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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Our colleagues Professors Jack Bricke, Don Marquis, and Jim Woelfel retired from teaching this year and joined the ranks of our highly distinguished group of emeritus faculty. Their retirements free them from the burden of administrative and committee work and all three are happy not to have to sit through any more of my department meetings. But they have also expressed to me how much they will miss being in the classroom with our students. All three are highly skilled teachers who genuinely love the challenging work of teaching philosophy to undergraduate and graduate students. All three have made deep and important scholarly contributions to our discipline. Happily, they continue to serve on dissertation committees and like Professors Richard De George and Rex Martin, they will remain a vital part of the intellectual life



of the department in the years to come. In this issue of the newsletter you can read about our Alumni conference in May, where former students Professor Eric Berg (MacMurray College), Professor Katie Elliott (UCLA), and Professor Jim Paige (Chancellor of the University of Maine), spoke with great feeling and eloquence about the scholarship and teaching of Don, Jack, and Jim. It was a beautiful evening and a great occasion to celebrate their many achievements.

If it wasn't enough of a blow to have our three most senior colleagues retire, Professor Ann Cudd decided to accept a position as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston University this year. Ann is a pioneering figure in feminist philosophy who brought our department national and international recognition for her work on feminism, philosophy of economics, and game theory. More recently she has argued for the importance of capitalism in the progress of human liberation. After 27 years of service to the department and the university, it is difficult to imagine this place without her. We wish her and Neal the best as they start an exciting new chapter in Boston.

While we are now a much smaller faculty than we have been in many decades, this is probably the busiest that the department has ever been. In addition to the highly productive scholarly work of faculty and graduate students, the department has hosted four conferences, many visiting speakers, and regular colloquia. Our PhD students have been increasingly successful in securing good tenure-track teaching positions, our classes are more popular than ever and we are full to capacity, and we are well-positioned to grow our faculty numbers back to full strength in the years ahead.

Thank you again for your support of the work of our department over the past year. I hope you enjoy reading about this year's events. When you find yourself in Lawrence, please stop by and pay us a visit.

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.

Donald Brownstein
Albert Cinelli
Lee and Margaret Crawford
David Duquette
Richard De George
Daryl and Judith Dennis
Helen Scamell Dewey
Frederick and Crol Lollman Dunn
Ben Eggleston
John K. Garvey
Jeffrey T. Hammons
Kelley Hayden
Dan Johnson Jr.
Mark and Kimberly Lee
Betty Torrans Long
Bruce and Freda McKeithan
Judy and George Paley
Sue Oatman Roberts and William Roberts
Gary and Janet Skinner
Christopher Tankersley
James Woelfel and Sarah Trulove
Carolyn Bryan Young

FACULTY NOTES

John Bricke wrote a review of Don Garrett's *Hume* which will appear in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

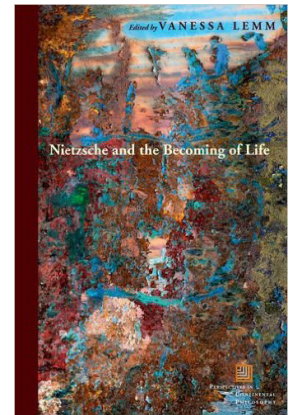
Last year **Dale Dorsey** finished his long-simmering manuscript, "The Limits of Moral Authority," now in press with Oxford University Press. He also presented papers at the University of Miami, Tulane University, the University of Michigan, California State University - Long Beach, Stockholm University, the University of Colorado, and Australian National University. He also published articles in *Ethics*, *Noûs*, and elsewhere.

Ben Eggleston's work on a combinatorics problem that arises in social choice theory resulted in an article in *The Mathematical Gazette*. He also wrote a review of Thomas Piketty's best-seller *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* that was published in *Utilitas*. He 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 serve as Director of Undergraduate Studies, advising undergraduate majors and minors and working with the undergraduate Philosophy Club. This year, she has been working with the Center for Online and Distance Learning to help graduate students develop online philosophy courses, and working with the department faculty to successfully submit our first round of KU Core Assessments. She was a commenter at the Hume Society Conference in Stockholm in July, and is giving a talk at the University of Michigan in December. She has a paper forthcoming in the *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* entitled "Narrative and History in Hume's Moral Epistemology." She continues to do research on Hume's moral psychology and moral epistemology, and how his position is influenced by his contemporaries.

