Syllabus for Philosophy of Language Spring term, 2016

Tuesdays, from 4:30-7:30 in Philosophy Seminar Room

On the Semantic-Pragmatic Divide
Ernie Lepore

My and Matthew Stone's recent book with OUP, *Imagination and Convention* is largely about the semantic-pragmatic divide, and my and Herman Cappelen's forthcoming book, also with OUP, *Liberating Content* is on this divide as well.

On the first book, there are about to be several special issues (including linguists and philosophers) taking on some of the chief claims in the book; some have agreed to visit us this winter/spring – so I'm proposing we meet first to discuss the work of each distinguished visitor and then the following week have that visitor present his/her material to us.

Matthew Stone has agreed to participate, when his schedule permits.

Something like the following schedule then is tentatively what I have in mind:

I will distribute the speaker's materials in advance; and I'd also like to use my and Matthew's book; I have a PDF of both my and Matthew's book and my and Cappelen's forthcoming book for those who don't have a copy.

As far as grades, I'll expect you to do one of the preparations for a visitor and a paper.

Tentative schedule

First two classes: January 19 and **26** Stone and Lepore on semantic pragmatic divide

February 2 prepare for Wayne Davis's visit., Meaning, Implicature, and Convention" Cameron Domenico Kirk-Giannini – discussion leader

February 9 Wayne Davis visits. Peter van Elswyk – discussion leader

February 16 prepare for Mandy Simons visit, Convention, Intention and Pragmatics"

February 23 Mandy Simons visits

March1– prepare for David Beaver's visit. Simon Goldstein – Discussion leader

March 8 – David Beaver visits.

March 15 spring break

March 22 Larry Horn visits

March 29 prepare for Michael Glanzberg visit

April 5 Glanzberg visit: :

Title and abstract: On Grammaticalizing Pragmatics

The plan is to look at how far we can go in treating apparently pragmatic phenomena as conventional, using my and Matthew's discussion of information structure and scalars as the focal point. Michael also hopes to spend a little time on what might make those conventions part of grammar, by looking at whether there are interesting differences between the kinds of conventions we wind up with in those areas and those of syntax.

April 12 prepare for Frank Veltman, What's the difference between `this is A' and `I find this A'? — and other questions about relative gradable adjectives A.

April 19 Frank Veltman visits

April 26 prepare for Craige Roberts. "Linguistic convention and the architecture of interpretation" Sam Carter – Discussion Leader

May 3, Craige Roberts visits.