

Philosophical Problems of Knowledge and Reality

Philosophy 550

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Paper Assignment #3

Write an essay of approximately 6-7 pages on *one* of the following topics. Papers are due in class on Thursday, December 7th.

- (A) What is a 'temporal part'? According to Judith Jarvis Thomson, a metaphysics allowing temporal parts is 'crazy.' Why? Do you think that the ordinary objects of experience are best described as 'four-dimensional hunks of matter' or not?
- (B) Roderick Chisholm distinguishes between an *ens per alio* and an *ens per se* (plural: *entia per alia* and *entia per se*). What is this distinction? Is he right to draw this distinction? Do you think that there is a fundamental difference between how the identity of material objects over time and the identity of persons over time?
- (C) Drawing on the essays in the Personal Identity section of the Kim and Sosa anthology, give your own account of what accounts for your identity as a person over time. What is it that is important in addressing and answering this question?