

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR



The biggest news from the KU Philosophy department this year is the addition of a terrific new colleague, Erin Frykholm. A recent Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego, Erin joins us as a new assistant professor specializing in Hume, modern philosophy, ethics, and feminism.

The Philosophy department has also had a recent departure, with Teresa Robertson taking a position at the University of California, Santa Barbara. It is tempting to think that the universe has decided that that Kansas and Southern California should have some sort of faculty exchange program! We wish Teresa the best and are delighted to have Erin on board.

With this year's newsletter we are introducing a couple of new features. One is a notice about the recipient of the Anthony C. Genova Scholarship, which was established in memory of former faculty member Tony Genova shortly after his unexpected death in March 2010. This is an important addition to the awards with which we recognize the excellence of our students every spring semester. The other new feature is a spotlight on a graduate of our program. In this newsletter we have a wonderful report on Linda Meyer, who graduated from KU in 1984 and has gone on to a career in law that is as interesting as it is impressive. I hope you enjoy this section of the newsletter.

As usual, there is a lot of other news in the following pages, and I'm excited to share it with you. But I want to close this message by saying "thank you" to our donors, who are named later in this newsletter. Your contributions make a real and tangible difference to the prizes and scholarships that we award to our students, the visiting lecturers we can host, and other program enhancements. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

2011 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

On May 11, 2011 the following undergraduate students received the following awards during the department's annual banquet in the Malott Room of the Kansas Union:

- **William Franklin** was awarded a Brownstein-Skidmore Award.
- **Joseph Benton Seybold** received the Brownstein-Young Award.
- Warner Morse Prizes went to **Nicholas Mott** for his work in ethics, **Matthew Steinle** for his work in history of philosophy, and **Blaise Cannon** for work in metaphysics and epistemology.
- **Megan Ritter** received the Warner Morse Scholarship.



Blaise Cannon, Megan Ritter, Matthew Steinle, and Nicholas Mott

The Brownstein-Young Award and Brownstein-Skidmore Award are in honor of former faculty members J. Michael Young and Arthur Skidmore and are supported through the generosity of Don Brownstein. The Warner Morse prizes and scholarship are in honor of former faculty member Warner Morse.

2011 HONORS BANQUET



BA/BGS DEGREES AND MA DEGREES

BA/BGS

Ariel Abrams
 Erich Bishop
 Jessica Bowman
 Justin Brown
 Brent Burton
 Blaise Cannon
 David Cooper
 Adam Engel
 Spencer Evans
 Eric Gaffney
 Chloe Goodgame
 Samuel Groth
 Christopher Hall
 Alexandra Herron
 James Krieger

Matthew Mayans
 Nicholas Mott
 Patrick Newsum
 Carleigh Peters
 Jared Powell
 Thomas Schmeltz
 Robert Schmitt III
 Douglas Snodgrass
 Ladan Soleimani
 Timothy Stilwell
 Richard Theobald
 Christine Weirich
 Rita Weiss
 Paul Wille

MA

Teresa Bruno
 Jeremy DeLong
 Benjamin Keil
 Sean Meseroll

Crystal Rose
 Michael Stolze
 Russell Waltz

2010-2011 PHD'S

Nathan Colaner, *Other Than Omniscient: An Interpretation and Defense of Kant's Rejection of Aristotle's Notion of Finite Reasoning*, Spring 2011, Advisor: Scott Jenkins

Nathan Cox, *Substance and Skepticism in Hume's 'Treatise'*, Spring 2011, Advisor: Jack Bricke

Aaron Dopf, *Slave Morality and the Revaluation of Values*, Summer 2011, Advisor: Scott Jenkins

William Simkulet, *What Moral Responsibility Requires*, Spring 2011, Advisor: Dale Dorsey

Matthew Waldschlagel, *Apology, Forgiveness and Revenge*, Summer 2011, Advisor: Ann Cudd

2011 ANTHONY C. GENOVA SCHOLARSHIP



The first Anthony C. Genova Scholarship was awarded to **Ashley Acosta**. This scholarship is to be given annually to a student who has performed exceptionally in the graduate program. The award is dedicated to the memory of Tony Genova, a long-time member and chair of the Department of Philosophy.

CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Micah Bailey won the 2011 Robinson Essay Contest which is open to all students at KU, at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The title of his paper was "Aristotle, Vision, and Communicable Change".

During the Spring Honors Banquet, **Nathan Cox** received the 2011 Department GTA Award for excellence in teaching.

Jeremy DeLong attended the 11th annual Ancient Philosophy Society conference at the Sundance Resort in Utah. He commented on a paper by Nickolas Pappas, entitled "The Impiety of the Imitator in Republic 10." Jeremy received a Templin Fellowship in support of his participation in this conference.

Aaron Dopf, who also received a Templin Fellowship, finished his Ph.D and has a teaching position at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia.



Micah Bailey



Nathan Cox



The department's graduate student population took on a decidedly international flavor last year. Seated left to right are **Huei-Rong Li**, from Taiwan, and **Teresa Bruno-Nino**, from Mexico City. Standing left to right are **Rafael Martins**, from Piracicaba, Brazil, and **Mbongisi Dyantyi**, from Cape Town, South Africa.

Rafael Martins attended a conference entitled "Public Policy and Social Inequality" at the School of Magistracy of the State of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The title of his presentation was "Inequality, Education and Legal Obedience." He was invited to publish the paper as a chapter in a forthcoming book. He adds that he would like to thank Cindi, Professor Dorsey, Professor Cudd, and Professor Darby for their invaluable support.

Andrew McFarland presented his paper "Hume on the Ideas of Existence and External Existence" to two conferences this past April: one at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and the Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Sean Meseroll presented his paper "Pessimism and Optimism in the Latter Nietzsche" at the annual meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association on April 29, 2011.

In October 2010, **Matt Waldschlagel** presented "The Language of Apology and Forgiveness: A Philosophical Analysis" at the 2010 Northern New England Philosophical Association meeting at St. Anselm College, in New Hampshire. Then in December he presented "Cosmopolitanism, Communitarianism, and Immigration: Borders and Justice" at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting in Boston. Finally he presented "How to Think about Apology and Forgiveness" at Rhodes College in Memphis in April 2011. Matt is now teaching in the Philosophy Department at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Russell Waltz presented his paper "A Broad-Context Perspective: Uncovering the Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of the Distortion of Information via News Presentation" at the Internal Communication Association's Pre-Conference on Post-Rorty Pragmatism, called The New Wave of Pragmatism in Communication Research. The conference was held in Boston this past May.



The alumna we're spotlighting in this issue of our newsletter is Linda Ross Meyer, Carmen Tortora Professor of Law at Quinnipiac University. Linda graduated from KU in 1984 with many accolades, including highest distinction, honors in philosophy, Phi Beta Kappa, University Scholar, and National Merit Scholar.

She then moved into the field of law, earning two degrees from the University of California, Berkeley: a J.D., in 1987, and a Ph.D. in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, in 1991. During this period she was also a law clerk at progressively higher levels of the judicial system: for Judge Charles A. Legge of the United States District Court, Northern District of California (1988-89); for Judge William A. Norris in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1990-91); and for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (1991-92).

Linda started teaching at Quinnipiac in 1994, and she teaches courses ranging from Criminal Law and Theories of Punishment to Animal Law and a Supreme Court Seminar. Also, she is currently president of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities. Furthermore, she participates actively in civic affairs. She has previously served as vice president of the Connecticut Network Against the Death Penalty, and she is currently teaching a humanities/philosophy undergraduate course at the York Correctional Institution, which is Connecticut's women's prison. She reports that "It is an amazing experience working with these women and I am learning a lot."

