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Intro to Philosophy

Philosophy of Sex and Love

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

As friends of our department know well, we aim to educate students as whole persons rather than thinking of them simply as consumers or employees. These are challenging times for the liberal arts at our nation's public universities, but at The University of Kansas we are confident that our fellow citizens recognize that short-sighted market values are not the only standards by which to judge excellence. We are committed to the principle that civilized societies should aspire to an ideal in which genuine education is accessible to all people regardless of their financial circumstances. We regard the tradition of philosophical thought as our shared heritage and we regard the thriving and living practice of philosophical inquiry as an indispensable resource for all. In our teaching, the focus has been firmly fixed on the cultivation of excellence and we have resisted the pressure to lower standards or to pander to a consumerist culture in higher education. Genuine education is a difficult collaborative endeavor, not the delivery of a product to a consumer. Education is successful when students achieve their better selves, not when the preexisting preferences of their uneducated selves are satisfied. I am very proud to have led a department that helps to keep these values alive in a wider cultural context where respect for norms of rationality and truthfulness have declined precipitously. This is the final year of my term as Chair of the Department and after five years it is deeply satisfying to pass a thriving and busy department to my successor in summer of 2017.



When I joined as Chair in the summer of 2012 my charge was to lead the department through a significant demographic shift. This was a period that saw the retirement of great figures in the department's history; Jack Bricke, Richard De George, Rex Martin, Don Marquis, and Jim Woelfel. In addition to retirements, KU had found it difficult to retain distinguished colleagues in philosophy. We lost Ann Cudd and Derrick Darby to Boston University and University of Michigan respectively. These losses posed a significant challenge but at the same time they provided us a unique opportunity to rethink the kind of department that we wanted to be. We were not in a position to return to the robust faculty numbers that the department had seen in the 1980s or 90s and we were faced with difficult decisions about how to cover all the important research and teaching areas in our field. However, because of the shrinking job market, the pool of excellent early-career philosophers from whom we could hire has been amazing. We have sought colleagues who not only are recognized as accomplished experts in their areas of research, but who are also flexible generalists with a commitment to teaching and who maintain an inclusive conception of the philosophical enterprise. We sought all-rounders who could engage in successful research while being able to see beyond narrow specialization. The colleagues who have joined the department since 2012, all fit these criteria and have been quite extraordinary teachers, researchers, and departmental citizens.

While our department is at the forefront of contemporary issues in moral philosophy and philosophy of science, it is also deeply grounded in the philosophical tradition. We have avoided hyperspecialization and while much of our work is highly technical and formal, we have maintained a critical humanistic ethos in our teaching and in the intellectual culture of the department.

I am delighted to announce the exciting news that Ben Caplan will be joining us as a member of the faculty in Fall 2017. Ben is a world-class philosopher of language, a metaphysician, and he also has interests in philosophy of art and the metaphysics of gender. Ben is currently a Full Professor at Ohio State. In addition to his distinguished academic record, Ben has been praised as a generous and talented teacher. His appointment marks a fantastic step forward and should guarantee increased recognition of our department. At this point, I can confidently predict that we will be among the world's top 50 PhD programs in next year's rankings. Please join me in warmly welcoming Ben to the department.

As you will read in this newsletter, our faculty and students have been more productive than ever. In addition to the usual crop of books and papers, there have been two weddings and two new babies in the department. Congratulations to all.

We had many things to celebrate in 2016. We hosted two conferences this year, both of which were organized by students. The minorities and philosophy group (MAP) organized a conference for undergraduate students with a keynote address by Caroline Arruda from The University of Texas at El Paso, and our graduate students organized the Great Plains Philosophy Symposium with a keynote address by Alastair Norcross from The University of Colorado. Both events were enormously successful and we are very grateful to our students for their hard work and ingenuity in organizing these complex events on a shoestring budget.

As you know, the University has been subject to considerable financial pressure due to some confusion in Topeka about the meaning and interpretation of the Laffer curve. Happily, as you can tell from this newsletter, philosophy and philosophers weather such storms well. At KU, our courses are popular, we have among the healthiest enrollments of any department in the university, and our graduates accomplish extraordinary things. In spite of these challenging financial times, we have been able to maintain an active calendar of events with visiting speakers and a thriving faculty colloquium series thanks in part to the continued generosity of our supporters. We are grateful to you for your support and are exceedingly careful to use that support efficiently and effectively in the service of the educational mission of the department.

