

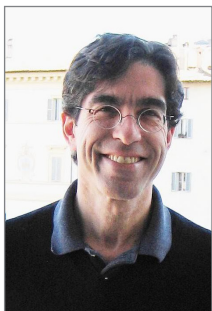
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## Understanding Austin's Way with Philosophy

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J. L. Austin is famous for having written as if what we say while doing philosophy has to accord faithfully with what we would say in ordinary circumstances. Most would say, "infamous". The longstanding consensus is that Austin's commitment to pursuing a philosophy that is faithful to "ordinary language" was fundamentally misguided—born of a failure properly to understand the nature of the philosopher's project. But my brief is that this consensus rests on a misreading of Austin—that, once we read him properly, we can see that his way of pursuing philosophy was born, not of a misunderstanding of the philosopher's project, but rather of a powerful critique of how that project has been conceived.



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