

ICS Calendar Title: IDS - Truth in Contemporary Thought
ICS Course Code: ICS 2930 S09
Instructors: ICS Faculty
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Course Description

This seminar will take up the philosophical conception of truth argued for in Zuidervaart's *Artistic Truth*. We will use this conception to engage discussions of truth that arise in a variety of contemporary philosophical and theological contexts: Reformational Philosophy, Pragmatism, Educational Epistemology, Modern Theology, Postmodern Thought.

Keywords

Truth, authenticity, truth, essentialism, constructivism, disclosure, praxis, theoria, Christ as the Truth, correspondence.

Course Learning Goals

- a. Critical understanding of the complex ways in which truth can and should be thought about.
- b. Ability to think creatively and constructively across a variety of modern and postmodern discourses of truth in theology and philosophy.
- c. Knowledge of leading debates in truth theory as it arises in a number of different philosophical and interdisciplinary contexts.

Course Requirements

- a. Total reading: 1250 pages total, including research for paper, of which approximately 40-60 pages per week is required to prepare for class.
- b. In-seminar leadership: Lectures and student presentations.
- c. Description of course paper:
- d. Description and weighting of elements to be evaluated:
Class participation: 20%
Seminar presentations: 30%
Research paper: 50%

Required Readings:

A: Zuidervaart's Conception and its Intersections with Contemporary Thought

1. Zuidervaart's Conception of Truth:

Lambert Zuidervaart, *Artistic Truth: Aesthetics, Discourse and Imaginative Disclosure* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BH301.T77 Z85 2004]
Lambert Zuidervaart, "Truth Matters: Heidegger and Horkheimer in Dialectical Disclosure," *Telos* 145 (2008): 131-160. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf ; Robarts Library: B1 .T45]

2. Intersection of Zuidervaart's Conception of Truth and Truth Conceptions in Contemporary Thought:

Martin Heidegger, "On the Essence of Truth," tr. John Sallis, in *Pathmarks*, ed. William McNeill (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3279 .H48 W413 1998]
Max Horkheimer, "On the Problem of Truth," in *Between Philosophy and Social Science: Selected Early Writings*, tr. G. Frederick Hunter et. al. (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1993). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3279 .H8473 E25 1993]

B. Thematizations of Truth Branching from the Intersection of Zuidervaart's Conception of Truth and its Intersection with Contemporary Thought

3: Truth and Consequences:

John Dewey, "The Challenge to Philosophy," in *Art as Experience* (New York: Perigree Books, 1934). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: N66 .D4 2005]

Nancy K. Frankenberry, "Pragmatism, Truth, and the Disenchantment of Subjectivity," in *Pragmatism & Religion*, ed. Stuart Rosenbaum (Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2003). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BL51 .P725 2003]

William James, "Pragmatism's Conception of Truth" and "Humanism and Truth," in *Pragmatism and the Meaning of Truth* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1978). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B832 .J2 1978]

Charles S. Peirce, "How to Make Our Ideas Clear," in Charles S. Peirce: the Essential Writings (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 1998). [Robarts Library: B945 .P41 M66 1972] also in: Michael P. Lynch, *The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD171 .N35 2001] and online at: <http://www.peirce.org/writings/p119.html>

4. Truth and Power:

Friedrich Nietzsche, "Prejudices of Philosophers" (sections 1-5), in *Beyond Good and Evil*, tr. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Random House, 1966). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3313 .J43 E5 1966]

Friedrich Nietzsche, "How the 'True World' Finally Became a Fable," in *The Twilight of the Idols*, tr. Anthony M. Ludovici (New York: Russell & Russell, 1964). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3313 .G62 E5]

Friedrich Nietzsche, "Truth and Lie in the Extra-Moral Sense," in *Philosophy and Truth: Selections from Nietzsche's Notebooks of the 1870's*, tr. Daniel Breazeale (Atlantic Highlands, NJ: Humanities Press, 1979). [Robarts Library: B3312 .E5 B73 1979]

Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, tr. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Vintage Books, 1974), sections 343-9, 371-83 (pages 279-292, 331-348). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3313 .F72 E5]

Paul Rabinow, ed., *The Foucault Reader* (New York: Pantheon Books, 1984), pp. 67-75, 170-213, and 292-329 (from "Truth and Power," Discipline and Punish, and the The History of Sexuality, vol. 1). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2430 .F724 F68]

Recommended Readings

Linda Alcoff and Elizabeth Potter, eds., *Feminist Epistemologies* (London: Routledge, 1993). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HQ1190 .F45]

Linda Martin Alcoff, *Real Knowing: New Versions of the Coherence Theory* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996). [Robarts Library: BD161 .A43 1996X]