By the way, if you missed me shamelessly tweeting about our athletic prowess back in the fall, you will undoubtedly be happy to learn the results of the the most recent annual faculty vs. grad student softball game. The faculty winning streak remains unbroken. While faculty looked to be under threat in the early innings, this year's new cohort of graduate students were not quite up to the task. The faculty were victorious. There was some talk of the outcome being rigged, but it was hard to tell the precise origin of those complaints or whether they were based in any evidence whatsoever. In any event, everybody says that our softball skills are the best. It was tremendous.

Thank you

We wish to thank and acknowledge those who have contributed to the
Philosophy Department Endowment funds.

These important resources allow the department to support
graduate student travel, bring guest lecturers to broaden
both faculty and student learning, and acknowledge outstanding students
in the pursuit of their studies in philosophy.

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FACULTY NOTES

During the summer of 2016, **Bradford Cokelet** was very glad to move to Lawrence and join the KU philosophy department. Dr. Cokelet's research focuses on virtue, practical rationality, and the good life. Last year he won an interdisciplinary grant through the Templeton foundation, which enabled him to conduct interdisciplinary research on character with empirical psychologists at the University of Delaware and the University of Miami. He also published philosophic papers on character and cross-cultural ethical theorizing, gave talks at the University of Geneva, City University Hong Kong, the University of Richmond, and Bowling Green University, and worked on his manuscript *Buddhism, Ethics, and the Good Life*, which is under contract with Routledge Press. In the coming year Brad is especially excited to teach a class on Life and Death issues in Medical Ethics, a cross-cultural class on *Buddhism, Ethics, and the Personal Identity*, and a graduate seminar on Moral Psychology. In addition to teaching and writing, Brad and his family will continue to enjoy the relaxed, family friendly environment in Lawrence.



Richard De George was at KU when the Soviet and East European Studies Program began in 1960, and when the Program celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2010, he was asked to talk about its beginnings and development through 1991. A version of that talk appeared under the title "Russian and Soviet Area Studies at the University of Kansas," in *Russian/Soviet Studies in the United States, Amerikanistika in Russia*, Ivan Kurilla and Vicyotia I Shuravleva, eds., Lanham: Lexington Books, 2016. But Professor De George's major interest continues to be in the area of business ethics, and he has kept up his research in that area. At the Society for Business Ethics in Vancouver 2015, he presented a paper on "Globalization, Poverty, and Corporate Responsibility: The 2013 UN Human Development Report." In April, 2016, at a conference at the University of Virginia in honor of Professor Patricia Werhane retirement, he presented an invited paper on "Werhane's Role in the Development of Business Ethics." In July, 2016, he was invited to the 6th World Congress of Business, Economics and Ethics, in Shanghai, China. He presented a plenary session paper on "Innovation, Systems and Ethics," and took part in two symposia, one on Teaching Business Ethics with a paper on "Teaching Business Ethics as a Humanities Course," and another on Business Ethics and Innovation with a paper on "Innovation in Business: The Challenge for Academic Business Ethics." In August, 2016, he presented an invited paper on "Rethinking Global Business Ethics: The North-South Paradigm" at the 40th Anniversary Conference of the Bentley University Center for Business Ethics. He also finished an invited paper, "Research in Normative Business Ethics: A Coherence Approach," for a Cambridge University Press volume on *Research in Business Ethics*. Aside from professional activity in October he joined the Flying Jayhawks for a trip to Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley, and in January he went on

a People-to-People tour to Havana, Cuba. The latter was a throw-back to the 1950's and his knowledge of Marxism came in handy.

Dale Dorsey's book *The Limits of Moral Authority* was released in April of 2017, and he spent the summer as the 2016 Harsanyi Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University, giving lectures and working with faculty and graduate students.

