Moral Powers* (1828), Part III, ch. 2, §1, through the end of n. 2 beginning on p. 27 and ending on p. 28 (pp. 12–28).

Thursday, April 21: Thomas Brown (1778–1820), *Inquiry into the Relation of Cause and Effect* (in this form, 1818), Part I, §§1–2 (pp. 7–31), and Notes A–C (pp. 387–93).

Tuesday, April 26: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part I, beginning of §3 (through “when the will had been immediately antecedent?”), end of §3 (from “The theory of Power, then”), beginning of §4 (through “grave expositions of philosophic truth”) (pp. 32–8, 53–70).

Thursday, April 28: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part I, §5 (pp. 77–103), Note D (pp. 393–4), and Notes G and H (pp. 433–6).

Tuesday, May 3: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part II, §§1 and 3 (pp. 107–116, 127–45).

Thursday, May 5: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part III, §§2 and 3 (pp. 162–182).

Tuesday, May 10: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part III, beginning of §4 (through “of that more general principle”), §5 (pp. 183–203, 241–50).

Thursday, May 12: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part IV, §§2, 3 and 5 (pp. 266–304, 328–343).

Tuesday, May 17: Brown, *Inquiry*, Part IV, §§6 and 7 (pp. 344–383).

Thursday, May 19: Mary Shepherd (1777–1847), *Essay upon the Relation of Cause and Effect* (1824), Preface, ch. 1, and ch. 2, section 1 (pp. 1–39).

Tuesday, May 24: Shepherd, *Essay*, ch. 2, sections 2–4 (pp. 40–98).

Thursday, May 26: Shepherd, *Essay*, ch.’s 3–4 (pp. 99–151).

Tuesday, May 31: Shepherd, *Essays on the Perception of an External Universe and Other Subjects Connected with the Doctrine of Causation* (1827), Part I, ch. 2 and ch. 5 (pp. 39–75, 123–32).

Thursday, June 2: Shepherd, *Essays*, Part II, essay 6 and 7 (pp. 296–313 and 314–324).

Tuesday, June 7: **Final paper due.**