Barry Allen, *Truth in Philosophy* (Harvard: Harvard University Press, 1993). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD171 .A3855 1993]

David B. Allison, ed., *The New Nietzsche* (Boston: MIT Press, 1985). [Robarts Library: B3317 .N44 1985]

Kai Alston, "Teaching, Philosophy, and Eros: Love as a Relation to Truth," *Educational Theory* 41:4 (Fall 1991): 385-395. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]

William P. Alston, *A Realist Conception of Truth* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996). [Robarts Library: BD171 .A42 1996X]

Michele Barrett, *The Politics of Truth: From Marx to Foucault*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991. [Robarts Library: HX73 .B4 1991]

Rudolf Bernet, "Trauma and Subjectivity," *Phenomenology Today: the Schuwer SPEP lectures 1998-2002* (2003): 1-22. [Robarts Library: B829.5 .P489 2003X]

Reinout Bosch, "Pragmatism and the Practical Relevance of Truth," *Foundations of Science* 12 (2007): 189-201. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]

Judith Butler, *The Psychic Life of Power* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1997). [Robarts Library: BD438.5 .B88 1997]

David Carr, "Knowledge and Truth in Religious Education," *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 28:2 (1994): 221-238. [OISE Library: Per]

Maudemarie Clark, *Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991). [Robarts Library: B3318 .T78 C55 1990]

Lorraine Code, *What Can She Know? Feminist Theory and the Construction of Knowledge* (Cornell: Cornell University Press, 1991). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HQ1190 .C63]

John Cooper, "The Changing Face of Truth," in *Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis in the Reformed Community Today* (Jordan Station: Paideia Press, 1986), 33-58. [Robarts Library: BX9423 .S63 O77 1986]

Gilles Deleuze, *Foucault*, tr. Sean Hand (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1988). [Robarts Library:

B2430 .F724 D4513 1988b]
 Gilles Deleuze, **Nietzsche and Philosophy**, tr. Hugh Tomlinson (London: Athlone Press, 1983). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3317 .D413 1986]
 Jacques Derrida, *Spurs: Nietzsche's Styles* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981). [Robarts Library: B3317 .D47 1979]
 John Dewey, **Art as Experience** (New York: Penguin, 2005). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: N66 .D4 2005]
 Hubert Dreyfus and Paul Rabinow, **Michel Foucault: Beyond Structuralism and Hermeneutics**. 2nd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2430 .F724 D73 1983]
 Hubert Dreyfus and Charles Taylor, *Retrieving Realism* (forthcoming).
 Raymond K. Elliott, "Education, Love of One's Subject, and the Love of Truth," *Proceedings of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain* 8:1 (1974): 135-53. [OISE Library: PER]
 Colin Evers and Gabrielle Lakomski, *Knowing Educational Administration* (Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1991). [Robarts Library: LB2805 .E92 1991]
 Michel Foucault, *The Politics of Truth* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2007). [Robarts Library: B2430 .F723 P6513 2007]
 Michel Foucault, **The Archaeology of Knowledge and, The Discourse on Language**, tr. A.M. Sheridan Smith (New York: Pantheon Books, 1982). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: AZ101 .F6813 ; Regis College Library: B2430 .F723 A7313 1972b]
 Hans-Georg Gadamer, **Truth and Method**, tr. Joel Weinsheimer and Donald G. Marshall (London: Continuum, 2004). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: (2nd ed.) BD241 .G313]
 Henk Geertsema, "Dooyeweerd on Knowledge and Truth," in **Ways of Knowing: in Concert**, ed. John H. Kok (Sioux Center, IA: Dordt College Press, 2005), 85-100. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD181 .W39 2005)
 Ken Gemes, "Nietzsche's Critique of Truth," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52 (1992): 47-65. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Jürgen Habermas, **Truth and Justification**, ed. Barbara Fultner (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2003). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B3258 .H323 W3413 2003]
 Hendrik Hart, "Conceptual Understanding and Knowing Other-wise: Reflections on Rationality and Spirituality in Philosophy," in **Knowing Other-wise: Philosophy at the Threshold of Spirituality**, ed. James H. Olthuis (New York: Fordham University Press, 1997). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B831.2 .K66]
 Hendrik Hart, *Draft for Proposed ICS Syllabus for Systematic Philosophy* (2 vols) (Toronto: Institute for Christian Studies, 1979). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Hendrik Hart, **Understanding Our World: an Integral Ontology** (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1984). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD311 .H28]
 Paul H. Hirst, *Knowledge and the Curriculum: a Collection of Philosophical Papers* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1974). [Robarts Library: LB1555 .H65]
 P. Ikuenobe, "Questioning as an Epistemic Process of Critical Thinking," *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 33:3 & 4 (2001): 325-41. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Richard L. Kirkham, **Theories of Truth: a Critical Introduction** (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1992). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BC171 .K55 1992]
 Michael P. Lynch, **The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives** (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD171 .N35 2001]
 Nicholas Maxwell, *From Knowledge to Wisdom: a Revolution for Science and the Humanities*, 2nd ed. (Pentire Press, 2007). [Robarts Library: BD161 .M38 2007]
 Christine L. McCarthy and Evelyn Sears, "Deweyan Pragmatism and the Quest for True Belief," *Educational Theory* 40 (2000): 213-227. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Tom Moylan, "Denunciation/Annunciation: the Radical Methodology of Liberation Theology," *Cultural Critique* 20 (Winter 1991-1992): 33-64. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Kelly A. Oliver, **Womanizing Nietzsche** (New York: Routledge, 1994). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2430 .D484 O55 1995X]
 Bernhard Poerksen, "'We Can Never Know What Goes On In Somebody Else's Head': Ernst Von Glaserfeld on Truth and Viability, Language and Knowledge, and the Premises of Constructivist Education," *Cybernetics and Systems* 35:4 (2004): 379-398. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
 Richard Rorty, **Truth and Progress: Philosophical Papers, vol. III** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B945 .R52 1991 v.]
 Gary Shapiro, *Archaeologies of Vision: Foucault and Nietzsche on Seeing and Saying* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). [Robarts Library: B2430 .F724 S53 2003X]
 Alan Sheridan, *Michel Foucault: the Will to Truth* (London: Routledge, 1990). [Robarts Library: B2430 .F72 S54 1990]
 Nigel Tubbs, "For and of the Truth: 'Upbuilding' Higher Education in Church Colleges," *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 37:1 (2003): 53-69. [OISE Library: PER]
 Rudi Visker, *Truth and Singularity: Taking Foucault Into Phenomenology* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1999). [Robarts

