

ACTION & PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE

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1. 01/05 **INTRODUCTION**

2. 01/12 **ANSCOMBE V. DAVIDSON**

"Introduction"

Primary: G. E. M. Anscombe, *Intention*, §§1-21, 47-48, 51
J. David Velleman, *The Possibility of Practical Reason*,
Donald Davidson, "Actions, Reasons and Causes"

Secondary: Davidson, "Agency"
Harry Frankfurt, "The Problem of Action"

3. 01/19 **NO CLASS: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

01/21 **"THE DARKNESS THAT WE HAVE FOUND OURSELVES IN"**

Primary: Anscombe, *Intention*, §§8-11, 16, 28-32, 45-48

Secondary: Anscombe, "On Sensations of Position," (and related literature)
_____, "Causation of Action," in *Human Life, Action and Ethics*

4. 01/26 **"THE DARKNESS," continued**

5. 02/02 **PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AS CONTEMPLATIVE KNOWLEDGE**

Primary: Velleman, *Practical Reflection*, xi-70
Kieran Setiya, *Reasons Without Rationalism*, Part One

Secondary: Paul Grice, "Intention and Uncertainty"
Gilbert Harman, "Practical Reasoning"
Velleman, "The Centered Self," in *Self to Self*, Chapter 3

6. 02/09 **ACTION AND TIME (I): THE PROGRESSIVE**
- Primary: Michael Thompson, "Naive Action Theory," *Action and Life*, Part II
- Secondary: Antony Galton, *The Logic of Aspect*
Anthony Kenny, *Action, Emotion and Will*, Ch.8
Zeno Vendler, "Verbs and Times"
Alexander Mourelatos, "Events, States and Processes"
_____, "Aristotle's 'Kinesis/Energeia' Distinction"
7. 02/16 **ACTION AND TIME (II): FOREKNOWLEDGE**
- Primary: Anscombe, *Intention*, §§1-3, 22, 31–32, 52
Thompson, "Naive Action Theory" (Ch.8.6)
Peter Geach, "Omniscience and the Future"
Glibert Ryle, "It was to be"
- Secondary: Jon Moline, "Provided Nothing External Interferes"
Velleman, "Epistemic Freedom," *The Possibility of Practical Reason*, Ch.2 (See also the literature canvassed in footnotes 9 and 15 of this essay.)
George Wilson, "Proximal Practical Foresight"
8. 02/23 **RECENT WORK ON PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE**
- Primary: Kevin Falvey, "Knowledge in Intention"
Richard Moran, "Anscombe on Practical Knowledge"
- Secondary: Setiya, "Practical Knowledge"
Rae Langton, "Intention as Faith"
Hanna Pickard, "Knowledge of Action Without Observation"
9. 03/02 **ACTION AND PASSION**
- Primary: Davidson, "Agency"
Jennifer Hornsby, *Actions*, Ch.1
Ursula Coope, "Aristotle on Action"
- Secondary: Aristotle, *Physics* III.1-3
Coope, "Aristotle's Account of Agency in *Physics*, III.3"
Sarah Waterlow, "Affecting and Being Affected"
Alvarez and Hyman, "Agents and their Actions"
Hornsby, "Agency and Actions"
Kenny, *Action, Emotion and Will*, Ch. 7 & 9

10. 03/09 **ACTION AND PASSION, continued**
- Primary: As above.
Anscombe, "Causality and Determination" (especially part I)
- Secondary: As above.
11. 03/16 **PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL REASONING**
- Primary: Anscombe, *Intention*, §§33-44
Thompson, "Naive Action Theory," (esp. Chs.5-7)
- Secondary: Anscombe, "Practical Inference," in *Human Life, Action and Ethics*
_____, "Practical Truth," in *Human Life, Action and Ethics*
Anselm Müller, "How Theoretical is Practical Reason?"
- XX. XX/XX **ACTION AND PERCEPTION**
- Primary: Brian O'Shaughnessy, "Observation and the Will"
_____, "The Diversity and Unity of Action and Perception"
Richard Moran, "Anscombe on Practical Knowledge," Section 4
Thomas Crowther, "Perceptual Activity and the Will"
_____, "Watching, Sight, and the Temporal Shape of Perceptual Activity"
- Secondary: James J. Gibson, "The Theory of Affordances"
Anscombe, *Intention*, §§8, 29, 45-48
Anscombe, "On Sensations of Position," (and related literature)
Anscombe, "On Sensations of Position," (and related literature)
Wittgenstein, selections on kinaesthesia