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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings!

What a year this has been. We've had so many amazing developments and achievements since the last newsletter: Genius grants, visiting nobel laureates, a wonderful new faculty member, an exciting spring superseminar, a new graduate program especially for exceptional KU undergraduates, not to mention a triumphant faculty softball team. This has been a very full year.

We were delighted to welcome Corey Maley to the faculty this year. Corey is a gifted philosopher who is currently finishing his PhD at Princeton with a focus on moral psychology, specifically on the concepts of guilt and shame. Corey's strengths as a philosopher are complimented by his penchant for powerlifting. He is a strong philosopher in many senses. You can read more about Corey and his work on page 7 of this newsletter.

This September we learned that Sarah Deer (BA 96) was awarded a MacArthur genius grant. The MacArthur Foundation identifies brilliant artists, scholars, and scientists and awards them no-strings attached grants of \$625, 000. The department celebrated Sarah's achievement and her former teachers are beaming with pride. After completing her philosophy major here at KU, she pursued a legal career. She is now a leading legal scholar and professor at The William Mitchell College of Law. In addition to her scholarship, Sarah has worked to develop policies and legislation that empower tribal nations to protect Native American women from sexual and domestic violence. The Foundation explained her achievement as follows:

"Deer's efforts were instrumental in the passage of two landmark pieces of legislation: The Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 increases the sentencing power of tribal courts and requires federal district attorneys to provide detailed information to tribal authorities about cases under their jurisdiction that will not be prosecuted. The 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act restores some of the authority that was stripped from tribal governments by *Oliphant v. Suquamish* (1978), giving tribal courts the power to prosecute non-Native Americans who assault Native spouses or dating partners or violate a protection order on tribal lands. With her current focus on building tribal infrastructure and reinvigorating the rich history of Native Americans' pre-colonial criminal justice systems as a source for contemporary laws and policies, Deer is profoundly reshaping the landscape of support and protection for Native American women." <http://www.macfound.org/fellows/912/>

Scott Jenkins returns to teaching again this fall after spending last year doing research supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. These fellowships are extremely competitive and winning one is an indication of the high quality of Scott's work. As you can see in the Faculty Notes section on page 6 our faculty has been publishing at the highest levels in our discipline.

Last year, Ann Cudd received the Morrison Award at The University of Kansas. Ann generously used the \$10,000 proceeds of the award to fund the creation of a superseminar on Morality and Markets in the spring. The award allowed her to bring an extraordinarily powerful set of speakers to campus in conjunction with her seminars. These included Nobel laureate Alvin Roth. Ann's seminar was one of the intellectual highlights of the year and provided a wonderful opportunity for our graduate students to tackle problems surrounding morality and markets in the company of leading figures in these debates.

You can read more about our newest program, the fast-track MA in philosophy, on page 10. This is a great opportunity designed exclusively for KU undergraduates and we are currently seeking ways to provide scholarship support for them to complete this rigorous and challenging one-year MA program. In fact, we are actively seeking support for scholarships at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and would welcome any assistance you can offer.

I hope you enjoy reading about this year's events. When you find yourself in Lawrence, please stop by and pay us a visit.



Discussion during the Hall Center Lecture in the Humanities, "What Can We Teach Our Posthuman Descendants?" by John Symons. Photo by Elizabeth Halsey.

2014 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

At the end of last year, the annual Honors Banquet was held in the Malott Room at the Kansas Union. The following awards were presented and students were acknowledged for receiving the BA or BGS in Philosophy.

Neil De Marco received the Brownstein-Young Award

Sebastian Schoneich received the Brownstein-Skidmore Award.

Alexandria Vogt-Woodin received a Warner Morse Scholarship.

Warner Morse prizes went to Evan Harmon for ethics, Thomas Morrison for history of philosophy, and Christopher Stratman for metaphysics and epistemology.

The Brownstein-Young Award and Brownstein-Skidmore Award are in honor of former faculty members J. Michael Young and Arthur Skidmore. We appreciate the generosity of Don Brownstein for his continued support of these awards.

The Warner Morse prizes and scholarship are in honor of former faculty member Warner Morse.



