

The Gavin David Young Lecture Series

Presented by Professor Frank Jackson (ANU/Princeton)

Six lectures over two weeks in March 2012

The University of Adelaide

Philosophy



Frank Jackson studied philosophy at Melbourne University. His PhD is from La Trobe University and his first appointment was at Adelaide University. He is currently a regular visiting professor at Princeton University and holds fractional research positions at The Australian National University and La Trobe University.

Professor Jackson is a Corresponding Fellow of The British Academy. His publications include: *Perception* (Cambridge UP 1977), *Conditionals* (Blackwell 1987), *The Philosophy of Mind and Cognition*, co-authored with David Braddon-Mitchell (Blackwell, 1996), *From Metaphysics to Ethics* (Oxford UP 1998), *Language, Names, and Information* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

Professor Jackson has held a number of visiting positions, most recently as Leverhulme Visiting Professor at Cambridge University in 2011.

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Professor Jackson will speak on Philosophy for Representationalists.

Abstract: Perceptual experiences represent the way things are. For instance, visual perceptual experiences typically represent how things are in front of us, and tactual experiences represent how things are at a point of contact between our bodies and objects external to us. They are, in consequence, marvellous sources of information about how things are. We can pass this information on in many ways, but we humans most often pass it on using words and sentences.

What do these commonplaces about experiences and language tell us about the contents of our experiences and the contents of our words and sentences? A lot – or so I will argue in these lectures.

Venue: Napier 102 Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide

Time: All lectures will be presented from 6.30-8.00pm

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| Monday March 19th | The representationalist framework |
| Wednesday March 21st | Centered content |
| Friday March 23rd | Getting information from words with centered content |
| Monday March 26th | What physicalists should say about Mary |
| Wednesday March 28th | Leibniz's law and the philosophy of mind |
| Friday March 30th | Ethics for cognitivists |

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