Ben Eggleston's work on the moral thought of John Stuart Mill led him to develop a new edition of Mill's *Utilitarianism* in which the text of Mill's essay is supplemented with 58 related remarks selected from Mill's other writings, ranging from his treatise on logic to his personal correspondence. This edition is in production at Hackett Publishing Company and is scheduled to be published in 2017. Ben continues to teach Introduction to Ethics most semesters, The Ethics of Scientific Research every year, and various other courses. He also continues to participate in KU's Mini College; for this past summer's Mini College, he taught his "Thought Experiments in Ethics" seminar.

Erin Frykholm continues to research Hume's moral philosophy and its contemporary significance. Recently, she has been writing on the influence of Joseph Butler's work on Hume's thought, particularly as it relates to Hume's claims about the naturalness of virtuous motives, his grounding of obligations in our social relationships, and his disagreements with Hutcheson. Erin has presented on aspects of this research at the University of Minnesota, the Midwest Conference on British Studies, and at the Australian National University, where she spent the summer as a visiting fellow. She is also currently writing a chapter on spontaneity, intuition and virtue for an anthology on "Hume's Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology." She continues to serve as the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and has been enjoying teaching Introduction to Philosophy and a recent seminar on the British Moralists.

Over the last year, **Scott Jenkins** has continued to focus on the work of Friedrich Nietzsche in his research and teaching. His article "Ressentiment, Imaginary Revenge, and the Slave Revolt" appeared in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* in 2016. Scott also gave a talk on Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* at the 'Nietzsche In the Northeast' conference at SUNY Binghamton—quite possibly the only philosophy conference with a logo inspired by the industrial rock band Nine Inch Nails.



While Scott returns to teaching earlier German philosophy in Fall 2016, with a course on Kant's theory of judgment, he remains suspicious of the German Idealists' metaphysical aspirations.

Corey Maley published "Closed Loops in Neuroscience and Computation: What it Means and Why it Matters," in a neuroscience volume, "The Ontology of Functional Mechanisms," and is working on a chapter on the evolution of consciousness, all with Gualtiero Piccinini. He is also continuing to work on refining his account of analog representation and computation, a project fund-

ed in part by a New Faculty General Research Fund grant.

Corey is also working on refining his thoughts on guilt and shame, as well as emotions more generally. He owes the *Southern Journal of Philosophy* a paper on guilt and shame, which he will deliver once he stops changing his views.

Corey and his colleague Sarah recently completed a joint project, a lovely baby boy named Maxim James MaleyRobins. While caring for Max takes some time away from their research, Corey and Sarah are both happy with the progress of this new endeavor.

Although he was put out to pasture in May 2015 **Don Marquis** has not been entirely inactive since then. He read his papers “Not All Brain Dead Human Beings are Dead” at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities in Houston in October 2015 and “The Decapitation Gambit” at the Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago in March, 2016. He gave a talk at the University of North Carolina titled “The Cadaver Organ Donation Problem” in August, 2016. He also gave a presentation “Is There a Right to Health Care?” at the KU Mini-College in June.

He has continued to organize “Ethics Club”, a group that meets monthly at Lawrence Memorial Hospital to discuss issues in medical ethics and health care policy.

Assistant Professor **Eileen Nutting** is on leave and at Ohio State for the academic year. This past spring she taught two courses: an upper-level epistemology course and a graduate seminar on abstract objects. She also advised a senior essay on the epistemology of modality and signed off as a committee member on four doctoral dissertations (two in math, two in philosophy). On the research front, Nutting’s “Bridge Gödel’s Gap” recently came out in *Philosophical Studies*. And she has several academic presentations coming up. She is giving a talk at the Philosophy of Science Association meeting in early November, a keynote talk at a conference at the University of Manitoba (Canada) in late November, a talk at Denison College in February, and a talk at a conference in Dubrovnik (Croatia) in June. Nutting is also finishing up work on the program committee for the upcoming 2017 meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, which will be in Kansas City. She will be back at KU in fall 2017.