BA/BGS Degrees

Jonathan Goscha
Matthew Bishop
Jessica Hagge
Nathaniel McCune
Kristen Rawls
John Cowan
Nathanael Dinwiddie
Sean Everett
Ryley Haas
Evan Harmon
Matthew Hayes
Mackenzie Lair
David Mack
Benjamin Martin
Thomas Morrison
Christopher Stratman
Nikki Trooien-Smith

GRADUATE AWARDS AND DEGREES FOR 2014

During the Honors Banquet the following graduate students received special awards and recognition. Nicholas Schroeder won the Robinson Essay Contest for Spring 2014. Justin Clarke received a summer research fellowship from the Office of Graduate students. The 2014 Departmental GTA Award went to Benjamin Keil. Brian Clarke received the Anthony C. Genova Scholarship.



M.A. Degrees

Kate Bednar (Fall 2013)

Rafael Martins (Fall 2013)

Seena Eftekhari (Fall 2013)

Raisa Akram (Spring 2014)

Nicholas Schroeder (Spring 2014)

Anastasia Seals (Spring 2014)

Ph.D. Degrees

Brandon Gillette, *Cognitive 'Akrasia' in Moral Psychology and Normative Motivation*, Fall 2013, Advisor: Dale Dorsey
Andrew McFarland, *Metaphysics and Natural Kinds: Slingshots, Fundamentality, and Causal Structure*, Summer 2014, Advisor: John Symons.

Sean Meseroll, *Happiness and Welfare*, Summer 2014, Advisor: Dale Dorsey

Brad Musil, *The Utility of Religion: Mill, Nietzsche, and James*, Summer 2014, Advisor: James Woelfel

FACULTY NOTES

Jack Bricke presented a paper on Hume and Davidson at the Canadian Philosophical Association in Toronto last May. He is currently in his last year of phased retirement and is teaching Analytic Philosophy and a seminar on Hume.

Ann Cudd, despite assuming a leadership role as Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, co-edited, with Sally Scholz of Villanova University, *Philosophical Perspectives on Democracy in the 21st Century* (Springer, 2014) and has several papers published or forthcoming in journals, including “Commitment as Motivation: Sen’s Theory of Agency and the Explanation of Behavior,” *Economics and Philosophy* (2014). Among her published and forthcoming book chapters are “Agency and Intervention: How (Not) to Fight Global Poverty” in *Poverty, Agency, and Human Rights* edited by Diana Meyers (Oxford University Press, 2014), and “Conflicting Commitments and Corporate Responsibility: Amartya Sen on Motivations to Do Good” for *Wealth, Commerce and Philosophy: Foundational Thinkers and Business Ethics*, edited by Eugene Heath and Bryon Kaldis (University of Chicago Press). In January, she became the Executive Director of AMINTAPHIL (American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy). In August she traveled to South Africa to present “What is the Point of (Equality in) Higher Education?” at the Social Equality conference at the University of Cape Town.

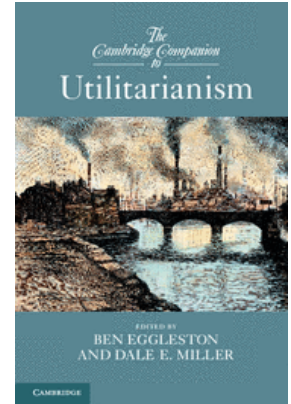
During the Spring 2014 semester, Ann organized a lectures series ‘The Values of Markets.’ Invited speakers were Debra Satz and Alvin

Roth (both from Stanford University) and John Tomasi (Brown University).

Dale Dorsey spent the last year finishing and revising his manuscript, *The Limits of Moral Authority*, currently under contract with Oxford University Press. He published articles in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Ethics*, and *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*. He was also active in giving talks, presenting papers at the University of Colorado, The University of Erlangen (Germany), Tulane University, the American Philosophical Association (Pacific), Claremont McKenna College, and Florida State University. Now that the book is (largely) complete, he’s beginning to think about his next large project, which is likely to concern the nature of temporal well-being and prudential rationality; in particular,

what do we owe to our past and future selves, selves who may have very different attitudes and outlooks than we do right now?

