

**Final Exam**

Collaboration is not permitted after any party to the collaboration begins writing the exam, including any drafts, handwritten or typed. Please type your final responses. Completed exams are due in my office, 70 S. Williams St., #107, on Friday, 6 May 2011, by 11:59 PM.

Please complete **EXACTLY TWO** of the following tasks as completely and clearly as you can.

1. **Assess the Causal-Historical Theory of Reference:** State both the Causal-Historical Theory of Reference and the ‘Madagascar’ objection as clearly and carefully as you can. Explain whether and how the Causal-Historical Theory of Reference can be adequately defended against the objection.
2. **Scientific Essentialism:** Explain how Kripke uses his views concerning the semantics of natural kind terms to defend scientific essentialism. Assess whether Kripke’s defense succeeds.
3. **The Illusion of Contingency:** Say why, despite Kripke’s contention that
  - (1) Hesperus = Phosphorusis necessarily true, it nevertheless seems contingent. Explain Kripke’s response to this problem. Assess whether Kripke’s response succeeds.

Congratulations, and enjoy your break!