Sarah Robins continues to focus her research on memory. This year she has published papers in *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, and the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* exploring various features of the causal theory of memory and memory traces. Over the summer, Sarah traveled to Grenoble, France to participate in a workshop on memory and subjectivity at the Université Grenoble Alpes and to Budapest, Hungary to present in a symposium on episodic memory at the 6th International Conference on Memory. While not traveling, she used a small grant from the General Research Fund to work on a paper critical of neuroimaging research that has been used as evidence that remembering and imagining are a single mental capacity, which she hopes to see in print soon. Looking forward, Sarah is excited about working with colleagues at other universities to build the philosophy of memory as a major research area and her inclusion in the Imperfect Cognitions research network, based out of University of Birmingham in the UK (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/perfect/index.aspx>). The first year of teaching the newly designed *PHIL 150: Philosophical Communication* was a big success. Sarah is sad not to be teaching the course again this semester, but she

and Corey Maley are eager to welcome their first child this fall.

Armin Schulz has been hard at work on several different research projects over the last year. First, he has completed a book manuscript on the evolution of representational decision making that is currently under review with a major press. Second, he authored or co-authored three different papers (on the evolution of psychological altruism, the evolution of cooperation, and the evolution of racial facial preferences in infants) as well as two encyclopedia entries. Apart from that, he gave a number of research presentations in North America and Europe. He also enjoyed teaching the pro-seminar and classes on philosophy of science, philosophy of social science, and philosophy of mind.

Tom Tuozzo spent the summer travelling to philosophy conferences, one in Helsinki and two in Brazil. The conference at the University of Helsinki was on Aristotle, and Tom returned to questions of moral psychology in his paper, “Aristotle on Grasping Moral First Principles.” The paper will be coming out in a volume stemming from the conference. Tom found Helsinki a pleasant place, especially with the super-long summer days. At the International Plato Symposium held in Brasilia, Tom presented the paper “Sense Experience and Explanation in Plato’s *Phaedo*,” arguing that Plato there does not recommend an a priori approach to natural science. In Sao Paulo Tom presented a paper on “Self-Knowledge in Plato’s *Charmides* and *Alcibiades Major*.” A fuller version of that paper will be appearing in a volume on self-knowledge in Plato. Tom is looking forward to returning to his study of Greek theories of causation this year.

James Woelfel published a long review of *Albert Camus’s The Stranger: Critical Essays* (Peter Francev, ed., Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014) in the 2015 issue of the *Journal of Camus Studies*. Earlier this year he read and evaluated a book proposal manuscript on current issues in peace studies for Oxford University Press. A conference paper of his, long ago accepted for publication in a refereed volume of selected conference proceedings, will finally appear before the end of this year in *From Here to There: The Odyssey of the Liberal Arts* (Roger Barrus & John Eastby, eds.). The paper is “The Socratic Journey: Liberal Education as Demythologizing.”

In February Jim was a featured speaker at the Humanities & Western Civilization celebration of the program’s name change to “Humanities” and of the 70th anniversary of Western Civ at KU, at a reception in the Spencer Research Library. It was his task to explain and reconcile the fact that while celebrating 70 years of Western Civilization, the name of the program was simultaneously eliminating Western Civilization from its title.

Jim is working on an invited review for the *Journal of Camus Studies* of Sarah Bakewell’s recent book *At the Existentialist Café: Freedom, Being, and Apricot Cocktails* (London: Chatto & Windus, 2016). He thinks it may be the best book he has ever read on the story of phenomenology and existentialism—certainly the most fully “fleshed out” and the most absorbingly interesting.

He continues to work very slowly but fairly steadily on a kind of “capstone” paper for a project involving nine papers written (four of them published) over the past fifteen or so years on aspects of the relationships between the sciences and the humanities. The working title for this paper is “Monists and Pluralists: The Great Intellectual Divide.”

His paper, entitled “Cosmopolitan Conscience of the World: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” has been selected for inclusion in *Liberal Arts and Core Texts in Our Students’ World: Selected Proceedings from the 20th Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses*, edited by Greg A. Camp (Lanham, MD: Hamilton Books, forthcoming).

CURRENT STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Polo Comacho was awarded the IARI research fellowship at the Spencer Museum of Art, where he will be doing research on the philosophy of biology. The fellowship is part of a larger project, which aims to make the Spencer Museum an interdisciplinary research hub.