Ben Eggleston’s co-edited volume *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism* was published earlier this year. The book’s sixteen chapters cover historical, contemporary, and applied aspects of utilitarianism, and Ben and his co-editor, Dale E. Miller, hope that readers will find it to be a clear and accessible introduction to the theory. Ben also published an article, “Accounting for the Data: Intuitions in Moral Theory Selection,” that extends some of the ideas he first presented in his 2010 paper “Practical Equilibrium.” Both papers advance the claim that when moral theories are tested against intuitions, it is worthwhile to consider the



intuitions that moral theories recommend that people have, on normative grounds, as well as the intuitions that the theories entail as a matter of logic. In the classroom, Ben continues to teach Introduction to Ethics and The Ethics of Scientific Research, and various other courses. This past summer he taught a Mini College seminar for the fifth consecutive year. His session, titled “Thought Experiments in Ethics,” exposed participants to various hypothetical scenarios, the most well-known of them being versions of the “trolley problem.” Ben recommends Mini College to alumni and friends of the department who might wish to return to campus for a week sometime.

Erin Frykholm continues to serve as Director of Undergraduate Studies, advising undergraduate majors and minors and working with the undergraduate Philosophy Club. In the Spring of 2014 she taught Introduction to Philosophy, and this fall she is taking time off of teaching to develop departmental assessment measures and to begin the process of reassessing our major requirements to best reflect our ongoing aims and values. She has two papers forthcoming: “Associative Virtues and Hume’s Narrow Circle” in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, and “A Humean Particularist Virtue Ethic” in *Philosophical Studies*. She is looking forward to teaching Modern Philosophy and Feminism and Philosophy again in the spring semester.

Scott Jenkins returns to teaching this fall following a year of writing and research supported by a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The NEH support enabled him to write portions of his book on Friedrich Nietzsche and pessimism in various remote locations in the U.S., including Red Lodge, MT and Friday Harbor, WA. While it was sometimes difficult to maintain a

Lecture Series
The Values of Markets

March 11, 2014
Debra Satz,
Stanford University
Markets, Privatization
and Corruption
Mabett Room,
Kansas Union, 7:30 PM

April 1, 2014
Alvin Roth
Stanford University
Not For Sale!
Responsiveness as a
Constraint on Markets
Lied Center, 7:30 PM*

April 7, 2014
John Tomasi
Brown University
Free Market Fairness
Anderson Auditorium,
Kansas Union, 7:30 PM

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pessimistic state of mind while looking out on the Rocky Mountains or Pacific Ocean, the benefits of the scenery and solitude more than made up for this difficulty. Scott also published two journal articles this year: "Nietzsche's Use of Monumental History" in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* and "Truthfulness as Nietzsche's Highest Virtue" in *The Journal of Value Inquiry*.

Corey Maley is excited to begin his first year at KU. He is currently finishing his dissertation on guilt and shame, and this summer had a paper on consciousness (co-authored with Gualtiero Piccinini) accepted to the newly-formed Journal of the APA. He looks forward to continuing to develop his ideas about guilt and shame, as well as working on issues in computational explanation in the cognitive sciences. Corey is originally from Nebraska, and after spending several years on the east coast, he's happy to be back in the midwest.



Don Marquis is now on phased retirement and teaches only in the spring semester. During the past few years he has taught history of ethics and a course in medical ethics limited to controversial life and death issues in medicine. He will teach the same courses in spring 2015.

His short essay "Death as a Legal Fiction" appeared in *The American Journal of Bioethics* in June 2014. Marquis argued that the practice of pronouncing patients dead who are not biologically dead cannot be justified. Such a practice is deceptive.

Marquis read his paper, "What's Wrong with 'Cadaver' Organ Donation and How to Fix It." at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association in San Diego in April, 2014. He read the same paper at the conference, The Importance of Being Dead: The Dead Donor Rule and the Ethics of Transplantation Medicine, at The Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany in September, 2013. He is on a panel at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities this October to discuss the Donation after Cardiac Death protocol. The title of his presentation is "What's Wrong with the DCD Protocol?" At the KU Mini-College in June 2014 he gave a talk entitled "Should There Be a Legal Right to Physician-Assisted Suicide?"

Marquis's infamous 1989 *Journal of Philosophy* paper "Why Abortion is Immoral" is still getting reprinted regularly and now has been reprinted 95 times. He discussed the paper with Professor Ben Eggleston's Philosophy 161 class in spring 2014. Unfortunately, Marquis now believes that there are some aspects of the essay that are wrong (although they can be fixed). Marquis's 2010 *Hastings Center Report* paper "Are DCD Donors Dead?" was reprinted this year in John Lizza's

anthology *Potentiality: Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

Ethics Club, the medical ethics discussion group that Marquis has organized since 1986, meets monthly at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Issues relating to American health care policy are very popular with this group these days, for obvious reasons.

