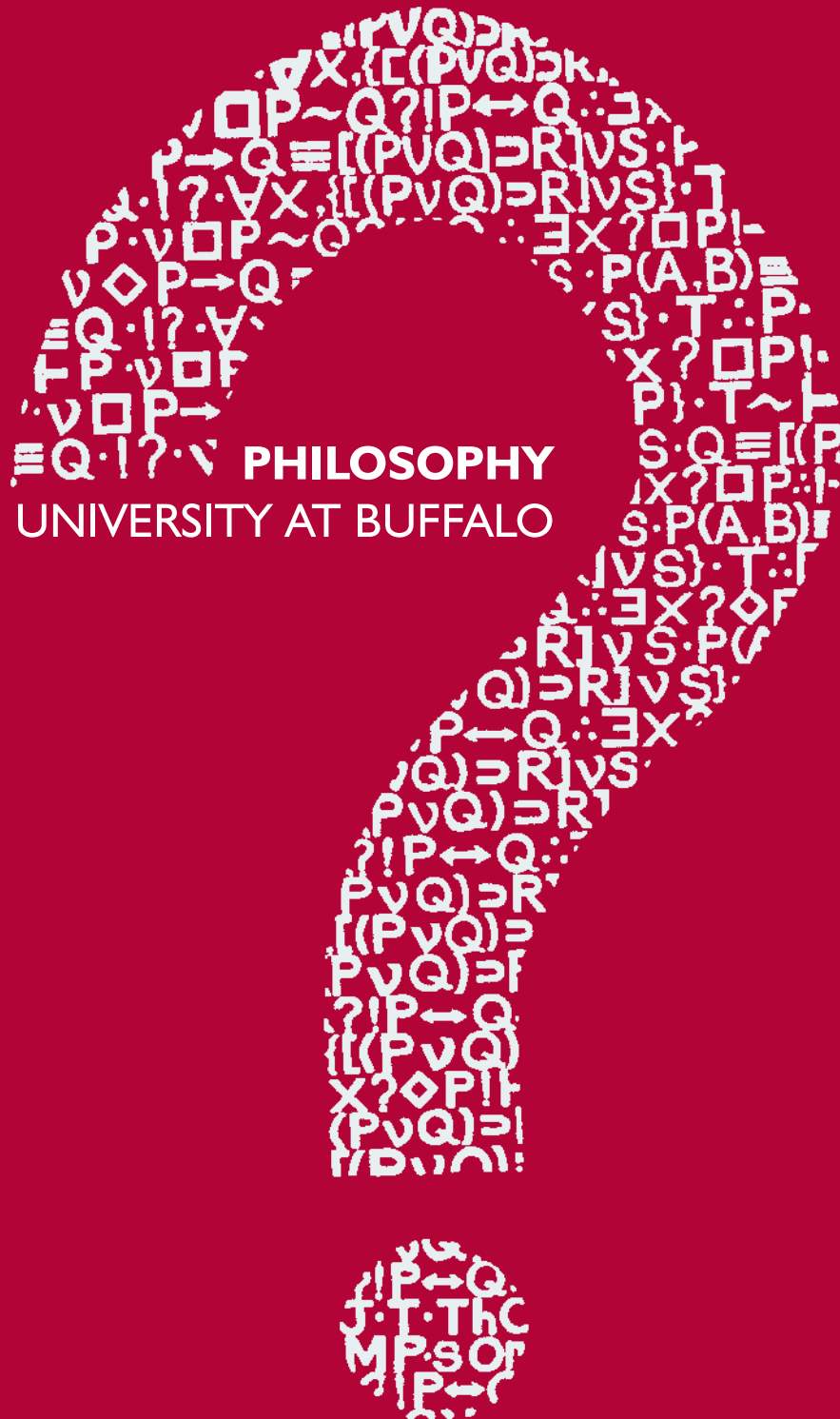


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from the EDITOR

Noûsletter Number 17 is the second of two issues in close succession. Number 16, our first online publication, covered departmental and alumni news from October 2003 to the end of 2004. This issue brings us to the summer of 2006, more or less up to date. There is much news to convey.

2005 was the year of hiring. The department filled five empty faculty positions over the course of that hiring cycle. All five new members began their time with us in the Fall 2005 semester.

In addition to new faculty, we had the usual group of new graduate students starting classes in Fall 2005, and the next cohort who were accepted in Spring 2006 for the following semester.

Both students and faculty have been busy outside the classroom between topical exams and dissertation defenses, on one hand, and conferences and workshops, on the other.

Lots of alumni news has come in as well and is passed along in this issue. I have a special request for all alumni: If you did not receive an email requesting news from you to be included in the Noûsletter, please drop me a note at pspenner@buffalo.edu so that I can add your address to my emailing list. We definitely wish to acknowledge your activities and accomplishments to your fellow classmates and our faculty and staff.

So read on and enjoy...

