

### Philosophy of Psychology Minor List

The purpose of this list is to inform a graduate student contemplating taking philosophy of psychology as a minor area for his or her comprehensive examinations of some basic reading relevant to the subject. A student may use this information for one or more of three purposes

1. To decide whether to take a comprehensive examination in this area.
2. To get started early on reading central texts in preparation for a comprehensive examination in this area.
3. To provide an initial template in constructing his or her own specific reading list.

**N.B.** While this list *may* serve as a student's actual reading list for the philosophy of psychology minor, a student is encouraged to offer creative alternatives. For example, a student may wish to focus more narrowly on Moral Psychology, or on Naturalized Epistemology. **The final list is to be agreed upon by the student and his or her committee.**

#### Books:

Jerry Fodor (1983), *Modularity of Mind*. MIT Press.

J. Kim (2005). *Physicalism Or Something Near Enough*. Princeton University Press, chapters 1 and 2.

Reader: *Minds, Brains, and Computers: The Foundations of Cognitive Science*. Edited by Robert Cummins and Denise D Cummins. Blackwell Pub., 2000.

#### Articles/Chapters

Turing (1950). "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" *Mind*.

Noam Chomsky (1959) "A Review of BF Skinner's *Verbal Behavior*" in *Language*, 35, 26-58.

Wilfrid Sellars (1963). "Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind," Sections X-XVI.

Daniel Dennett (1978). "Artificial intelligence as philosophy and psychology." From *Brainstorms*. MIT Press.

David Marr (1982). *Vision*, chapter 1 & chapter 6 (in C&C)

Fodor (1987), "Why There Still Has to Be a Language of Thought." In *Psychosemantics*

Noam Chomsky, "Recent contributions to the theory of innate ideas" (in C&C)

Hilary Putnam, "The 'innateness hypothesis' and the explanatory models in linguistics" (in C&C)

Noam Chomsky, "Linguistics and philosophy" (in C&C)

Leda Cosmides & John Tooby (1987) "Origins of domain specificity: the evolution of functional organization" (in C&C)

J. Fodor and Z. Pylyshyn (1988). Connectionism and Cognitive Architecture. In S. Pinker and J. Mehler, eds., *Connections and Symbols*. MIT Press.

T. Horgan (1997). "Connectionism and the Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science," *Metaphilosophy* 28, 1-30

Ned Block (2003). "Do Causal Powers Drain Away?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67, 133-50.