Alas! The book proceeds very slowly. One of the reasons for this is that so many believe that Marquis's account of the wrongness of killing and the wrongness of abortion derived from it is incorrect. Many of these critics have said so in print. The need to consider this stuff in more than a perfunctory manner is a major cause of the slowness. Another cause is Marquis's inefficiency.

Marquis will retire in May, 2015. With one exception he has taught at KU every year since 1967. He believes that a life of philosophical reflection, of the search for truth, of the search for truths that are more basic than most truths is the best life. Leading such a life has been a privilege. He thanks the University of Kansas, his colleagues at KU, the students in his classes, the citizens of Kansas who have supported KU economically and his colleagues in the philosophy profession in this country and elsewhere for making this great life possible. His critics have been especially valuable to him. As Judy Thomson once said, "My critics are my friends". She was absolutely right. Either one's critics force one to abandon or modify views one has held or they force one to rethink and to expand the justification for those earlier views. His students have provided him with gratification for having taught them something important, or with a challenge to be clearer next time. He is deeply indebted to all of them.

Assistant Professor **Eileen Nutting** enjoyed interacting with a crop of smart, engaging, and thoughtful students in her first year at KU. She taught an honors introductory course, the ancient philosophy survey, and upper-level courses in epistemology and the philosophy of mathematics. This fall, she is pleased to be teaching an upper-level logic course and a graduate seminar on mathematical truth. Her scholarly work outside the classroom is also going well. After giving presentations on topics in the philosophy of mathematics to friendly audiences at McGill, K-State, KU, and Ohio State in the past year, she is looking forward to her next friendly audience in October. She will be going to the University of Michigan to give a talk on the epistemology of mathematics at the Midwest Epistemology Workshop. Nutting had a wonderful first year in Lawrence, and she fully expects to enjoy an equally rewarding second year.

Sarah Robins is happy to be back for her second year at KU. She kept busy during her first year, traveling for presentations at the *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, in Charleston, SC and a conference on Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science in Bogotá, Colombia. She published a review of recent

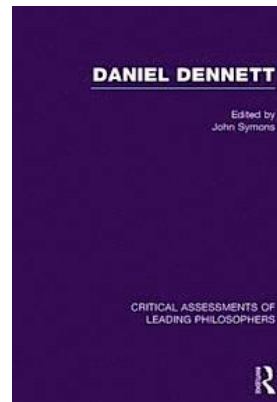
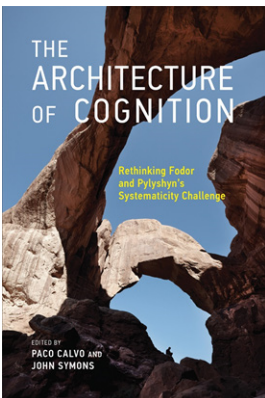
empirical work on models of episodic memory and a book chapter on the ways that memory errors complicate the possibility of developing a neural lie detector. Over the summer, with the generous support of a New Faculty Research Grant, Sarah wrote papers on the dispositional nature of memory and memory traces, about which she hopes to receive good news soon. This fall she is presenting work at a series of conferences, connecting her concerns about memory to discussions of confabulation in psychiatry and mechanistic explanation in philosophy of science. One of Sarah's favorite things about KU is the students. She has enjoyed working on advanced topics in philosophy of mind with graduate students and introducing undergraduates to philosophy in large lectures. She is in the process of designing a new introductory course for the department, one that emphasizes oral presentation and argument.



Armin Schulz has been assistant professor in the philosophy department at KU since January 2014. Prior to coming to KU, he was an assistant professor in the department of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He works in the philosophy of science, the philosophy of mind, and

the philosophy of the social science - in particular, he is interested in attempts to use considerations from evolutionary biology to advance research in psychology and economics (both on a substantive and on methodological level). In this context, he has published papers in wide range of journals, from *Biology and Philosophy*, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, and *Biological Theory* to *Economics and Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, and the *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. He has also given talks at a wide range of venues in the US, Canada, and Europe.