Library: BD171 .V57 1999]

Hendrik Vroom, *Religions and the Truth: Philosophical Reflections and Perspectives* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1989).

[ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BL51 .V7613]

Robert B. Westbrook, *Democratic Hope: Pragmatism and the Politics of Truth* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2005). [Robarts Library: B832 .W47 2005X]

John T. Wilcox, *Truth and Value in Nietzsche* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1974). [Robarts Library: B3318 .K7 W54 1974]

Bernard Williams, *Truth and Truthfulness: an Essay in Genealogy* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002).

[Robarts Library: BD171 .W528 2002X]

Jose Medina and David Woods, eds., *Truth: Engagements Across Philosophical Traditions* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005). [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BC171 .T75 2005]

Lambert Zuidervaart, "Dooyeweerd's Conception of Truth: Exposition and Critique," *Philosophia Reformata* 73:2 (2008).

Lambert Zuidervaart, "Unfinished Business: Toward a Reformational Conception of Truth," *Philosophia Reformata* 74:2 (forthcoming, 2009).

Course Schedule:

January 7 Introduction to course and to Zuidervaart's *Artistic Truth*

January 14 **PART ONE: Zuidervaart's Conception of Truth**

Lambert Zuidervaart: *Artistic Truth*, Preface, Introduction, Chapter 3

January 21 *Artistic Truth*, Chapters 4 and 5

January 28 *Artistic Truth*, Chapters 6 and 10

February 4 **PART TWO: Zuidervaart's Conception of Truth and Truth Conceptions in Contemporary Thought**

Martin Heidegger, "On the Essence of Truth"

February 11 Max Horkheimer, "On the Problem of Truth"; Lambert Zuidervaart, "Truth Matters: Heidegger and Horkheimer in Dialectical Disclosure"

February 18 *Reading Break*

February 25 **PART THREE: Truth and Consequences**

Charles S. Peirce, "How To Make Our Ideas Clear"

March 4 William James, "Pragmatism's Conception of Truth"; "Humanism and Truth"

March 11 John Dewey, "The Challenge to Philosophy"; Nancy K. Frankenberry, "Pragmatism, Truth, and the Disenchantment of Subjectivity"

March 18 **PART FOUR: Truth and Power**

Friedrich Nietzsche, "How the 'True World' Finally Became a Fable"; "On Truth and Lie in an Extra-Moral Sense"; *Beyond Good and Evil*,

Prejudices of Philosophers" (sections 1-5); *The Gay Science* (sections 343-9, 371-83)

March 25 Michel Foucault, *The Foucault Reader*, pp. 170-213

April 1 Michel Foucault, *The Foucault Reader*, pp. 67-75, 292-329

April 8 Wrap-up

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