Michael Hayes, currently a Ph.D. student and graduate teaching assistant in the Humanities Program, received a Rice Scholarship from the Law School for J.D. degree and also received the Weaver Fellowship from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

Vasfi Özen attended a summer course on German Language and Culture from July 18 until August 12, 2016 at the University of Kiel. The University of Kiel provided him with a scholarship, and he received a grant from the Office of Study Abroad at KU. His paper “Nietzsche’s concept of noble compassion” has recently been accepted in 2016 Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference to be hosted by Deakin University, Australia.

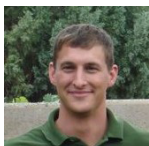
Liz Waldberg (Junior) was accepted into and attended a special logic program over the summer at University of Massachusetts.

MEET THE NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS



Chelsea Bowden received her BA in Classics from San Francisco State University. She then received her MA from Ohio State University in Greek and Latin. Her areas of interest are Epistemology, Skepticism, and Pyrrhonism.

Reece Doty received his BA in Political Science from Siena College in Albany, NY. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the U.S. Army where he has been serving for the last eight years. Reece comes to KU to pursue an MA in Philosophy. His research interests include ethics/morality in sports and intelligence collection.



Ross Gilmore read great books at St. John’s College (NM) before doing post-bac work in Classics in Chicago and New York. His interests lie primarily in Ancient Philosophy (especially Plato), extending more generally to ethics, political philosophy, psychoanalysis, and the arts. He is currently seeking a squash partner.

Trevor Logan received his BA in Philosophy from Ashbury College, followed by a MA from the University of Nottingham. His areas of interest are Phenomenology, German, Idealism, and Philosophy of Film.



Benjamin Porter received his BA from Wichita State. He plans to continue his studies in ethics and meta ethics.

ALUMNI NEWS

Thanks to **Blaise Cannon** (B.A., 2011) who was moving and had to downsize his collection of books. He donated several books to the department’s conference room library. One was of special interest, as Blaise had found it in a used bookstore. It was a copy of the 1982 edition of Richard De George’s *Business Ethics* that had been owned by Rex Martin. When Blaise found Rex’s name and handwritten notes in the book, he knew he had to purchase it!

Jonathan J. Detrixhe (B.A., Philosophy and English, University of Kansas, 1997; MFA, Film, New York University, 2003; Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 2011, Long Island University) and **Megan L. Brackney** (B.A., Philosophy, 1995, and J.D., 1998, University of Kansas) have been married for 18 years and lived in Brooklyn, New York, for 15 years. Their daughter, Beatrix, is seven years old. Jon sees adult patients in his private practice in Williamsburg and is a supervisor and adjunct professor in the clinical Ph.D. program at Long Island University, Brooklyn, and a supervisor in the City College of New York’s Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. He is also a psychoanalytic candidate in the NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. His publications are in the areas of solitude, loneliness, and personality disorders, the most recent being “Lars von Trier’s *Nymphomaniac: Vol 1* as Psychotherapy Manual” in the *Journal of Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society* (October, 2015). Megan is a partner at the law firm of Kostelantetz & Fink, LLP, in New York City. She specializes in civil and criminal tax controversies. She is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, a Council Director for the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, and serves on the editorial boards of *The Journal of Taxation* and *The Tax Lawyer*. Megan writes a regular column on tax controversy topics for the *Journal of Passthrough Entities* and contributes to the treatises, “Tax Controversies, Audits, Investigations,” and “Trials and Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS.”

Julian Gonzalez took classes at Yale's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics Summer Institute. In addition, in late May he was a participant in the University of Kansas' Applied Humanities Boot Camp. He also presented his paper "Distinction of Transcendental Freedom and Practical Freedom" at the 67th Annual New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society.

Jack Horner (MA, 1976) gave a presentation (co-authored with John Symons) at the 2015 International Association of Computing and Philosophy conference on the limits software imposes on the knowledge of finite agents. A paper (also co-authored with John) expanding this presentation will be published *Philosophy and Computing: Essays in Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Logic, and Ethics* (Springer). He continued writing a book on his global population/resources simulator, 1WORLD, and added an empirical birth-rate/educational-level model, and a death-rate/biodiversity model (based on the network controllability theory of Barabási et al.), to the simulator. In July 2016, he submitted a paper describing an automated model-theoretic derivation of the consistency of Tarski's elementary geometry to the *Journal of Automated Reasoning*; as part of that effort, he re-engineered Hantao and Jian Zhang's first-order model generator, *System for Enumeration of Models* (circa 1996), to run in various 64-bit-address Linux environments, and in Windows 10. He gave a presentation to the Dean of the KU School of Engineering that proposed a strategy to help maximize the probability that KU has access, through 2030, to the US's largest computers to help solve NSF/NIH/DoE "grand challenge" problems. He completed his eighth year as a member of the advisory board of the Kansas University Biodiversity Institute. He also serves on the editorial boards of two bioinformatics journals and a supercomputing journal, and writes a monthly practical science column that appears in a few newspapers.

