Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy
From Perception to Conception
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Readings

Most of the readings for the seminar are available through the class web page, at
http://spot.colorado.edu/~pasnau/seminar
Other materials will be mailed to you in early June. You are responsible for acquiring the following:

- Immanuel Kant, Critique of Pure Reason. [Any translation will suffice. The best available, however, is
  that of Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (Cambridge University Press, 1998).]

Schedule

Week One
July 7: Introduction (Christopher Shields) AM
July 8: Aristotle (Shields) AM
July 9: Primary and secondary qualities (Pasnau) AM
July 10-11: Kant (Robert Hanna) PM

Week Two
July 14-15: The case for direct realism (Michael Huemer) PM
July 16: The case for representationalism (Michael Tooley) PM
July 17: Debate (Huemer v. Tooley) PM
July 18: Convexity and concepts (Graham Oddie) AM

Week Three
July 21-22: Possessing concepts (George Bealer) PM
July 23-24: Perception and nonconceptual content (Hanna) PM
July 25: Conclusion (Pasnau) AM

All AM classes meet from 9-12; all PM classes meet from 2-5; all classes meet in Hellems 269.
Each weekday, beginning three hours after class, Danny Korman will lead an optional discussion session.

Course Work

Two five-page papers will be required: the first on Monday July 14th, the second on Monday, July 21st.
In addition, to receive credit for the course, you must submit by August 31st a term paper, which may be
an expanded and revised version of one of the two short papers.

The heart and soul of this seminar will be neither reading nor writing (the bulk of which you should do
before you come and after you leave town), but rather thinking and talking about philosophy, during and
between seminar meetings. We will insist that you participate actively in the seminar, and we will urge you
to hang out between meetings with your fellow seminarians, talking about philosophy, art, life, politics,
whatever.