

BIOGRAPHY FOR HENRY LAYCOCK

Henry Laycock teaches philosophy at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada. He spent his senior years of secondary school studying 'A-level' chemistry, physics, and pure and applied mathematics, followed by 'S-level' physics and pure mathematics. At this time he began to read the work of Bertrand Russell, and decided, on that basis, to change horses and pursue philosophy. At University College, Oxford, he received an Exhibitioner's scholarship and was President of the Oxford University Humanist Group. He was fortunate enough to study with Peter Strawson and subsequently with A. J. Ayer and Paul Grice. An extended visit to the Soviet Union, sponsored by the British Council, led to contacts with Soviet philosophers, as a result of which the lessons of *Language Truth and Logic* lost much of their earlier force. A subsequent investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, on unexplained security grounds, might not have been related to this visit. More recently Laycock enjoyed a Visiting Fellowship at Clare Hall Cambridge, where he began the typescript of his recent book *Words without Objects*. He is on the Editorial Advisory Board for the journals *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations* and the *Review of Contemporary Philosophy*. His writings have been published in Brazil, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania, the USA and the UK. Laycock enjoys music of the Romantic period and that of Schubert in particular. He owns no car, is married to a wonderful Montrealer, and has a dog and one adopted son.

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