John Symons currently serves as Chair of the department, maintains an active teaching and research agenda, manages the lives of his two young children, and occasionally gets some sleep. Seven papers and two edited volumes of his appeared this year. Among the highlights of John's work are the paper "Software Intensive Science" (with Jack Horner) that appeared in *Philosophy and Technology* making the claim that contemporary science, with its heavy use of software, differs in philosophically significant



ways from traditional science. In addition, this year he has written about the role of the body in computation, the predictive power of computational models, and the applicability of distinctions in logic to empirical research in psychology. John has delivered numerous papers this year including "Formalism for Debiasing" at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, as

well as several invited papers including "Carving Causes at the Joints: Mathematical Invariance and Invariant Relations between Events" at the conference Causation in Science: Powers, Mechanism, Singularism, Norwegian University of the Life Sciences and a keynote address to the Lisbon Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science entitled "Physicalism and Scientific Evidence". A highlight for John was giving the Hall Center Lecture in the Humanities here at KU: "What Can we Teach our Posthuman Descendants?"

Tom Tuozzo's piece on Aristotelian efficient causation has (finally) appeared in *Efficient Causation*, ed. T. Schmalz, from OUP. Tom is continuing his work on ancient theories of causation by proceeding further back into the murky depths of Pre-Socratic thought. He gave a talk on Empedocles at a Pre-Socratics conference in Thessaloniki, Greece this summer, and took a detour to see the sights in Istanbul. He's enjoying teaching a course in Pre-Socratic thought this fall, but also looks forward to returning to Aristotle in the spring.

Jim Woelfel's main scholarly project from spring 2013 - spring 2014 was research and writing on my contribution to a volume of essays entitled *Toward the Blue: The History of the University of Kansas, 1965-2015*. Publication is scheduled for 2015, KU's sesquicentennial year. This is an official university publication, approved and funded by the Chancellor's Office, to be published by University Press of Kansas. The editors of the project are John Rury (Education and History) and Kim Warren (History). His chapter is entitled "The Idea of a Liberal Education: Continuity and Change," and is a study of general education at KU and the various efforts over the past 50 years to implement, expand, and strengthen it in response to transformations in both American society and higher education. The full volume has been reviewed and approved for publication, and the final editing and proofing will take place in late 2014 and early 2015.

His book chapter, "The Humanities Core and the Troubling Persistence of the 'Two Cultures'" has been published in *Contemplation, Crisis, Construct: Appropriating Core Texts in the Curriculum*. Ed. J. Scott Lee et al. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2014. 13-17.

MORE DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

In February, we officially welcomed Armin Schultz to the department. Armin has taught two sections of Phil. 141, Intro to Philosophy Honors, a section of Philosophy of Social Science course and is leading the Phil. 800 Graduate Tutorial this semester.



EMERITUS FACULTY UPDATE

Despite being retired, **Richard De George**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, has been busy writing and giving papers. In October 2013 he gave a paper on the implications of the 2013 UN *Global Human Development Report* at the 20th Annual International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference at De Paul University in Chicago. In December 2013 he attended a small invitational meeting at the INSEAD business school in Fontainebleau outside of Paris and gave a paper on “Corporations and Morality.” In August he gave a paper at the Society for Business Ethics in Philadelphia. In October at the meeting of AMINTAPHIL he commented on a paper by Peter Higgins, who had been a philosophy undergraduate major at KU (B.A. 2000) and is currently an Assistant Professor



Thomas Donaldson
KU PhD 1976

of Philosophy at Eastern Michigan University. In October he attended a celebratory meeting in honor of Thomas Donaldson, who received his Ph.D. from KU in 1976 and is currently Mark O. Winkelman Professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics and of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. De George presented a paper on “Rethinking Poverty, Globalization and Corporate Social Responsibility” and also took part with four others in a session of Reminiscences

about Donaldson. Earlier this year De George’s paper, “Democracy as a Social Myth,” appeared in *Philosophical Perspectives on Democracy in the 21st Century* edited by Ann Cudd and Sally Scholz. A special issue of the *Journal of Business Ethics* dedicated to articles by nine contributors on De George’s work and De George’s “A Response to My Critics” appeared online in May 2014 and will appear in print in April 2015. The contributors include Ann Cudd and Rex Martin, as well as Tom Donaldson, Deborah Johnson (who received her Ph.D. from KU in 1976 and is the Anne Shirley Carter Olsson Professor of Applied Ethics in the Science, Technology, and Society Program in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Virginia), and James W. Nickel (who received his Ph.D. from KU in 1968 and is Professor of Philosophy and Law at the University of Miami).