Lara Giordano was awarded her PhD from Vanderbilt University in May 2015. Dr. Giordano specializes in the area of nineteenth and twentieth century critical social, cultural, and political theory, focusing in particular on the Frankfurt School and its background as well as on the ethical and aesthetic theory of Stanley Cavell. Dr. Giordano's research on Cavell is forthcoming in the journal *Constellations*. The article, entitled "Cavell, Cinema, Secularity: the Politics of the World Viewed," analyzes the political relevance of Cavell's early work on film, arguing via Cavell for a unique understanding of the conditions of and challenges inherent to democratic community-formation.

Scott Jenkins is currently enjoying his first sabbatical as a professor at KU. The release from teaching and service will give him more time to follow KU basketball and think about Nietzsche—2 activities that he is not yet able to engage in simultaneously. This spring his article "Life, Injustice, Recurrence" appeared in the volume *Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life* (ed. Vanessa Lemm, Fordham University Press).



Last summer, **Corey Maley** successfully defended his dissertation "On the Nature of Guilt and Shame" at Princeton University. He's looking forward to developing some of the ideas contained within for future publication.

Corey is now working on some other projects, including a chapter on computation and neuroscience, and another on the evolution of consciousness. Additional projects include his work on analog computation and representation.

Besides these academic projects, Corey is also working on remodeling the old house in East Lawrence that he and Sarah bought last semester. They thought that their kitchen would be finished months ago; with luck, they will have at least a cabinet and a countertop by Thanksgiving.

Assistant Professor **Eileen Nutting** started the calendar year well. Her review of an anthology in epistemology was published with *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* on January 2nd. And, after a busy spring teaching an upper-level epistemology course and the survey of Ancient Greek philosophy, she also had a productive summer, polishing off three substantive articles to send out to journals. In part, Nutting owes her summer productivity to the useful feedback that she received in the preceding year, from audiences at Mizzou, Michigan, and Umeå (Sweden), a workshop at UMass Amherst, and her colleagues at KU. She will be taking advantage of a research-intensive semester to continue developing new papers this fall. But by January, she will probably be eager to return to the classroom to teach upper-level courses in epistemology and in metaphysics. Nutting also took on a new role this spring as the graduate placement officer. In addition to working with her own graduate advisees on their research, she is now also charged with helping guide graduate students through the trials of the academic job market.

Sarah Robins continues to focus her research on memory. She has just published a paper on misremembering in *Philosophical Psychology*, and has been developing

**PHIL 150:
PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNICATION**



What is the self? Can machines think?
Is there intelligent life on other planets?
How should we study consciousness?
What (if anything) are animals thinking?

PHIL 150 provides an introduction to philosophy with a focus on communication and argument. This semester our topic is *WHAT IS A MIND?* what is required for being a mind, and what sorts of things have minds? We will begin with general questions about consciousness, focusing on the nature of consciousness and on the relation between physical explanations of the brain and mental explanations (beliefs, desires, emotions, etc.). Then we will go on to consider which things live up most our criteria for mindedness. We generally assume that humans have minds, but what about other animals, or computers and robots, or everyday objects like thermostats? These questions will lead us to explore further issues, such as the possibility of intelligent life on other planets, the relation between mind and brain and mind and soul, and the distinction between pathological and "normal" minds. Throughout, you'll be developing your ability to participate in various forms of philosophical communication. Specifically, you will have the opportunity to teach course material to peers, engage in class debates over philosophical questions like those above, and craft short presentations exploring a facet of the course topic.