Cordially, Paul Penner

Special Tribute to JUDY WAGNER



On May 18, 2006, a recognition reception was held honoring faculty and staff members who have completed 30 or 40 years of service to UB. President John B. Simpson and Katherine L. Gower, and Provost Satish K. Tripathi and Kamlesh Tripathi co-hosted the event during which service recognition pins were presented to the Honorees.

Our own venerable Judy Wagner has served in several UB departments, most notably the Philosophy Department, longer than any of us can remember. Technically, the number of years is 40 but none of us can personally vouch for that. We'll just have to take Judy's word for it.

Congratulations, Judy!

Edward Harry Madden, 1925-2006

Edward Harry Madden was born in Gary, Indiana on May 18, 1925. He received his B.A. in 1946 and his M.A. in 1947 from Oberlin College. In 1950 he received his PhD at the University of Iowa with a dissertation entitled "An Examination of Gestalt Theory" directed by Gustav Bergmann. His early teaching positions in philosophy were at the University of Connecticut from 1950 to 1959, and at San Jose State University from 1959 to 1964. From 1964 until his retirement in 1980 he taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He also held visiting positions at Brown, Amherst, Toronto, American University of Beirut, Linacre College (Oxford), and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. In retirement he lived in Wilmore, Kentucky where he was a visiting research fellow at Asbury College in 1981-82. From 1982 to 1994 he was an adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky. In 2000 he moved to White River Junction, Vermont, where he died at home on November 25, 2006.

Although Madden's main interests were philosophy of science, history of American thought, and philosophy of religion, he also wrote on topics as various as Islamic art, Aristotle, history of science, Scottish philosophy, nineteenth

century American religious movements, Irish history, metaphilosophy, French philosophy, social philosophy and ethics. He authored or co-authored nine books, and edited or co-edited five books. His journal articles and contributions to books number more than a hundred. Over the course of his career he collaborated with twenty different scholars. It would be hard to imagine a philosopher who more enjoyed collaboration.

Madden's reputation in philosophy of science was first established by the publication of *Philosophical Problems of Psychology* (1962). His most discussed book in philosophy of science is *Causal Powers* (1975, co-authored with Rom Harré), in which a realist ontology and epistemology is defended against the Humean tradition. In 1963 he published his classic study in the history of American philosophy, *Chauncey Wright and the Foundations of Pragmatism*. His mastery of transcendentalism and the common sense tradition in America is demonstrated in *Civil Disobedience and Moral Law in Nineteenth-Century American Philosophy* (1968) and *Freedom and Grace: The Life of Asa Mahan* (1982, with James Hamilton). His studies in the history of American thought were extended into the middle of the

twentieth century with *Causing, Perceiving, and Believing: An Examination of the Philosophy of C. J. Ducasse* (1975, with Peter Hare). Most notable of his publications in philosophy of religion is *Evil and the Concept of God* (1968, with Peter Hare), in which what is now known as the evidential argument from evil is advanced against theism, including process theism.

Often scholars speak figuratively of their doctoral students becoming members of their families. In Ed's case, it was almost literally true. For many hours each week a dissertation student met with him in his home study and shared meals with his wife and sons. After graduation, the life of a student (and his or her family) was closely followed with affectionate concern.

Ed's lecturing style was rooted in his early success as an actor in high school dramas. Without an outline or note before him, he could deliver word for word, pause for dramatic pause, anecdote for anecdote, the same riveting lecture that he had last given many years before.

At his death, Ed left two noteworthy manuscripts unpublished. One is a book on Thomas Reid and the Scottish common sense tradition edited by his student Todd Adams. In the other manuscript, Ed shows his Irish-American roots and command of lyrical prose in a series of short stories about his childhood.

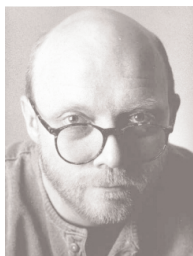
In 1946, Ed married Marian Canaday who survives him. In addition to co-authoring many of his articles, Marian supported him in countless other ways, ways that Ed never tired of acknowledging. Two sons, Kerry and Dennis, and two grandchildren, Erin and Ryan, also survive him.

This memorial minute will appear in the *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Association* for December 2006.

Peter H. Hare and Michael L. Peterson

NEW FACULTY

Thomas Bittner



I received my Ph.D. from the Technical University Vienna and have been a post-doctoral researcher at Northwestern University and at Queen's University (Canada). Before joining the SUNY Buffalo, I was a senior researcher at the Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical

Information Science (IFOMIS) at Saarland University in Germany. I am currently Assistant Professor in the Departments of Philosophy and Geography at the State University of New York at Buffalo. I am also a Research Scientist in the New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences and the National Center of Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA).

My area of specialization is formal ontology and its applications in bio-informatics, geography and geographic information science. My current research focuses on the application of formal ontology, symbolic logic, and qualitative representation and reasoning techniques (a) to represent canonical biomedical structures in biomedical ontologies, (b) to detect pathological structures in medical image analysis, and (c) to develop axiomatic theories of biomedical structures and processes at the gross anatomical level of granularity and at the molecular level of granularity (RNA-ontology).

