**Spring 2022**

**Phil 4105: Seminar in Problems of Philosophy: Perception**

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**We perceive things every day and a great deal of what we count as knowledge is based on our perception. But what really is perception? This course examines that area of philosophy that has been extremely lively in current research, and one that overlaps with several empirical fields (psychology, computer science, AI, neuroscience) as well as other fields within philosophy (philosophy of mind, aesthetics, philosophy of language). It looks at such questions as 1) is perceiving always conscious? 2) what relation does perceiving have to linguistic or propositional content? 3) what counts as a sensory modality? We will use William Fish’s textbook *Philosophy of Perception*. It is a course that will be of interest to science majors, psychology majors, philosophy majors, and anyone who is interested in what it means to look at the world.**