FALL 2015 T/TH 9:30-10:20
(After discussion sections)

THIS COURSE FULFILLS CORE CURRICULUM GOAL 2, OUTCOME 2
(Students' Email the Instructor, Prof. Sarah Robles srobles@ku.edu)

presented a paper exploring the implications of this research at the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* and the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* in the spring. Over the summer, Sarah used a small grant from the General Research Fund to develop the paper further and hopes to see it in print soon. Looking forward, Sarah is thinking about the metaphysics of memory, supported in large part by enthusiastic participants in the graduate seminar on causal powers that she is now teaching. She is also now teaching the newly designed *PHIL 150: Philosophical Communication*, which introduces students to philosophy with an influence on oral presentations and arguments. Even in its pilot semester, the course is proving to be a lot of fun. Sarah's proudest departmental achievement this year playing first base for the faculty softball team in their second consecutive defeat of the graduate students.

Armin Schulz has published two papers in the last academic year. The first one—entitled “Desires vs. Preferences: Debating the Fundamental Structure of Conative States”—appeared in the journal *Economics and Philosophy* and used work in behavioral economics to defend the idea that human decision making should be seen to be driven by relational preferences, rather than non-relational desires. The second one—entitled “Firms, Agency, and Evolution”—appeared in the *Journal of Economic Methodology* and presented an evolutionary model of competition among firms to underwrite the idea that firms can sometimes be seen to be economic agents of their own (this paper was also written about at *Science Daily* and in the *University Daily Kansan*). Other than that, Armin has presented papers in Toronto and Montreal, co-organized a conference for Daniel M. Hausman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and enjoyed teaching *Introduction to Philosophy*, the Pro-Seminar, and a graduate seminar on the evolution of cognition.

John Symons's recent publications include “Software Intensive Science” (with Jack Horner) in *Philosophy and Technology* along with “Reply to Angius and Primiero on Software Intensive Science” (with Jack Horner) also in *Philosophy and Technology*. John's book chapter “Physicalism, Scientific Respectability, and Strongly

papers on the causal theory of memory and the nature of confabulation across a series of recent workshops and conferences. Recently, Sarah became fascinated by the first evidence of false memory in non-human animals (mice), made possible through the use of optogenetics—a new method for manipulating neurons through induced sensitivity to light. She

Emergent Properties” appeared in Tudorel Dima and Mihaela Luca (eds.) *Cognitive Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. He also completed an essay for publication in Luciano Floridi (ed.) *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Information* entitled “Teleosemantics and Natural Information.” In 2015 John gave a number of talks, including keynote addresses to the Thinking and Bias conference at the University of Alberta and to the Summer School in Cognitive Science at the Romanian Academy in Iasi. John gave a graduate seminar in critical thinking and formal reasoning at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador, Brazil in May. He was also awarded the Shulenburg Award for Innovation & Advocacy in Scholarly Communication in 2015 for his work in support of open-access publication in philosophy.

Tom Tuozzo is happy that the *Efficient Causation* volume in the Oxford Philosophical Concepts series came out this last year. His contribution to that value is entitled “Aristotle and the Discovery of the Efficient Cause.” Tom continues to work on ancient theories of causation, roughing out a monograph on the first six chapters of Aristotle's *Physics*

VIII tentatively entitled *Aristotle on Why Things Stop and Go*. In connection with an Aristotle class in the spring Tom hosted a two-day conference on Aristotle's Ethics, Science and Psychology. With major funding from his Morrison Teaching Award and contributions from the Hall Center for the Humanities, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and

Ethics, Science and Psychology in Aristotle's Philosophy
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

Friday, April 24, 2015
Hall Center for the Humanities

1:00-3:30 Registration, Coffee
3:30-2:30 David Bronstein (Georgetown University): "Aristotle's Critique of Imagination"
2:30-3:00 Discussion
3:00-4:00 Coffee

3:30-4:00 David Ebrey (Northwestern University): "Disabling Matter From Luck in Physics"
4:00-4:30 Discussion

5:00-6:00 Reception, Hall Center

Saturday, April 25, 2015
Max Kade Center

9:30-10:20 Mitzi Lee (University of Colorado at Boulder): "Aristotle on Justice"
10:20-11:00 Discussion
11:00-11:45 Coffee

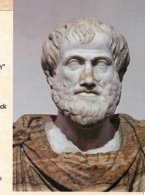
11:15-12:00 Victor Caston (University of Michigan): "Aristotle on the Unity of Psychology"
12:00-12:45 Discussion
12:45-2:00 Lunch