Maureen Donnelly



I received my doctorate in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001. Before coming to Buffalo, I was a research assistant at the Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science. My past research has focused on spatial and temporal

relations, relations between universals, and granularity. I am currently addressing issues surrounding compositional relations and mereological vagueness.

Kenneth Ehrenberg



I joined the faculty in Fall of 2005 after completing the PhD at Columbia under Jeremy Waldron and Joseph Raz.

Before that I practiced as an attorney for two years after having graduated from Yale Law School in 1997. My primary research interests at the moment are in

methodological issues in general jurisprudence and problems of authority and obligation.

Michael McGlone



Prior to joining the department in Fall 2005, I was a graduate student at Princeton University to which I will be returning in November to defend my PhD thesis, "Assertion, Belief, and Semantic Content." Upon completing my degree, I will become a permanent member of our faculty.

My research interests fall mostly into the intersection of the philosophy of language and the philosophy of mind. Currently I am most interested in the nature of the relationship between the linguistic meanings of declarative sentences and the information that such sentences are used to communicate on various occasions.

I currently live in Buffalo's Elmwood Village with my wife Lori and our dog Scout. Lori and I expect our first child in February 2007.

Neil Williams



Before starting at UB, I was a philosophy PhD student at Columbia University (in New York City), graduating with distinction in 2005. Prior to that I received a master's degree in philosophy from Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, British Columbia) and an honors BA in philosophy from the University of

Calgary (Alberta, Canada).

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NEW FACULTY *continued*

My primary interests fall at the intersection of metaphysics and the philosophy of science where I am concerned with issues of causation, powers and the laws of nature. My wider metaphysical interests extend to properties, possibility, persistence and time, especially with regard to how these issues combine within a systematic metaphysic. Outside of metaphysics and science, I have interests in the philosophy of mind, epistemology, and language as well as modern rationalism. Most recently I have been working on problems in the philosophy of biology concerning the ontology of disease and dysfunction.

I presently live in the city of Buffalo with my wife Kelly and our two cats.

VISITING FACULTY, RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

As usual, the time period covered by this issue of the Noûsletter saw several visitors in the department. For example, during the Fall 2005 semester, Fabian Neuhaus and Boris Hennig, both research fellows at the Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science (IFOMIS) located at Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany, team taught a graduate level seminar on types and tokens with Barry Smith. Fabian and Boris were each in the department for about one month during this semester. Fabian has since accepted a research position with the newly inaugurated National Center for Ontological Research (NCOR) in Buffalo. He arrived this past summer for a stay of several years. Boris continues his association with IFOMIS and also teaches in Hamburg and Berlin. (No image for Fabian. Image of Boris is Boris Hennig.jpg)

Ioulia Lisina, a university level teacher from Moscow, was in the department on a Fulbright scholarship during the 2005-2006 academic year. Ioulia received her diploma from Tver State University in 1998 and is currently a graduate candidate expecting to complete her program in 2006. Ioulia's area of research is American Philosophy.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

John Corcoran



In April 2006, Corcoran was "Profesor Invitado" (main speaker) at the "Chuaqui Jornadas" (annual conference of Latin American logicians) held at Universidad de Santiago de Chile. He spent a week in Santiago giving two lectures and holding a one-hour question session at the conference and giving another lecture at the Catholic University of Chile.

He published several pieces this year including the following, each of which had been presented at the Buffalo Logic Colloquium.

"Wholistic Reference, Truth-Values, Universe of Discourse, and Formal Ontology: Tréplica to Oswaldo Chateaubriand" in *Manuscrito* 28 (2005) 143-167.

"George Boole" in the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006)

"History of Logic, Boolean Period" in the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006)

"Schemata: the Concept of Schema in the History of Logic" in the *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, 12(2006) 219-40.

"C. I. Lewis: History and Philosophy of Logic" in *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society*, 42 (2006) 1-9.

With the help of Eileen McNamara and Paul Penner, Corcoran established a homepage for the Buffalo Logic Colloquium: <http://philosophy.buffalo.edu/EVENTS/blc.htm>

Kenneth Ehrenberg



In March 2006, Ehrenberg attended the Conference on Natural Law at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain. He presented a paper entitled "Natural Law and the Problem of the Anarchist Official".

Barry Smith



Smith has been appointed to the advisory boards of the Functional Genomics Investigation Ontology (FuGO), sponsored by the MGED Network, the Gene Ontology Consortium, and the Philosophy Documentation Center. In his role as Director of the National Center for Ontological Research he has organized conferences on the *Philosophy of Biology*, and on *Ontology for the Intelligence Community*. Under the auspices of the National Center for Biomedical Ontology has organized ontology-development workshops on *Common Organism Anatomy Ontology* and on *Disease Ontology*.