Linda has had numerous publications, many of them dealing with mercy in the practice of law. Her most recent book, *The Justice of Mercy*, was published in 2010. She is also impressively productive outside of work, as the author of several children's books. She also, astonishingly, finds time for tennis, singing, kayaking, hiking, backpacking, birdwatching, and tutoring kids.

What stands out in your memory of your time at KU?

I loved my time at KU. I remember Jack Bricke's excellent class on philosophy of mind; we used to have all-day study sessions in advance of his examinations (with discussion and sometimes labs of a sort continuing into the night at The Crossing). I still have a couple of my papers from his class which I no longer fully understand and doubt sometimes that I now could be held responsible for writing. Gary Shapiro was my mentor, and I remember his always challenging me to acknowledge the uncertainties and gray areas - especially when I wanted logical clarity. Now I find myself playing the same role with my own students. I especially loved my courses with Mike Young and Warner Morse in ethical theory, and it was those courses that led me to think about law and justice. I can still see Professor Morse grin knowingly over the irony of teaching akrasia while chain-smoking, and Professor Young pacing on the West-coe beach like Socrates himself, oblivious to religious harangues and campus gossip, mentally preparing for class. They were my role models for teaching, academic curiosity, and intellectual rigor and discipline, and they still set a standard for me that I never quite reach. I also remember, at one point, writing a letter to the editor of the KU newspaper which one of the philosophy professors later dissected in his intro to logic course, pointing out all my unfounded assumptions and faulty inferences!



What is your favorite course to teach?

My favorite course to teach is "jurisprudence," a philosophy course about the nature of law. What is law? Is there a connection between law and morality? What is justice? Is there a reason or moral obligation to follow the positive law? How ought judges to decide cases when justice and law conflict? Is there a proper methodology for interpreting law?

Why is it important think about mercy in connection with the law?

We often think about law as though it were a set of rules from which we derive judgments in individual cases through a sort of syllogistic process. This picture of law suggests that mercy is wrong – because it fails to treat like cases alike and because it doesn’t honor the offender as a fully responsible, kantian subject. But the world is a multifarious place and we live in time, unable to know everything at once. I argue that law should be thought as “common law” – a set of analogies rather than logically bounded categories. Law-as-analogy allows us to understand and make sense of situations we have never encountered before, whereas closed rules cannot take new factors into account or divide the “relevant” from the “irrelevant.” Part of what has been called mercy, or equity, is this insight that no two cases are ever exactly alike. I also argue that mercy, understood as compassion, expresses the underlying connectedness that makes us human – a vision of human being from the perspective of Levinas or Heidegger rather than from Kant. Our connection through compassion is deeper than our connection through reason, and even makes reason itself possible. Mercy as compassion, then, allows us to acknowledge that we have responsibilities we have not chosen, connections and perceptions that spring up unbidden, bad things that happen – there but for grace go I. Finally, mercy, understood as an undeserved remission of a deserved punishment, is not contrary to our “true nature” as rational beings, but enacts a deeper truth about human being – our mutual dependence on our everyday moment-to-moment “undeserved gifts” of charitable interpretation, openness, and public trust. I argue that seeing mercy as grounding reason rather than as an exception to it allows punishment itself to be understood differently – as an atonement that repairs a rupture, rather than as a retributive universalized boomerang of the criminal’s maxim of action upon himself. That revision of the idea of punishment leaves room for a range of responses to crime – even remission of a punishment equivalent to the crime. And that pretty much sums up my book, except for the fun parts where I try to make these ideas more concrete in the context of military mercy and a reading of the Count of Monte Cristo.

As a law professor, what advice would you give to undergraduates who are interested in going to law school and want to be better prepared?