Rex Martin sends the following update on his activities: As I think many of you know, I retired from KU and became a Professor Emeritus at the end of May 2009. I’ve managed to stay reasonably active since then, reading and writing and attending conferences in my areas of specialization (political philosophy, history of political thought, and philosophy of law). In the last three years (2012, 2013, 2014), I’ve managed to complete ten

articles and contributions to books (all of which have been published, except two that are forthcoming) as well two encyclopedia entries, one on rights and one (co-authored) on liberalism. For the most part I’ve been writing in areas and on topics you’d expect (human rights, Rawls, Collingwood). Also I have given papers at conferences in the US and in Britain and one at the 2013 World Congress in Athens (on some conceptual issues with the welfare rights in the UN’s *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*). And, ever since I retired, I’ve been at work on a book for Oxford University Press (if you said ‘on Rawls,’ you guessed right).

My wife Donna has also retired from her long-time position as Vice President and Editorial Director at a publishing house, and she, too, has managed to stay busy (editing books). We still travel a good bit, both abroad and in the US. Our older son Justin is in New York City, where he is an author (his latest book on Walt Whitman came out this fall), and our younger son Andrew is in San Jose, working at NASA. Having each of our two sons and their wives and children living at some distance from us provides another incentive for travel.

ALUMNI NEWS

The Journal of Camus Studies decided to expand their scope to include a formal book review process and editor. After consultation with the editors of *The Journal of Camus Studies* (<http://www.camus-society.com/journal-submission-guidelines.html>), **Eric Berg** (PhD, 2005) has accepted the position as the first ever book review editor for the journal. Eric will be scouring all publishing sources for new text on Camus, his contemporaries in philosophy, and text about the context surrounding his work. After locating and securing the text he will assign books to the best scholars around the world for review. The process of establishing a book review editor included: convincing the journal to move forward with this idea, establishing protocols for writing the review, making contact and forming a professional relationship with many academic publishing houses, drafting a style guide for book reviews, establishing timelines for review, and making contact with scholars to serve as readers.

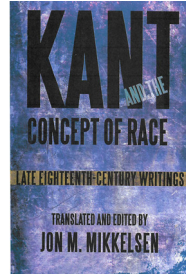


Congratulations to **Sarah Deer** who received a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship. Sarah received her BA in Philosophy in our department in 1996 and went on to earn her JD from the KU School of Law. She is now a professor of law at William Mitchell College in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Her work focuses on violent crime on Indian Reservations and has co-authored two textbooks on tribal law.

After receiving his BA in 2013, **Jeffrey (J.T.) Hammons** began law school at SUNY Buffalo Law, and was recently accepted at Columbia Law School for transfer. He began my studies at Columbia this fall. He spent last summer as a law clerk at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Enforcement and Compliance in Washington, D.C. J.T. was the president of the Philosophy Club at KU from 2010 through 2013.

Andrew McFarland (PhD, 2014) was the recipient of a Chateaubriand Fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year, where he was hosted at the Institute of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST) in Paris, France, and where he conducted research on the metaphysics of science for his doctoral thesis. During that time, Andrew gave several presentations in a number of different cities, including Lausanne, Switzerland, Ghent, Belgium, Lille, France, and Paris. Andrew also organized and presented at an international workshop held at IHPST in March 2014 on the topic of causation and natural kinds. Many of the presentations at that

workshop are the basis for essays that will be contained in the forthcoming special issue from *Synthese* called, "Causation in the Metaphysics of Science: Natural Kinds and Individuality", of which Andrew will be the guest editor. In May 2014, Andrew successfully defended his doctoral thesis. He now has an appointment for one year teaching philosophy at Kansas State University.



J. Mark Mikkelsen (PhD, 1987) translated and edited *Kant and the Concept of Race, Late Eighteenth-Century Writings*. The volume was published in 2013 as part of the SUNY series, Philosophy and Race. Mark is currently a Professor of Philosophy at Missouri Western State University.

