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Dewey, Quine, and Twentieth-century
American Naturalism
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220 Malloy

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Texts: Many of the readings will be made available in electronic format. You should obtain copies for yourself of the following two books:

John Dewey. *The Later Works of John Dewey*, Volume 4, 1925 - 1953: 1929: *The Quest for Certainty*. Southern Illinois University Press, 2008.

W. V. O. Quine. *Word & Object*. MIT Press, 1964.

Requirements: Each student will be required to do one presentation to the class, on a topic to be chosen from the syllabus in consultation with the instructor. The presentation will be worth 40% of the final course grade. 10% of the final course grade will be based on class participation. A term paper (minimum fifteen pages) worth 50% of the course grade will complete the requirements for the course, the term paper topic also to be chosen in consultation with the instructor.

Schedule:

Date:	Topic:	Readings:
21 Aug.	Introduction–The Evolutionary Naturalist Tradition in American Philosophy	J.M. Baldwin. <i>Darwin and the Humanities</i> , Chs. 1-4.
23 Aug.	James Mark Baldwin	J.M. Baldwin. <i>Darwin and the Humanities</i> , Chs. 5-6, Appendices A & B.
28 Aug.	William James	William James. “Necessary Truths and the Effects of Experience,” pp. 617-652.
30 Aug.	William James	William James. “Necessary Truths and the Effects of Experience,” pp. 652-689.
4 Sep.	John Dewey	John Dewey. “The Influence of Darwinism on Philosophy.”
6 Sep.	Roy Wood Sellars	Roy Wood Sellars. <i>Evolutionary Naturalism</i> , Chs. 1-3.
11 Sep.	Roy Wood Sellars	Roy Wood Sellars. <i>Evolutionary Naturalism</i> , Chs. 4 & 19
13 Sep.	Reflections on early evolutionary naturalism	
18 Sep.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>The Quest for Certainty</i> , Chs. 1-3

20 Sep.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>The Quest for Certainty</i> , Chs. 4-6
25 Sep.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>The Quest for Certainty</i> , Chs. 7-9
27 Sep.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>The Quest for Certainty</i> , Chs. 10-11
2 Oct.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>Experience and Nature</i> , Chs. 1-3
4 Oct.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>Experience and Nature</i> , Chs. 4-5
9 Oct.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>Experience and Nature</i> , Chs. 6-8
11 Oct.	John Dewey	John Dewey. <i>Experience and Nature</i> , Chs. 9-10
15-19 Oct.	Fall Break	
23 Oct.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. "Two Dogmas of Empiricism."
25 Oct.	No Class	
30 Oct.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. <i>Word & Object</i> , Ch. 1
1 Nov.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. <i>Word & Object</i> , Ch. 2
6 Nov.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. <i>Word & Object</i> , Chs. 3-4
8 Nov.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. <i>Word & Object</i> , Chs. 5-7
13 Nov.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. "Ontological Relativity."
15 Nov.	No Class – HSS/PSA San Diego	
20 Nov.	W.V.O. Quine	W.V.O. Quine. "Epistemology Naturalized," "Naturalism."
22 Nov.	Thanksgiving Holiday	
27 Nov.	Richard Rorty	Richard Rorty. <i>Consequences of Pragmatism</i> , "Introduction: Pragmatism and Philosophy" and "Dewey's Metaphysics."

29 Nov.	Richard Rorty	Richard Rorty. <i>Consequences of Pragmatism</i> , “Pragmatism, Relativism, and Irrationalism.”
4 Dec.	Cornel West	Cornel West. <i>The American Evasion of Philosophy: A Genealogy of Pragmatism</i> , “Introduction” and Chs. 1-3.
6 Dec.	Cornel West	Cornel West. <i>The American Evasion of Philosophy: A Genealogy of Pragmatism</i> , Chs 4-6.
14 Dec.	<i>Term Papers Due</i>	