

Non-Standard Features

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ABSTRACT:

The dissertation is composed of three papers on properties and their relatives. "Second-Order Predication and the Metaphysics of Properties" argues that giving a happy account of second-order predication motivates us to identify properties with functions from $\langle \text{world, time} \rangle$ pairs to extensions rather than with the sets of their instances. "Secondary Qualities and Centering Features" offers a characterization of the elusive distinction between primary and secondary qualities. "Appearance Properties" argues that Sydney Shoemaker's proposal for reconciling intentionalism with the possibility of spectrum inversion without error fails in its details, but there is a nearby proposal which may well succeed.

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