Allen Worob, MA 1974, over the years has written several articles that were published on Newsvine.com. He writes under the penname, Enoch, and was voted author of the year by global members of Newsvine.com in 2011.



After a summer of jack hammers, broken water mains, dust and noise, the section of Jayhawk Boulevard in front of Wescoe is finished and Wescoe Beach has been redesigned. And Wescoe Hall finally has an official sign!



Meet **Christopher Stratman**, the first student to take advantage of the Fast-Track M.A. (for Undergraduate Majors in Philosophy at KU). This is a program that provides excellent KU undergraduates in Philosophy an opportunity to complete an MA in Philosophy within a year of completing the bachelor's degree. Talented students who are planning to continue their studies at the doctoral level or to continue to law school will receive a competitive advantage by acquiring a graduate degree in less time than a traditional terminal M.A. Chris explains in his own words why he took advantage of this program:

"Upon returning to the University of Kansas as an undergraduate student in philosophy I enrolled in Ancient Philosophy taught by Dr. Tuozzo. While discussing a term paper on the *Republic* with Tuozzo it was suggested that I might be interested in taking his seminar course on Plato's *Republic* in order to pursue, to a deeper level, issues I had become interested in.

Initially I was a bit nervous with the idea of taking an upper level graduate course as an undergraduate; however, my nerves soon were calmed. The result of taking this course provided a twofold advantage. Not only did I gain a lot of great experience early on that I could also apply toward my honors department requirements, I also submitted my final paper on Plato's *Republic* to Undergraduate Research Journal and it was accepted for publication, fall 2013. This experience gave me the confidence to enroll in, or audit, a number of other upper level graduate seminars including Aristotle's *Politics*, Davidson, Philosophy of Mind and Memory, and Emergence. I now credit my acceptance into the University of Kansas Department of Philosophy Fast-Track Accelerated Masters Program, in large part, to my active involvement in these graduate seminars as an undergraduate student.

There are two major reasons I decided to apply for this program. First of all, I have worked with a number of faculty who have played a big role in my development as a philosophy student. For example, after taking Introduction to Metaphysics with Dr. Symons, a course which helped shape my interest in metaphysics specifically David Lewis's Modal Realism, I decided to work on a departmental honors thesis on the metaphysical significance of free will with Dr. Symons. We spent two semesters working on this project and I successfully defended my thesis in May, 2014. Finding a Professor that you enjoy working with, and shares in your philosophical interest is advice I would certainly offer any philosophy student who has a desire to develop a project for a department honors thesis. The research experience that this opportunity provided me played an important role in why I decide to apply for the new Accelerated Masters Program in philosophy. Another important reason is the fact I am currently applying to a number of PhD Philosophy Programs; the opportunity to stay on as a graduate student for an additional year will give me further experience and help me stand out in a highly competitive application process. The combination of working closely with distinguished faculty, and the ability to strengthen my own likelihood at continuing on to a PhD program in Philosophy, seemed extremely appealing and I was very pleased when I received my acceptance letter this past spring."

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FALL PICNIC



In a change of pace, the department held an afternoon picnic and softball game to meet and welcome the new graduate students to the department. Students, faculty, staff and their family gathered at Lyons Park in north Lawrence for good food and fun.





After singing happy birthday to Tom Tuozzo, new graduate students were introduced to the department.



The new students are Arthur Carlyle, Rebecca Fensholt, Julian Gonzalez and Ramon Alvarado. Vasfi Ozen, not pictured above, is also a new student to the graduate program.

A FALL CLASSIC IS BORN

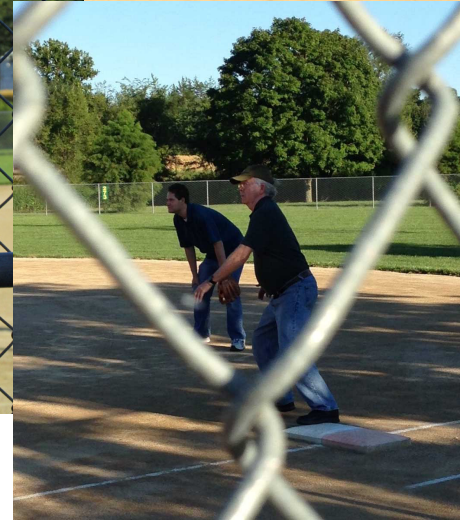


If you schedule it, they will come. The Philosophy Department created its own field of dreams on a beautiful day in early September.