Emeritus Faculty

Richard Hull



In July 2005, Hull became Executive Director of Text and Academic Author's Association (TAA), a non-profit professional organization with about 1200 members that exists to improve academic authoring from journal articles to textbooks, inclusive of monographs, collections, grants. He helped create a 3-workshop series on academic authoring.

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Later in 2005, Dr. Elizabeth Boepple coordinated and edited a Festschrift in Hull's honor entitled *Sui Generis: Essays Presented to Richard Thompson Hull on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Word has it that the tribute was gratefully received.

In January 2006, Hull had the Executive Director of Text and Academic Author's Foundation tasks added to his responsibilities. The foundation funds research into the practices of textbook adoption, and seeks to promote textbook authoring among minorities.

Publications:

Books

2007 *Presidential Addresses of the American Philosophical Association 1971-1980*. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books (in press), with Foreword, Chart of Departments, Birthplaces of Presidents, Photographs, Biographical Sketches, Bibliographies, and Indexes, in The American Philosophical Association Centennial Series.

2006a *The Unprecedented Life of Elaine Mangelsdorf Hull: Hallmark of Brilliance and Compassion*, with Introductions by Gabriel P. Frommer and Lynwood P. Clemens. Privately Published.

2006b *Presidential Addresses of the American Philosophical Association 1961-1970*. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, with Foreword, Chart of Departments, Birthplaces of Presidents, Photographs, Biographical Sketches, Bibliographies, and Indexes, in The American Philosophical Association Centennial Series.

2005a *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophy*, John R. Shook, General Editor (I served as a Consulting Editor along with Bruce Kuklick, Murray G. Murphey, and John G. Slater). Bristol, Eng.: Thoemmes Continuum, 2005, 4 volumes (xlix + 2698 pp.)

2005b *Ethical Issues in the New Reproductive Technologies*. 2nd ed. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books (xvi + 374 pp), with revisions, glossary, about the authors, and index. Also published in e-book form by the editor.

2005c *Presidential Addresses of the American Philosophical Association 1951-1960*. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books (xxxvi + 694 pp.), with Foreword, Chart of Departments, Birthplaces of Presidents, Photographs, Biographical Sketches, Bibliographies, and Indexes, in The American Philosophical Association Centennial Series.

Articles

2007 "The Beginnings of Individual Personhood," (with Paul Penner), 13 pp., "Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, forthcoming"

2006-2007 "It's a Ba-by!" Free Inquiry, winter issue, in press.

2006a "And She Said 'Google Me! Google Me!' And He Googled Her and They Lived Happily Ever After," TAA Members Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006b "Note Everything Poops," TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006c "War of the Wor(l)ds?" TAA Members' Blog www.TAAonline.net.

2006d "The Sincerest Form of Flattery," TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006e "Old Editions Hiding in School Lockers," TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006f "Are the Earlier Editions of Your Textbooks on a Slow Boat to China?" TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006g "Negotiating Permissions," TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006h "Use me, but don't abuse me!" TAA Members' Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006i "Understanding Google: Reader, take heart! Publisher, beware!" TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006j "Serious Subjects for Teens," TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006k "Censorship," TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006l "Do you have electronic rights to your book?" TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006m "The Arts Have It: Why Not Textbooks?" TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006n "Podcast workshop, anyone?" TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006o "The Typewriter Returns, but the Secretary Doesn't," TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006p "The slave within, or, my ghost(lo) writer," TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006q "My First Date," TAA Richard's Blog, www.TAAonline.net.

2006r "Absence of Prayer Doesn't Harm Theism," Tallahassee Democrat, June 13, p. 4E.

2005a "Don't Shade Your Eyes, Plagiarize!" TAA Notes, December 20, 2005
http://www.taaonline.net/news/12_21_05.html .

2005b "Authors, publishers object to Google's 'erroneous interpretation' of fair-use law, violation of copyright," TAA Notes, December 6, 2005
http://www.taaonline.net/news/12_06_05.html#8notes .

2005c "My Ghost Writer," *The Academic Author*, vol. 18, no 5, December 2005.

2005d "The Value of Incremental Writing," *The Academic Author*, vol. 18, no 5, December 2005.

2005e "News, Notes from Richard T. Hull, TAA's Executive Director," *The Academic Author*, vol. 18, no 4, September 2005.

Chapters in Books

2006a "Toward Resolving the Abortion and Fetal Stem Cell Debates: A Scientific and Philosophical Update," in *Science and Ethics, Proceedings of the 25th anniversary World Conference of the Council for Secular Humanism*, ed. by David Koepsell (Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 2006), in press.

2006b "Reproductive Technologies," in Alan G. Soble, ed., *Sex from Plato to Paglia (2 volumes)* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press), pp. 921-929.

2006c "Principles for a Random Walk" and "Preface," in Richard T. Hull, ed., *The Unprecedented Life of Elaine Mangelsohn Hull: Hallmark of Brilliance and Compassion*, privately published.