I was a Philosophy and English major at KU and when I arrived at law school, I knew nothing about legal institutions. But I found that the skill and practice I had in writing, arguing, logical thinking, analogical thinking, analysis, and close reading of difficult texts were far more important than any information I lacked. The latter I learned quickly, the former many of my students struggle to achieve over years. So my advice: learn to write, analyze, argue persuasively, and read hard texts closely. Take courses with lots of writing, reading, discussion, and lots of feedback on writing. The subject is less important than the practice and skills. (Philosophy was a great choice, and so was KU, for me.)

Did you ever seriously consider any other career than being a law professor?

I did do some practicing of law, and I still do, pro bono. I have written briefs, drafted legislation, and participated in legal cases. But I love teaching, writing, and thinking most of all. I have the luxury, as a law professor, to dabble in both the nitty gritty of practice and the abstraction of theory and I believe they inform and enrich each other. It’s a pretty sweet gig.

If you know of an alumna or alumnus whom you would recommend that we spotlight, please contact the newsletter editor, Cindi Hodges, at chodges@ku.edu.

FACULTY NOTES

Jack Bricke was an invited participant in a plenary symposium on Hume's moral psychology at the Tercentenary Hume Conference in Edinburgh in July. He will give an invited plenary lecture, 'Hume and Davidson: Passion, Evaluation, and Truth', at the conference 'Hume and Contemporary Philosophy', Moscow University and the Russian Academy of Sciences, in November. Chairing the Department's search committee and Promotion and Tenure Committee A, he is supervising the dissertations of seven graduate students. This semester he is teaching Analytic Philosophy: Frege to Quine and a seminar on Davidson. Piers Rawling, of Florida State University, will meet with the seminar and give a public lecture entitled 'Must We Always Act for the Best?'

Ann Cudd who in addition to be a philosophy professor is also continuing as Associate Dean for the Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Her book, co-authored with Nancy Holmstrom, *Capitalism For and Against: A Feminist Debate* was published January 2011. Her term as co-editor for Value Theory, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* continues through 2013 as well as her membership on the APA Committee on Lectures, Publications and Research. She is looking forward to a sabbatical during the upcoming spring 2012 semester.

Derrick Darby and family celebrated sending his first daughter to college this summer. He successfully completed his Spencer Foundation supported research project on philosophy and the racial achievement gap. It resulted in three published papers including a co-authored law review article with law school colleague Richard Levy on school finance litigation, educational inequality, and the right to education, a paper entitled "Adequacy, Inequality, and Cash for Grades," and a paper on educational inequality and affirmative action in Brazil. During this past year he presented his work at venues

in the U.S. and abroad. Two highlights were a trip to Brazil with philosophy graduate student Rafael Martins Rodrigues, and a trip to Hawaii for the 10th East-West Philosophers' Conference where he got to spend time with the First Lady of Hawaii (Nancie Caraway) who chaired his plenary session. He was honored to receive one of the inaugural University Scholarly Achievement Awards and a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend for his work on racial inequality and social justice. He is a co-chair of KU's Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities planning committee charged with organizing a summit on this initiative.



Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and Derrick Darby at the University Scholarly Achievement Awards ceremony.



Richard De George is in his fifty-third and final year at the University of Kansas. He will retire at the end of the spring semester 2012.

In July the Oxford Bibliographies Online cited his book *Business Ethics* as a "must-read resource on

applied ethics." In August 2011 at the annual meeting of the Society for Business Ethics he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in Scholarship. In 2009 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Service. He is the first one to have received both awards. The awards complemented the Chancellor's 2010 Career Teaching Award. He says that getting the lifetime awards for service, teaching and research in the three successive years felt like winning the Triple Crown. At the Annual Chancellor's Club Dinner a short video of his career that was produced for and shown on the occasion featured his Marxism class, and included a number of pictures of his international travels. As part



First Lady of Hawaii Nancie Caraway and Derrick Darby at the 10th East-West Philosophers' Conference.

of the week-end ceremonies, he was a guest in the Chancellor's box for the homecoming game. He says the view of the field was spectacular.