The chalk lines went down, the bats came out, the gloves were oiled, the crowds gathered and the umpire called play ball. Faculty vs grad students.



At the end of the first inning, it looked bad for the faculty team. The grad students had a good run of base hits and the score was 6 to 0. The faculty bats came alive in the second with 4 runs, score 6 to 4. Another run by the grad students and 2 by the faculty brought the score to 7 to 6.



Things were tense in the fourth inning and the bats for both sides went silent.



The faculty came to bat in the top of the fifth inning and scored three runs thanks to a triple by Jenkins so it was now down to the bottom of the fifth, the score being 9 to 7.



The tension was thick and hopes were high,



but alas, the grad students went down to defeat this year, but dreams of a victory next year were already forming as both sides shook hands and congratulated each other on a game well played.



CURRENT STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Marco Camacho's paper "Measuring Perfections: A Problem for Perfectionism" was accepted to the 2nd Annual SoCal Philosophy Conference in San Diego, October 2014.

Jeremy DeLong presented the following paper "Star Trek: Into Darkness-A Commentary on the Ethics of Care." Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts (SPSCVA) in conjunction with APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Diego, April 2014. Then over the summer, he rewrote a much longer version of the paper above, and submitted it to the SPSCVA's related journal. The following paper has been accepted for publication in their upcoming issue (19), "Star Trek: Into Darkness-Ethical Impartiality, Partiality, and the Need for a Male/Female Synthesis," *Film & Philosophy* 19 (2015).

Michael Hayes participated in an intensive interdisciplinary seminar on Augustine's City of God at the University of California, Berkeley, led by Dr. Russell Hittinger.

Ian McDaniel presented the several papers at various conferences. He presented "Rejecting the Responsibility Objection to Abortion" at the South Eastern Graduate Philosophy Conference and "Defining Equity and Adequacy" at the MSU Graduate Conference in March and then "The Responsibility Objection to Abortion" at the LIPS Conference in April. His paper "The Responsibility Objection to Abortion: Rejecting the Notion that the Responsibility Objection Successfully Refutes a Woman's Right to Choose" was published in *Bioethics*, April 10, 2014.

Kamuran Osmanoglu's paper "An Alternative Framework for Daniel Kelly's Disgust System" was accepted to Georgetown University's Emotion and Emotionality conference which was held in April 2014.

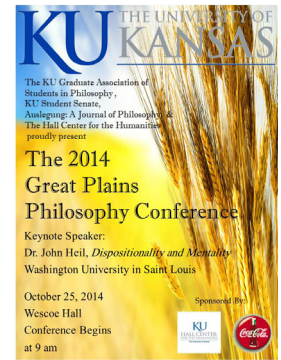
Nicholas Schroeder's paper "A Physicalistic Account of Emergentism" has been accepted for publication in the journal *Axiomathes*.

"A Problem for Davidson's Anomalous Monism" by **Christopher Stratman** was accepted to the 2nd Annual Saint Louis University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference which was held in March 2014.

Deborah Williams, who is an Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Johnson County Community College and pursuing graduate coursework in Philosophy here at KU, participating in a three week Japan Studies Association Freeman Foundation Summer Institute at Tokai University in Honolulu, HI. She also received a 2014 JCCC College Scholar Award and presented three papers in October 2014 on legal and ethical issues in science and medicine.

GASP ACTIVITIES

GASP organized The Great Plains Graduate Philosophy Conference on Saturday, October 25, 2014 was held on campus. There were day-long paper presentations and ended with the keynote speaker was John Heil from Washington University, St. Louis.



Justin Mullins, current president also reported that there is an active colloquia schedule of graduate student papers this academic year.



Auslegung



As new editor of *Auslegung: The Journal of Philosophy*, Marco Camacho aims to move the journal forward to become an integral part of the philosophical community. To do this, they will publish two editions of the journal per year, create social media accounts for Auslegung on Facebook and Twitter, and release special editions of the journal dedicated to timely

topics in philosophy. Marco looks forward to working with Ashley Acosta-Fox, the current assistant editor, and Michael Otteson, the current book review editor, to accomplish these goals.

Editions of *Auslegung* can be found at <http://kus-cholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/handle/1808/8834>.

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