2:00-2:50 Jennifer Whiting (University of Pittsburgh): "Judgment and Practical Reason in Aristotle"
2:50-3:30 Discussion
4:00-4:30 Coffee

3:45-5:30 Sarah Broadie (University of St Andrews): "Virtue and Natural Goods: An Aristotelian Perspective"
5:30-6:15 Discussion

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the Department of Philosophy, the conference brought to Lawrence such renowned scholars as Sarah Broadie from the University of St Andrews, Jennifer Whiting from the University of Pittsburgh, and Victor Caston from the University of Michigan, along with younger scholars Mitzi Lee from University of Colorado, David Bronstein from Georgetown and David Ebrey from Northwestern. This year Tom's teaching has an emphasis on Plato, with a graduate seminar on the *Phaedo* in the fall and an upper-level Plato survey in the spring. Tom has several Plato essays in various stages of gestation, which he hopes these courses will midwife!

Richard De George was honored by a special issue of the *Journal of Business Ethics*, Vol. 127, No. 4, April 2015 that was devoted to his work. The special Festschrift on Richard T. De George can be found on line at http://link.springer.com/journal/10551/127/4?wt_mc=alerts.TOCjournals and in print. Contributors to the issue include Deborah Johnson, James Nickel, Rex Martin, Ann Cudd, and Thomas Donaldson.

Sarah Robins was a panel member on a radio broadcast on the subject of pain. KCUR (Kansas City NPR, 89.3 FM) hosted the panel discussion on September 22, 2015. The tag line for the show was "Pain. It's not the most uplifting topic, in fact it hurts, but it's universal... and throughout time, philosophers have found value in it. Our meditation on pain starts with a dance." Other members of the panel were Jane Gotch, dancer, choreographer and gyrotonic trainer and Dr. Lynn Webster, leading pain researcher and author. The broadcast can be found at <http://kcur.org/post/world-hurt>.

ALUMNI NEWS

In 2014, **Jack Horner** (M.A. 1976) published 25 papers on topics including quantum logic, an automated deduction system for Spinoza's ontological arguments, automated (biological) image classification and a Bayesian network view of the reliability of multiple eyewitnesses

He also co-authored (with John Symons) two papers (published in *Philosophy and Technology*) on limits to the characterization of error-distributions in software-intensive science.

Jack has continued to serve on the advisory board of the Kansas University Biodiversity Institute and on the editorial boards of two bioinformatics journals, is an occasional referee for a supercomputing journal, and writes a monthly practical science column for a newspaper.

Sheila Bair (B.A. 1975) has been named as the 28th President of Washington College in Maryland.

Benjamin Keil (PhD, 2015) has been hired as an Instructional Assistant Professor at Illinois State University. He wrote that it is precisely the kind of job he wanted with more emphasis on teaching. He and his family have moved to Normal, IL and his kids now have their own backyard.

Meredith Trexler (PhD, 2014) has secured a full-time tenure-track position at Kansas Wesleyan (Salina, KS) teaching philosophy. She also is the Director of Global Service Learning, a program that is a combination of service learning and study abroad.

Huei-Rong Li (PhD, 2014) received a postdoctoral fellowship in Academia Sinica (Taiwan) and has started to work at the Institute of European and American Students in the areas of Philosophy of Mind and Language.

William Ted Mehl (Ph.D. 1993), recently retired as a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at the Uni-

versity at Albany, State University of New York, where he taught World Religions for 6 years. Previous posts were at Tulane University in New Orleans where he taught courses on Buddhism, as well as the Philosophy of Religion, and the Art Institute of Kansas City, where he taught courses such as Death and Dying and the Meaning of Life. He also worked as a carpenter for many years. Ted married his wife, Loretta, in Lawrence in 2005. He is looking forward to pursuing his passion for pottery and meditation in his retirement. He has 2 grandchildren, Theodora and Silvio.