2006d "Bioethics and Unbelief," in Tom W. Flynn, ed., *The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief* (Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus), in press.

2006e "Guest Foreword," in Scott Gelfand and John R. Shook, eds., *Ectogenesis: Artificial Womb Technology and the Future of Human Reproduction* (Amsterdam and

New York: Editions Rodopi, 2006), pp. xi-xii.

2005a "Donald Sage Mackay," in John R. Shook, ed., *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Bristol, U.K.: Thoemmes Press), pp. 1570-1572.

2005b "Glenn Raymond Morrow," in John R. Shook, ed., *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Bristol, U.K.: Thoemmes Press), pp. 1745-1746.

2005c "Hartley Burr Alexander" (with John R. Shook), in John Shook, ed., *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Bristol, U.K.: Thoemmes Press), pp. 49-52.

2005d "William Henry Werkmeister," in John R. Shook, ed., *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Bristol, U.K.: Thoemmes Press), pp. 2556-2557.

2005e "William Savery" (with John R. Shook), in John R. Shook, ed., *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Bristol, U.K.: Thoemmes Press), pp. 2131-2132.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

MA Program 2005

Jeffrey Camelio

BA SUC at Potsdam (2004)

Interests: Ontology, Metaphysics, Linguistics, Logic

Colleen Dunphy

BS SUC at Buffalo (2003)

Max Karp

BA SUNY at Stony Brook (2003)

Interests: Philosophy of Science, Logic, Ontology and Information Science

David Ricchiazzi

BA SUNY at Buffalo (2005)

Interests: Ethics, Metaphysics

PhD Program 2005

Shane Babcock

BA Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (2004)

Interests: Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Metaphysics

Elizabeth Compton

BA Cedarville University (2003)

MA St. John's College Annapolis (2005)

Interests: Aesthetics, Epistemology

Catherine Ende

BA Northeastern University (1994)

MFS National University in San Diego (2004)

Interests: Aesthetics, Logic, Ethics, Metaphysics

Steven Halady

BS John Carroll University (2003)

Interests: Philosophy of Biology, Metaphysics

Amanda Hicks

BA University of Colorado at Denver (2004)

Interests: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Phenomenology

Mark Lafrenz

BA Univ. of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (2002)

MA Univ. of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (2005)

Interests: Aesthetics, Ethics

Alisa Wandzilak

BA University at Buffalo (2005)

Interests: Ethics, Political Philosophy

MA Program 2006

Christopher Culp

BA Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2006)
Interests: Aesthetics.

Justin Donhauser

BA SUC at Buffalo (2006)
Interests: Metaphysics, Epistemology

Ian Dunn

BA Georgia State University (2005)
Interests: Aesthetics

Alexandra Heaney

BA SUNY at Buffalo (2006)
Interests: Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

Dennis Johnson

BA SUC at Fredonia (2002)
Interests: Existentialism, Metaphysics, Ethics
Zachary Keebaugh

BS Georgia Institute of Technology (2005)
Interests: Aesthetics

Mark Noonan

BA SUNY at Buffalo (1998)
STB Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (2005)
Ancient Philosophy, Metaphysics

PhD Program 2006



William Duncan

BA Western Carolina University (1995)
MS Clemson University (2004)
Interests: IGERT, Philosophy of Language,
Logic, Epistemology

Robert Earle

BA University of Missouri-St. Louis (2006)
Interests: Aesthetics, Epistemology,
Philosophy of Language



Susan Smith

BS McMaster University (1992)
MA University of Guelph (1993)
Interests: Philosophy of Science,
Philosophy of Biology, Gender/Race

Adam Taylor

BA Missouri Southern State University (2004)
MA University of Missouri-St. Louis (2006)
Interests: Metaphysics, Ontology, Epistemology



Frederic Tremblay

BA Université du Québec (2003)
MA Université du Québec (2006)
Interests: Ontology

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

[“Continental Philosophy: Examining the Margins”](#)

Keynote speaker: Patrick Heelan, Georgetown University
March 5, 2005

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

[“Western New York Undergraduate Philosophy Conference”](#)

Organizers: Alex Placito and Kenneth Shockley
April 1, 2006

GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

[“Metaphysics without Apology”](#)

Keynote Speaker: E. J. Lowe, University of Durham
April 7, 2006

GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

[“American Philosophy in the 21st Century”](#)

Keynote speaker: Joseph Margolis, Temple University
April 22, 2006

NORMALLY A DISSERTATION DEFENSE IS NO PICNIC BUT...



...this time it turned out to be the case. On April 28, 2006, in the middle of Larry Torcello's dissertation defense, a lint fire in a clothes dryer in the basement of Park Hall emptied out the building for about an hour. Larry and his com-

mittee adjourned to the picnic table outside on the lawn and carried on. The day was so nice that the group stayed in the great outdoors after everyone else went back inside and finished the session. Either Larry had a very good dissertation project or his committee felt sorry for him. Either way, they approved his effort and he is now a full-fledged graduate PhD working as an adjunct professor at Corning Community College. There is an rumor that Larry has joined the volunteer fire department in Corning as well as the philosophy department but we aren't sure about that.