He was one of the original members of the University's Slavic and Soviet Area Studies program (now called the Russian, East European and East Asian Studies Program). On the occasion of the Program's 50th Anniversary he gave a talk entitled "SSAS, SEES and REES - Then," in which he recounted the Program's history from 1960 to 1992. The Spring 2011 CREES Newsletter featured an interview with him entitled "Marxism, Ethics, and CREES Area Studies." A puzzle for those of you who thought Marxism died with the collapse of the USSR in 1991: Why did Cambridge University Press just bring out a paperback of edition Marxism and the Good Society, originally published in 1981, in which De George has the lead article "Marxism and the Good Society"? There must still be an audience out there. Does being reissued thirty years later by a major publisher make something a classic?

De George has three articles forthcoming: "On Bowie's Management Ethics," "History of Business Ethics," and "Internet and Business Ethics." He doubts any of the three will be republished in 2041.



Dale Dorsey continues as the Director of Graduate Studies. He organized a spring weekend meeting so that several prospective students could visit the department, meet graduate students and the faculty. Many students who participated ended up with us at KU! Furthermore, Dale's monograph titled *The Basic Minimum: A Welfarist Approach* is

now in press with Cambridge University Press, and is due out in March, 2012. Also, Dale has several papers forthcoming: "Weak Anti-Rationalism and the Demands of Morality" in *Noûs*; "Consequentialism, Metaphysical Realism, and the Argument from Cluelessness" in *The Philosophical Quarterly* and "Intrinsic Value and the Supervenience Principle" in *Philosophical Studies*, plus others. He also presented at the APA Central and Pacific Division meetings this past Spring. This summer was also a busy time. He presented "Consequentialism, Metaphysical Realism, and the Argument from Cluelessness" at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies in Lucca, Italy; "Desire-satisfaction and Welfare as Temporal" at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress in Boulder, Colorado (this paper was selected as the best paper presented by an untenured philosopher); and "Two Dualisms of Practical Reason" at the 8th Madison Metaethics Workshop at the University of Wisconsin.

Ben Eggleston completed his second year as chair of the department, during which he enjoyed working with his colleagues on various aspects of department business. In research, he was pleased to see the publication of a book he co-edited, *John Stuart Mill the Art of Life*, published by Oxford University Press. He also started co-editing the *Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*, to be published by Cambridge University Press in a few years. In teaching, Ben taught a course on the Ethics of Scientific Research, and was struck by the complexity of the issues that arise there and the impressive knowledge of scientific-research practices already possessed by the biology students who were enrolled in the course. He also taught Rational Choice Theory for the first time in several years, and enjoyed revisiting the topics of that course, such as Newcomb's problem and Arrow's impossibility theorem (both of which are widely discussed online if you want to explore them further). Finally, he taught a Mini-College class on "Thought Experiments in Ethics." He was delighted with the active engagement of the participants and recommends Mini-College to alumni and friends of the department who might wish to return to campus for a week sometime.

Erin Frykholm, who is starting as an Assistant Professor this fall, recently received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. Over the summer she presented papers at the Hume Society conference in Edinburgh and the Mentoring Project workshop at UMass, Amherst, and will be presenting papers at the Hall Center Early Modern Seminar and at Kansas State's philosophy department later this year. She also had the privilege of speaking at the Boston University philosophy department graduation, as an invited alumna. She continues to work on developing Hume's account of character and independently exploring a Humean account of character and virtue. She is teaching the introductory philosophy course and courses on Modern Philosophy, Feminism and Philosophy and Virtue Ethics.

Scott Jenkins continues as Director of Undergraduate Studies and guides over one-hundred-plus majors throughout the academic year. He presented "Nietzsche's Use of Monumental History" at the North American Nietzsche Society meeting at the Central APA and presented "What Does Nietzsche Owe Thucydides?" in a talk to the department and prospective graduate students last spring. Both papers will appear in *The Journal of Nietzsche Stud-*



ies. Scott is currently at work on a couple more papers on Nietzsche. His book project on Nietzsche may soon progress beyond the planning stages.