Loretta Pyles (M.A. in KU Philosophy 1994; Ph.D. KU School of Social Welfare, 2005) received tenure in the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany, State University of New York in 2011. She published a second edition of her book, *Progressive Community Organizing: Reflective Practice in a Globalizing World* (Routledge, 2013) and her book (with co-editor Gwendolyn Adam), *Holistic Engagement: Transformative Social Work Education in the 21st Century* (Oxford University Press), will be published this Fall. She lives in the mountains of upstate New York with her husband, Ted, where she also teaches yoga and meditation.

Brandon Gillette (PhD, 2013) is now a professor of philosophy at the Blue River campus of the Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City in Independence, MO.

It is noted that **Dawn Gale** (MA, 2000) who teaches philosophy at Johnson County Community College received a Distinguished Service Award for 2015-2016. A current student, Deborah Williams (see Current Student section of the newsletter) also received one of these awards. These awards recognize and reward excellence in job performance at the college.



CURRENT STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Vasfi Özen's paper has been accepted for presentation at the San Diego State University Conference in Continental Philosophy in October. The title of the paper is "Genealogy as (counter)propaganda." He has also received news that another paper has been accepted at another conference. The paper is "On the Contingency *Versus* Universality of Compassion in Nietzsche and Schopenhauer» which has been accepted to be presented at twenty-ninth annual meeting of the *North American Division of the Schopenhauer Society* which will be held in conjunction with *the Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, March 2-March 5, 2016*, Chicago Illinois.

Jeremy DeLong presented "Rearranging Parmenides: B1:31-32 and the Case for an Entirely Negative Doxa (Opinion)" at the 76th annual meeting of the Southwest Philosophy Society in Lawrence. This paper was a product of his research conducted for his classics MA and was subsequently published in the society's annual journal last February: *Southwest Philosophy Review* 31.1 (2015).

Also in the fall of 2014, Jeremy completed his MA thesis in Classics: "Parmenides 1.31-32 and the Status of Opinion: A Case for the Negative Reading on Orthodox and Unorthodox Arrangements." He is now focusing on his dissertation which will be on Parmenides under the guidance of Dr. Tom Tuozzo and hopes to have it completed this academic year.

"The Problem of Continenence in Contemporary Virtue Ethics" written by **Nicholas Schroeder** has been accepted for publication by *The Journal of Ethics*.

Deborah Williams received a Distinguished Service Award from Johnson County Community College for 2015-2016. These awards recognize and reward excellence in job performance at the college. Recipients receive a monetary award for a two year period.

Deborah has also been appointed to serve on the KNEA Board of Directors as the Higher Education Representative to that board. Last April, she co-facilitated a negotiations workshop at the National Center for Collective Bargaining in Higher Education at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York City.

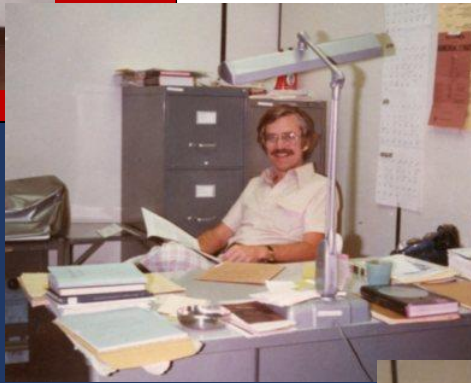
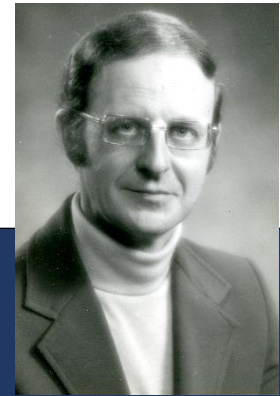
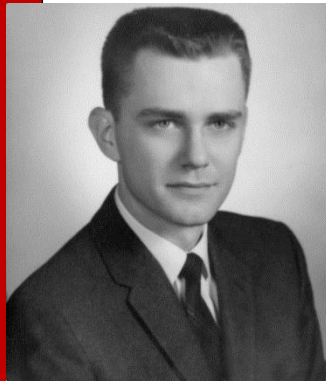
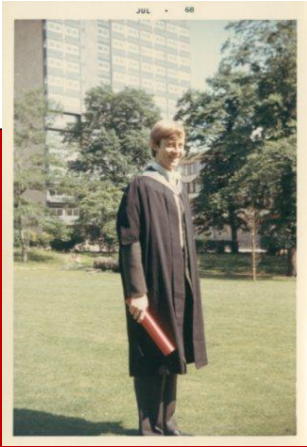
Kamuran Osmanoglu has had two papers accepted for conferences. The first is "The Biological Reality of Race does not underwrite the Social Reality of Race: A Response to Spencer," was accepted to The International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Conference in Montreal, Canada in July 2015. His second paper, "An Alternative Framework for Daniel Kelly's Disgust System," has been accepted to the Second Annual Conference of The European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions in Edinburgh, Scotland in July.