Credits: For the picture: Kristl Laux; for the TITLE: Amanda Hicks

AND ONE LAST NOTE:

On Tuesday, May 23, 2006, a beautiful spring day in Buffalo, following an extended courtship of several years, weeks of surreptitious ring shopping, and a cloak and dagger campaign to conceal the latter that was only moderately effective, Hilda Ma agreed to marry Joe Zeccardi, despite his myriad personal flaws and moral failings. The couple remained in Buffalo through the summer, before packing up and moving to San Francisco in August. They are reported to be very happy.

STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Timothy Campbell and Alex Placito

In May 2005, Timothy Campbell and Alex Placito shared the Steinberg Prize. Timothy Campbell's entry was an essay entitled "Shooting the Indian: Intuitions and their Moral Relevance in Bernard Williams' Critique of Utilitarianism". Alex Placito submitted a digital art composition accompanied by an essay entitled "Awake or Asleep". [website](#)

Timothy Campbell

In June 2005, Timothy Campbell received the Mary C. Whitman Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Timothy Campbell

In May 2006, Timothy Campbell received the Steinberg Prize for his essay "Scanlon's Aggregation Problem". [website](#)

Jason Paget

In June 2006, Jason Paget received the Mary C. Whitman Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year. [website](#)

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Eric Chelstrom

Dialogue, the Journal of Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society for Philosophy, awards an honorarium to the author of a prize essay in each monthly issue. In February 2006, Eric Chelstrom was awarded that prize for his article "'Machine' in La Mettrie's L'Homme Machine" in the October 2005 issue of the journal. In addition to the honorarium, Eric received a PST Key and a letter of congratulations from Dr. James B. Sauer, editor of *Dialogue*. The award will be announced in the April 2006 issue of the journal.

Elisa Ruhl



Elisa Ruhl is among this year's recipients of the Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Awards. Her selection was the result of a rigorous nomination and review process, and the award recognizes her exceptional competence and dedication as a teacher. Elisa is a fourth year graduate student and the Philosophy Department's George F. Hourani Fellow in Ethics. Her teaching experience includes 10 sections of undergraduate courses including Critical Thinking, Reproductive Ethics, Social and Ethical Values in Medicine, and University Experience for incoming freshmen. A past President of the Graduate Philosophy Association, Elisa currently sits on the American Philosophy Association's national Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession. With interests in Applied Ethics and Social Philosophy, she is working on her dissertation which explores the relationship between emotions and ethical decision-making.

Andrew Spear



Andrew Spear is also among this year's recipients of the Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Awards. Andrew Spear is a fourth year graduate student in the Philosophy Department. He has taught six courses in the last four years, including Critical Thinking, Deductive Logic, Introduction to Ethics, Knowledge and Reality, and Introduction to Philosophy. Andrew is currently in Germany on a scholarship where he is doing research for the Institute for Ontology and Medical Information Science (IFOMIS). He is also beginning research on his dissertation which will be in the general area of the philosophy of mind.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

One of the most important services of the Noûsletter is to allow alumni of the Philosophy Department to keep in touch with each other's activities, both professional and personal. I continue to encourage all of you to submit such information to me at pspenner@buffalo.edu for inclusion in future issues. Here is what you sent in for the period of January 2005 to July 2006 in alphabetical order.

George Boger PhD 1982

After serving for some time as interim chair of the Philosophy Department at Canisius College in Buffalo, George received his formal appointment as chair in June 2006. George is a regular member of the Buffalo Logic Colloquium.

George is accompanied on the permanent faculty of the department by UB alumni Herbert Nelson, Richard Perkins and Janice Schultz-Aldrich. In addition, the following alumni serve as adjunct faculty in the department: Laura Arcila-Villa, Leonard Jacuzzo, Robert Kieffer, Paul Ott, Heron Simmonds and Michael Walsh.

Andrew McLaughlin PhD 1969

Andrew has informed us that he retired from Lehman College in February 2005. Asked how he likes retirement, he replied, "It's good, but only if you like to be free."