Don Marquis began phased retirement during the 2010–2011 academic year. In the spring semester he taught history of ethics and a course in medical ethics that covered topics not concerned with life and death issues. Unfortunately, he had not taught history of ethics for six years



and he decided to use a new anthology in the medical ethics course. The result was that teaching in the spring semester required quite a bit of work. But he enjoyed it. He hopes students enjoyed the classes as much as he did.

Marquis's essay "Why Abortion is Seriously Wrong: Two Views" finally appeared in print this year in the collection *Bioethics with Liberty and Justice: Themes in the Work of Joseph M. Boyle* (Springer, 2011). In it, Marquis explored the interesting differences between his view and the Catholic view concerning the ethics of abortion. Letters critical of Marquis's essay "Are DCD Donors Dead?" appeared in the March/April issue of *Hastings Center Report* with Marquis's reply. A number of people were upset with Marquis's view that the DCD protocol for obtaining cadaver organs for transplant is unsound because the donors are not known to be dead and, therefore, not known to be cadavers. Marquis still believes that his view is supported by many considerations.

In the fall Marquis also published a short commentary critical of a defense of Judy Thomson's famous "Defense of Abortion" in *The American Journal of Bioethics*. His reply to Carson Strong's criticisms of his notorious essay on abortion appeared in *The Journal of Medical Ethics*.

Marquis's 1989 *Journal of Philosophy* paper "Why Abortion is Immoral" is still getting regularly reprinted. It has now been reprinted 87 times. Unfortunately, he now believes that there are some matters in the essay that are not quite correct and some other matters concerning which he certainly could have given a clearer, and philosophically deeper, account.

Marquis gave a number of talks this past year. He participated on a panel discussion at the KU Medical Center on the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. He gave a couple of talks to pre-med groups in the spring concerning the dysfunction of the American health care system. He also gave a talk "Is there a Right to Die?" to the Atheist Community of Topeka, to the HEIM class at KU, and at Brewster Place in Topeka.

Alas! The book proceeds very slowly. One of the reasons for this is that virtually everyone believes Marquis's view of the wrongness of killing is incorrect. Many of these critics have said so in print. The need to consider this stuff in a more than perfunctory manner is a major cause of the slowness. Another major cause is, of course, Marquis's inefficiency.

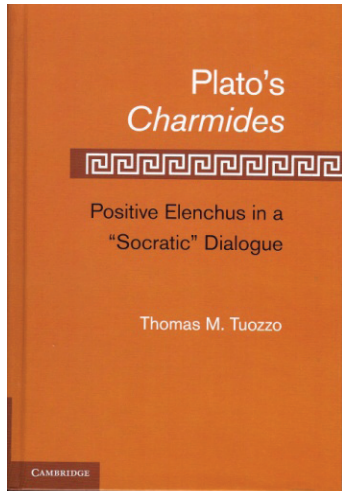
After putting the finishing touches on his book, *Plato's Charmides, Positive Elenchus in a "Socratic" Dialogue* (recently out from Cambridge University Press), **Tom Tuozzo** took a sabbatical leave for the fall semester, spending that time experiencing hurricane Tomas and suffering through warm tropical breezes in St Lucia only to return in his summer clothes to the first arctic blast to hit Kansas. Once he thawed out, he developed a "bi-campus" offering of Phil. 384: Ancient Philosophy. That class was taught in Lawrence and telecast simultaneously to students at the Edwards campus. Thrilled to be in front of a camera, he is doing the same thing this year. While on his sabbatical he began working on Aristotle's theory of efficient causation; he is still at it.

In November **Jim Woelfel** spent a short period as scholar-in-residence at the Howard and Edna Hong Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. The trip was made possible by a Morrison Foundation award.