Nicholas Schroeder has had a paper accepted for publication in *The Journal of Ethics*. The title of the paper is "The Problem of Continenence in Contemporary Virtue Ethics."



The Graduate Association of Students in Philosophy (GASP) held the Great Plains Conference on October 24, 2015. The keynote speaker was Owen Flanagan, Professor of Philosophy, Duke University whose presentation was titled "The Geography of Morals: Varieties of Moral Possibility." The conference's theme was moral psychology and was set up for discussion-based environment. There were shorter speaking times for the presenters that were then followed by discussion sessions rather than the traditional question and answer format.

Through the years



FOR ALL THE YEARS OF TEACHING, SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP, THANK YOU!

On May 12, 2015 we held the Philosophy Alumni Conference to honor John Bricke, Don Marquis and James Woelfel to celebrate their many years of service and wish them well during their upcoming retirement.



John Bricke, Don Marquis and Jim Woelfel

Former students, colleagues and friends were invited for dinner and socializing. Richard De George was Master of Ceremonies and started the event with a stroll through the many years and changes during their tenure at KU. The department invited three individuals to present short talks about each of the retirees. James Page, former faculty member and now Chancellor of the University of Maine, spoke about his friendship with John Bricke. Katie Elliott who received her BA from KU in 2005 and is now an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, recounted stories about Don Marquis. Eric Berg, 2005 KU PhD, spoke about the importance of Jim Woelfel as a mentor and scholar.

The evening ended with a song, *For They Are Philosophers*, performed by Jack, Don and Jim. Thanks to John Symons there is a YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ5w9remp98> of their performance.





2015 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

The annual Honors Banquet was held in the Malott Room of the Kansas Union on May 13, 2015. Awards were presented and congratulations were given to our new group of BA and BGS recipients.

William Vincent received the Brownstein-Young Award and Yu-guang Lei was awarded the Brownstein-Skidmore Award. The awards are merit-based and made possible by the generosity of Don Brownstein in honor of J. Michael Young and Arthur Sidmore, long-time members of the department.



The Warner Morse Prize in Ethics was award to Megan Pyle. Sebastian Schoneich received the Warner Morse Prize for History of Philosophy and Jeffrey Carmody received the Warner Morse Prize for Metaphysics and Epistemology. These awards are typically given to seniors who have done outstanding work in these areas.

Trey Vanahill received the Warner Morse Scholarship for his senior year.



BA/BGS Degrees

Christopher Ackerson
Jeffrey Carmody
Neil Demarco
Nathanael Dinwiddie
Dylan Fehl
Matthew Hayes
Mackenzie Lair
Jerad Miller
Megan Pyle
Sebastian Schoneich
Alexandria Vogt-Woodlin



GRADUATE AWARDS AND DEGREES FOR 2015

Graduate students also received awards during the banquet. Nicholas Schroeder received first place in the Robinson Essay Contest. Departmental GTA Awards went to Brian Clarke and Benjamin Keil. Seena Eftekhari received the Anthony C. Genova Scholarship which is dedicated to the memory of A. C. Genova, long-time chair and member of the Philosophy Department. Kurt Blankschaen, Kamuran Osmanoglu, and Nicholas Schroeder received Templin Awards.

