PHIL*6200-01
PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY
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Brief Course Synopsis:
Our topic is the nature of philosophy, a question on which---of course---philosophers disagree. We'll read two recent and very provocative books on this. First we'll read Frank Jackson's *From Metaphysics to Ethics*, which is a vigorous defense of the idea that philosophy is conceptual analysis. Then we'll read Timothy Williamson's *The Philosophy of Philosophy*, in which he argues that "philosophy is in no deep sense a linguistic or conceptual inquiry" and sketches "a new narrative structure... for this history of philosophy since 1960".

Textbook(s):
Frank Jackson, *From Metaphysics to Ethics*
Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophy of Philosophy*

Course Requirements/Evaluation:
To be announced on first day of class