Huei-Rong Li gave a job talk at Tunghai University in June, and recently the philosophy department faculty made a decision to hire her as a visiting assistant professor for a year. The school starts on 9/12, and she will leave Academia Sinica, where she currently works as a postdoctoral researcher, and move to Taichung, the central Taiwan.

Huei-Rong also presented a paper at a conference on Davidson at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Andrew McFarland (Ph.D., 2014) accepted an offer of a tenure track assistant professor position at Laguardia Community College in New York.

Jeffrey (J.T.) Hammons (B.A., 2013) has recently graduated from the Columbia Law School, passed the Illinois state bar exam and started a position as an Associate Attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) in Chicago. ELPC is the largest midwestern-based nonprofit that promotes clean air, clean water, clean energy and the protection of special places, such as wilderness areas, forests, and parks.

In Memory

Christopher Caldwell (Ph.D., 2004) passed away on October 14, 2016. At the time he was Chair of the Department of History and Philosophy at Virginia State University.

Auslegung

Auslegung now has a new editorial board: Polo Camacho is Editor-in Chief, David Tamez is Assistant Editor/Book Editor, Nadia Ruiz is Managing Editor and Kevin Watson is Associate Editor. Last year, *Auslegung* released the Fall 2016 issues which is going to be followed by the 2017 Spring and Fall Issues.

Auslegung issues can be found at KU ScholarWorks, <https://kusolarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/8834>.

Department Trivia

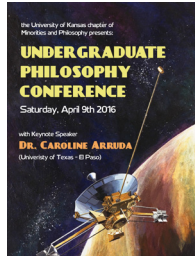
The first KU Philosophy MA was awarded in 1927.

The first KU Philosophy Ph.D. was awarded in 1967.

Conferences and Lectures

Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 9, 2016

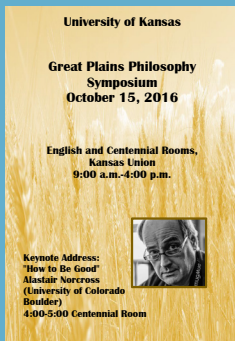
Members of the University of Kansas Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy Department held an Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on April 9, 2016. There were sessions on Ethics and Society, Feminism and Philosophy, Mind and Reality and Contemporary Materialism. The Keynote lecture was given by Dr. Caroline Arruda from the University of Texas at El Paso. The title of her presentation was “Agency and the Metaethical Foundation for Theories of Moral Status.”



Baby Book Shower for prospective parents, Sarah Robins and Corey Maley



Great Plains Philosophy Symposium October 15, 2016



The Graduate Student organization, GASP, hosted the Great Plains Philosophy Symposium this fall at the Kansas Union. Papers were presented at the day long conference by individuals from Drury University, University of Michigan, Kansas State, University of Missouri, Boston University, University of Nebraska, Lincoln and Washington University. The keynote address, “How

to Be Good” was presented by Alastair Norcross (University of Colorado, Boulder)

2016 Lindley Lecture

The 2016 Lindley Lecture was presented by Peter Railton, Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan on November 4, 2016 in the Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. The title of the lecture was ‘Moral Learning and Artificial Intelligence.’