He reviewed the new English translation of *Sartre's Portraits (Situations IV)* by Chris Turner, for the *Review of Metaphysics*, in its September 2010 issue. His paper, "'The Beautiful Necessity': Emerson and the Stoic Tradition," was accepted for publication by *The American Journal of Theology & Philosophy*, and will appear in the May 2011 issue.

Jim also presented a paper, "Of Science and Scientism: William James Our Contemporary," at the annual conference of the Association for Core Texts & Courses, April 14–17 in New Haven, CT. He also taught a class on "William James: America's Most Original and Timely Philosopher" in the 2011 CLAS Mini College.

NEW TITLES FROM FACULTY MEMBERS

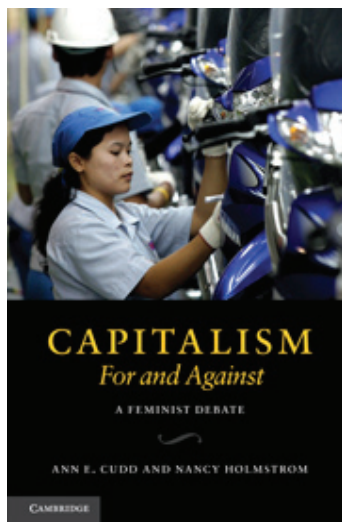


Plato's Charmides: Positive Elenchus in a "Socratic" Dialogue by **Tom Tuozzo** has been published by Cambridge University Press.

From the book's back cover:

This book argues that Plato's *Charmides* presents a unitary but incomplete argument intended to lead its readers to positive

philosophical insights. Through careful, contextually sensitive analysis of Plato's arguments concerning the virtue of *sophrosyne*, Thomas M. Tuozzo brings the dialogue's lines of inquiry together, carrying Plato's argument forward to a substantive conclusion.



Capitalism For and Against: A Feminist Debate, by **Ann Cudd** and Nancy Holmstrom, has been published by Cambridge University Press.

From the publisher's web site:

Political philosophy and feminist theory have rarely examined in detail how capitalism affects the lives of women. Ann Cudd and Nancy Holstrom take up

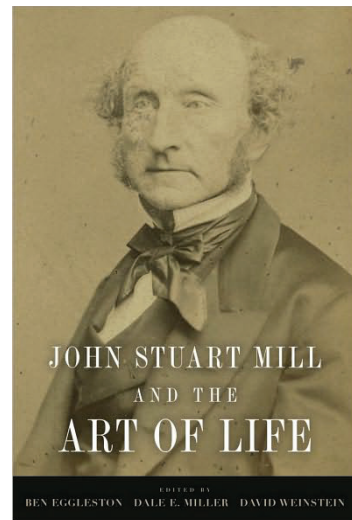
opposing sides of the issue, debating whether capitalism is valuable as an ideal and whether as an actually existing economic system it is good for women. In a discussion covering a broad range of social and economic issues, including unequal pay, industrial reforms and sweatshops, they examine how these and other issues relate to women and how effectively to analyze what constitutes 'capitalism' and 'women's interests.' Each author also responds to the opposing arguments, providing a thorough debate of the topics covered. The resulting volume will interest a wide range of readers in philosophy, political theory, women's studies and global affairs.

John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life, edited by **Ben Eggleston**, Dale E. Miller, and David Weinstein, has been published by Oxford University Press.

From the publisher's web site:

The 'Art of Life' is John Stuart Mill's name for his account of practical reason. In this volume, eleven leading scholars elucidate this fundamental, but widely neglected, element of Mill's thought. Mill divides the Art of Life into three 'departments': 'Morality, Prudence or Policy, and Aesthetics'. In the volume's first section, Rex Martin, David Weinstein, Ben Eggleston, and Dale E. Miller investigate the relation between the departments of morality and prudence. Their papers ask whether Mill is a rule utilitarian and, if so, whether his practical philosophy must be incoherent. The second section contains papers by Jonathan Riley and Wendy Donner, who explore the relation between the departments of morality and aesthetics. They discuss issues ranging from supererogation to aesthetic pleasure and humanity's relationship with nature.