M.A. Degrees

Kurt Blankschaen
Doug Yon Choi
Seena Eftekhari
Michael Hayes
Justin Mullins
Kamuran Osmanoglu
Nicholas Schroeder
Chris Stratman



Ph.D. Degrees

Micah Bailey, *Kant's Knowledge of Unknowable Things in Themselves: An Examination of the Doctrine of Ignorance and the Non-spatiotemporality Thesis*, Spring 2015, Advisor: Scott Jenkins
Justin Clarke, *The Primitive Thesis: Defending a Davidsonian Conception of Truth*, Spring 2015, Advisor: John Bricke.
Benjamin Keil, *Philosophical Methodology and Its Implications for Experimental Philosophy*, Spring 2015, Advisor: Ben Eggleston
Huei-Rong Li, *Davidson on Actions: Reason, Rationality, and Irrationality*, Fall 2014, Advisor: John Bricke
Meredith Trexler, *Aesthetic Experience and Becoming Good: An Examination of the Connection between Aesthetics and Ethics in Plato, Kant, and Iris Murdoch*, Fall 2014, Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo

MEET THE NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Hassan Alsharif received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia. After working in that field, he decided to pursue studies in philosophy and received a MA in Philosophy from University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is now pursuing his PhD at KU.



Gareth Fuller received his BA from Guilford College in Philosophy and Political Science. He then received his MA in Philosophy from the University of Texas-El Paso where he received an award for Outstanding Graduate Thesis in 2011. His interests are metaphysics and logic. He came to KU for the wide range of research opportunities with the faculty

Minxing Huang is from Shenyang in China. After a start in the study of films, she took a course in moral philosophy and received her BA in Philosophy from Purdue University in 2014. Minxing is interested in Ancient Greek Philosophy.

Matthew Klados received his BA in Classics from Villanova. Matthew comes to KU after a year-long intensive language program at the University of Ioannina where he studied Modern Greek. He is interested in Ancient Greek Philosophy and wants to also study in areas of metaphysics and epistemology.



Stephanie Miller's interests were in music education (BME, Grove City College) and music history (MA in Music History and Literature, University of Missouri-Kansas City). The topic of her master's thesis interested her in music aesthetics which then drew her into subjects of German idealism and other philosophical thought leading up to the beginning of the 21st century.

Nadia Ruiz received both her BA and MA in Philosophy from the University of Texas-El Paso. She is interested in metaphysics, philosophy of Science and metaethics and enjoys teaching students that are taking philosophy for the first time.

Alejandro Tamez received his BA in Philosophy and Religious Studies from St. Edwards University, Austin and his MA in Applied Philosophy and Ethics from Texas State University, San Marcos. He wants to explore further the relationship between language and our perception of others.

Kevin Watson received his BA in Philosophy from California State University, San Bernardino and then his MA in philosophy from California State University, Long Beach. He has lived in the greater Los Angeles area for the entirety of his life and has really enjoyed Lawrence and the program at KU. Kevin is interested in early modern philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology and ethics.



NOW FOR THE PHILOSOPHY SPORTS PAGE

After the success of the Fall 2014 softball game, we held a Spring 2015 bowling event. So on a snowy Sunday afternoon, several members of the department showed up to a local bowling alley to continue athletic endeavors.



Picnic before the softball game. New students, families and food!



For news of the second annual Softball game..... On September 13th, 2015 the philosophy faculty and graduate student teams took to the field again. The faculty wanting to retain the title; the graduate students looking to acquire bragging rights. The graduate student team came out with bats blazing and runs being scored. After the first inning, it was grad students 5, faculty 0. By the second inning it was 6 to 5 still in favor of the graduate students, but the faculty had a game plan. During the top of the 3rd inning, the faculty pitcher intentionally walked the grad student team's power hitter and the faculty bats came alive. Final score was 17-faculty; 8-graduate students. Other than a few muscle strains and a possible sprained finger (on the faculty side), everyone seemed to have a good time.





One last parting shot before retirements and departures.....



From left to right: Corey Maley, Richard De George, Ben Eggleston, Eileen Nutting, Dale Dorsey, Sarah Robins, John Symons, Ann Cudd, Tom Tuozzo, Erin Frykholm, John Bricke, Scott Jenkins, Armin Schulz, and Don Marquis

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