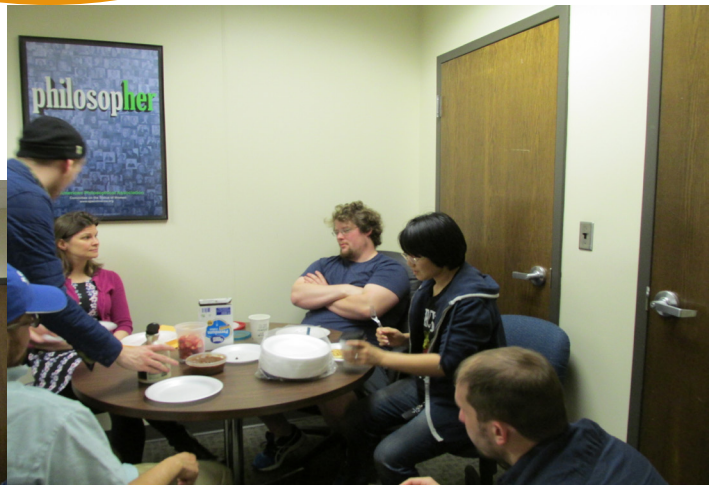
Many of the previous Lindley Lectures can be downloaded at <http://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/11682>.

Instead of Aristotle,
Nietzsche, Mill, or Hume,
this new addition received
Cat in the Hat,
Winnie the Pooh,
and books on colors,
shapes and belly buttons!

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION PANCAKES



During the spring 2016, John Symons (Chair) put on his chef's hat to show the department's appreciation of its graduate students. While there were some concerns about fire alarms expressed by the staff, pancakes were made for all and no fire trucks arrived, but students passing through on the third floor of Wescoe couldn't figure out why they had the urge to go to IHOP.



2016 HONORS BANQUET

The Philosophy Department Awards Banquet was held on May 11, 2016 in the Malott Room, Kansas Union. Congratulations and awards were presented to BA and BGS recipients and current undergraduate students.

Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Terra Brockman	Matt Pello
Killian Brown	Braxton Quelle
Evan Cifor	Zechariah Rowe-Hayden
Matt Haynes	Mensher Sanghera
Madeline Hoffman	Deven Schoenthaler
William Kist	Tessa Scott
Yuguang Lei	Kyle Snyder
Benjiman Mary	Hunter Stewart
William Vincent	



The Brownstein-Young Award was given to **Alex Van Lerberg** and **Amr El-Afifi** received the Brownstein Skidmore Award for 2016. These awards are given in memory of J. Michael Young and Arthur Skidmore, both long time faculty members.

Awards in memory of Warner Morse, another former member of the department were also distributed. **Courtney Coda** received the Warner Morse Scholarship in support of her upcoming senior year. **Mensher Singh Sanghera** received the Warner Morse Prize for History of Philosophy and **William Vincent** was awarded the Warner Morse Prize in Metaphysics and Epistemology. These prizes are merit-based and recognize excellence for the student's work in philosophy.



GRADUATE AWARDS AND DEGREES FOR 2016

M.A. RECIPIENTS

Arthur Carlyle
Marco Camacho
James Gillcrist
Michael Otteson
Debra Williams



PH.D. DEGREES

Jeremy DeLong, *Parmenides' Theistic Metaphysics*, Spring 2016.
Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo

Jennifer Kittlaus, *The Natures of Pride and Shame*, Spring 2016.
Advisor: John Bricke

Ian McDaniel, *Life and Death Issues in Bioethics: Abortion, Persistent Vegetative State, and the Definition of Death*, Fall 2015.
Advisor: John Symons

Martin Rule, *Misunderstanding Davidson*, Summer 2016. Advisor: John Bricke



AWARD WINNERS

Arthur Carlyle received first place in the Robinson Essay Contest for 2016. The title of his essay was “Organisms and the Extended Self: A Re-evaluation.”

The Department GTA Award went to **James Gillcrist**. This award recognizes excellence in teaching by a graduate student.

Nicholas Schroeder received the Anthony C. Genova Scholarship. This award is given in memory of A. C. Genova and is awarded to a student who has performed exceptionally in the the graduate program.



Baseball, Bats and BBQ

September 18, 2016

The annual fall department picnic was held on a sunny September afternoon. This has become a way for new students and their families to meet the faculty, staff, other graduate students and their families. Lots of good food and good conversation.

Then the competition began.....





The graduate students took the field first and held an early lead for 3 innings. The faculty team then came roaring back in the last inning and won the game 6 to 5. So again, the graduate students will have to wait until next year and just like the Cubs, they shouldn't give up hope!



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