The papers in the third section consider the Art of Life's axiological first principle, the principle of utility. Elijah Millgram contends that Mill's own life refutes his claim that the Art of Life has a single axiological first principle. Philip Kitcher maintains that Mill has a dynamic axiology requiring us to continually refine our conception of the good. In the final section, three papers address what it means to put the Art of Life into practice. Robert Haraldsson locates an 'Art of Ethics' in *On Liberty* that is in tension with the Art of Life. Nadia Urbinati plumbs the classical roots of Mill's view of the good life. Finally, Colin Heydt develops Mill's suggestion that we regard our own lives as works of art.



For the latest lecture announcements, check the department's webpage <http://www.philosophy.ku.edu>.

DONOR SUPPORT

We wish to thank the individuals and organizations who contributed to the Philosophy Department Endowment funds between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. These contributions help fund the awards that are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Your continued support is crucial and deeply appreciated and allows the department to acknowledge outstanding students and to continue our lecture series to enrich the learning and teaching environment.

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William and Karen Tankersley

Renee Whaley

AFTER THE LAST NEWSLETTER, WE HEARD FROM ...

Jeff Forker, BA 1991, wrote the department regarding the loss of A. C. Genova whom he regarded as a good man and a great teacher. Jeff wrote on saying that philosophy bit him hard while he was at KU and has opened many doors for him. He is still using the things that he learned from the KU philosophy professors in everything he has done since graduating.

Another memory of Genova came from **Devin Sikes**, BA 2005. He wrote "The Department lost one of its most valuable treasures this Spring. I took several courses with Professor Genova, and he served as one of the members of my honors thesis panel. I hold such fond memories of him, his courses, the way he conducted his class, and affable soul. I will certainly do my best to emulate him and his demeanor in the classroom when I pursue my own teaching career."

J. T. Moore, PhD 1970, sent an in an update. He taught at Phillips University until 1980 and then went on to other business ventures. He retired full time in 2002 and has been involved in many volunteer activities including CASA, Ombusman for a local rest home, library board, etc. He encourages the department to "keep turning out the scholars."

Jack Horner, MA 1977, published 20 papers on topics including logic, influenza and HIV-1 resistance to drugs, the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant accident, and the demise of the dinosaurs. He wrote a 250-page monograph on equivalents of the orthomodularity law in quantum logic, and it has served admirably as a door stop. He continued to serve on the advisory board of the Kansas University Biodiversity Institute. He also served on the editorial boards of two bioinformatics journals and wrote a monthly practical science column for a weekly newspaper.

Steve James, MA 2001, has just completed his PhD at Ohio State University. The title of his dissertation is *Triangulation and Objectivity*.

Eric Berg, PhD 2005, was promoted to Associate Professor of Philosophy last spring at MacMurray College.

Katie Elliott, BA 2005, has received her PhD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The title of her dissertation is *On the Nature of Objective Chance*. Presently, Katie is a Bersoff Fellow of Philosophy at New York University and has a tenure track position at UCLA.

Julie Wulfemeyer, BA 2005, received her Ph.D. at UCLA and has a position as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Colgate University this year. Her areas of specialization are philosophy of language and philosophy of mind. Her dissertation is entitled *Bound Cognition and Referential Uses of Language*.

Gary Shapiro, KU faculty member from 1970 through 1991, retired on April 9, 2011 from the Department of Philosophy at the University of Richmond.

AUSLEGUNG

Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy published volume 30, number 1 last fall and is currently finalizing the publication of volume 30, number 2. Volume 31, number 1 is scheduled to be published this winter. The journal has finalized agreements with EBSCO Host and the Center for Digital Scholarship here at the University of Kansas. This will provide the journal a greater online presence, including the majority of the back issues available online with a three year embargo placed upon recent issues.

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