Dr. Mark Meli PhD 1997

I am Associate Professor at Kansai University in Osaka, Japan. I am married and my wife Sakiko and I live in a mountain-top house in Kyoto where my new hobby is gardening (aimed at various kinds of aesthetic appreciation: visual and olfactory as well as gastronomic). I am on sabbatical in Europe this year, mostly in Vienna and Paris but with stops in WNY, Turkey and various places in Eastern Europe in between. At work, I have been part of a move to create a new major in cross-cultural studies. In that major, I teach the philosophy and religion-based classes plus some others on American culture and cultural studies. I also teach Japanese philosophy and religion to exchange students. I hope that my dissertation research, along with

the several years of further study that came after graduation, will be published in book form soon. I just got back to it this year after five years of it being on the shelf. My present interests extend to theoretical issues relating to doing philosophy across cultural and linguistic divides as well as to Japanese travel writing and the representation of Japan in Western media and the representation of the West in Japanese media. I would love to hear from my old friends. Mail me at mfmeli@yahoo.co.jp

Mustafa al-Nakeeb PhD 1999

The department received a pleasant surprise this summer in the form of a visit from Mustafa and his wife, Serap. Mustafa teaches in the Program in cultures, Civilizations and Ideas at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. We were glad to hear that he is still an avid trout fisherman. I'm not sure what a Turkish trout looks like but Mustafa assures us he pursues them in the mountains with determination. He has relatives in the Buffalo area and so makes it back to our neck of the woods from time to time.

John Shook PhD 1964

John is now Provost and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Inquiry Transnational in Amherst, NY. He joined the center in June 2006. Among his current responsibilities are the Center for Inquiry's educational and research programs, and the expansion of the center's Jo Ann Boydston Library of American Philosophical Naturalism. His research and writing focuses on American philosophy, philosophy of science, epistemology, ethical theory, and political theory. He authored *Dewey's Empirical Theory of Knowledge and Reality* in 2000, and edited *Pragmatic Naturalism and Realism* (2003), the *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (2005) and *Ectogenesis* (2006). John is also co-editor of the journals *Contemporary Pragmatism* and *The Pluralist*. His website is at <http://www.shook.pragmatism.org>.

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Joel Tierno PhD 1992

Joel writes that he is a Professor of Philosophy at the Community College of Southern Nevada where he teaches (count'em) twelve classes a year. He is the faculty advisor for the Philosophy Club and was Faculty Senator from Fall 2003 until Spring 2006. last year, Joel was a finalist in the Nevada Regents Professor of the Year Award. During the period from January 2005 to July 2006, he published "On Defense as Opposed to Theodicy" in the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 59, 2006, and wrote "On the Alleged Connection between Moral Evil and Human Freedom: A Reply to Trakakis' Second Critique" which will be forthcoming in *Sophia*. Along with his wife, Gina Sully, Joel presented a paper entitled "Racism and the Origins of Drug Prohibition" at the Far West Popular Culture Conference in February 2006.

Lowell Vizenor PhD 2005

Lowell has received a postdoctoral fellowship from the US National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. As part of his research project, he will work closely with leading informatic researchers in a variety of areas of biomedical informatics. As a member of the Medical Ontology Research project, though, he will work on the application of ontological principles to the Unified Medical Language System, a biomedical terminology resource that combines a large number of terminologies into a single platform. The goal will be to show that a strict adherence to ontological principles can provide a more coherent and consistent means for the organization of biomedical information.

Roger Worthington PhD 2001

Roger writes that, in addition to his academic posting, since January 2005 he has been a consultant advisor on Standards and Ethics at the General Medical Council (UK) based in London. Since his appointment, he has written a series of papers and spoken at various conferences on behalf of the Council. He also regularly liaises with government departments on issues around standards and medical ethics.

Leo Zaibert PhD 1997

Leo has obviously been keeping himself busy doing the following:

He has published two books and a few articles. See the details at <http://www.uwp.edu/~zaibert>. He has been appointed Chair of his department. He was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt fellowship. He has been invited to serve on the editorial board of the *New Criminal Law Review* and of *Criminal Law and Philosophy*. He is also guest editing an upcoming issue of *The Monist* on the topic of forgiveness.

EVENTS

SPRING 2005 DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

Date	Event
Thurs 2/24	Paul Penner (University at Buffalo) "The Rise of Contemporary Religious Fundamentalism"
Thurs 4/7	Mark Sagoff (Maryland) "Locke was Right: Nature has Little Economic Value" Co-sponsored with the Environment and Society Institute Also speaking: "On the death of environmentalism" Center for the Arts Screening Room Friday, April 8, 11:00 am
Thurs 4/14	Stephen Hwa (Classical Tai Chi School) "Taichi and Chinese Philosophy"
Thurs 4/28	David B. Wong (Duke) "Relational Self" co-sponsored with Environmental Studies

2005 NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE

June 6-30, 2005

**Latin American Philosophy:
The Appropriation of European Ideas
in Latin America**
NEH Summer Institute
Faculty: Jorge J. E. Gracia (SUNY at Buffalo), Ivan Jaksic (Notre Dame), Susana Nuccetelli (St. Cloud State), Ofelia Schutte (South Florida)

SPRING 2005 BUFFALO LOGIC COLLOQUIUM

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: THE SEMIOTIC TRIANGLE:

Prominent in the works of Aristotle, Mill, Frege, Peirce, Tarski and others are forms of what has been called, following Peirce, the semiotic triangle: the interrelations among three things – (1) an expression or term, (2) a connotation or sense, and (3) a denotation or referent. Terminology varies: the term expresses, means or connotes a sense. But it names, refers to or denotes a referent. All parties agree that the term-sense side is purely conventional and extrinsic. Most hold that the term-referent side is also conventional and extrinsic. Some hold that

the third side, the sense-referent side, is objective and intrinsic. Some hold that third side is prior to the other two legs. A distinct but influential minority sometimes prefers not to distinguish the vertices in any systematic way. Tarski writes concerning his own usage of the terms 'notion' and 'concept': "Thus, sometimes they refer simply to a term, sometimes to what is meant by a term, and sometimes to what is denoted by a term." (Tarski 1944, 370, footnote 4) – Frango Nabrasa 2005

Wednesday, June 22

SPEAKER: Leonard Jacuzzo (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: Principles of Form for Argumentations and the Limits of Formal Logic

ABSTRACT: The Buffalo School of Logic is characterized in part by the desire to clarify logical terminology, one of the goals of the Buffalo Logic Dictionary Project.

Corcoran's 1972 paper "Conceptual Structure of Classical Logic" focuses on the term 'argument'. Two distinct meanings of 'argument' are distinguished. Corcoran's 1989 "Argumentations and Logic" goes further to provide a comprehensive terminology centered upon the distinction between premise-conclusion arguments and argumentations. A premise-conclusion argument is a two-part system composed of a set of propositions known as the premise-set and a single proposition known as the conclusion. An argumentation is a three-part system composed of a premise-set, a conclusion, and a chain of reasoning. Thus, an argumentation includes an epistemic component totally absent from a premise-conclusion argument. There are separate principles of form for arguments and for argumentations. Every two arguments in the same form are either valid or invalid. Every two argumentations in the same form are either cogent or fallacious. Validity is purely ontic; cogency involves reasoning and is thus epistemic. The term 'argumentation' can be further disambiguated. In one sense, an argumentation is an activity that takes place in time, requires an audience and a person to perform the argumentation. A speech-act argumentation is a speech-act composed of speech-acts. These include a

series of assertions known as the premise-acts, a sequence of inferences known as the reasoning sequence, and a single assertion known as the conclusion-act. In another sense, an argumentation is an abstract entity that may never have been thought of, does not have a place, requires no actual audience, nor a person to perform the argumentation. This use of 'argumentation' is captured in the initial definition of 'argumentation' above. The term abstract-argumentation will be used with this meaning. An abstract-argumentation is composed of propositions, whereas a speech-act argumentation is composed of acts. Once the term 'argumentation' is disambiguated it is apparent that the principles of form for argumentations are ambiguous as well. This essay discusses the consequences of this disambiguation. Much of the history of formal logic has been devoted to studying speech-act argumentations. Students were trained to perform and evaluate speech-act argumentations based on

Wednesday, June 29

SPEAKER: John Corcoran (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: Wholistic Reference, Truth-Values, Universe of Discourse, and Formal Ontology: Tréplica to Oswaldo Chateaubriand

ABSTRACT: In its strongest unqualified form, the principle of wholistic reference is that in a given discourse each proposition refers to the whole universe of discourse regardless of how limited the referents of its non-logical or content terms. According to this principle every proposition of number theory, even an equation such as " $5 + 7 = 12$ ", refers not only to the individual numbers that it happens to mention but to the whole universe of numbers. This principle, its history, and its relevance to some of Oswaldo Chateaubriand's work are discussed in my 2004 paper "The Principle of Wholistic Reference" in *Essays on Chateaubriand's "Logical Forms"*. In Chateaubriand's reply, which is printed with my paper, he raised several important additional issues including the three I focus on in this reply to his reply: truth-values, universe of discourse, and formal ontology.

This paper is self-contained: it is not necessary to have read the above-mentioned works.

Wednesday, July 6

SPEAKER: John Corcoran (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: C.I. Lewis: History and Philosophy of Logic

Wednesday, July 13

SPEAKER: John Corcoran (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: George Boole and the Boolean Period in History of Logic

Wednesday, July 20

SPEAKER: John Kearns (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: Russell's 1905 "On Denoting"

Wednesday, July 27

SPEAKER: John Corcoran (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: The Concept of Schema in History of Logic

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FALL 2005 DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIUM

Date	Event
Fri 09/09	Peter Simons (University of Leeds) "Truthmakers: What to Expect From Them"
Tues 10/11	James Beebe (SUNY at Buffalo) "Bonjour and Skepticism"
Mon 10/17	Nicholas Capaldi (Loyola University) "What Philosophy Can and Cannot Contribute to Applied Ethics"
Mon 10/17	Nicholas Capaldi (Loyola University) "Business Ethics in a New Key"
Tues 10/18	Nicholas Capaldi (Loyola University) "The Philosophy of Michael Oakeshott"
Mon 11/7	John R. Corcoran (SUNY at Buffalo) "Varieties of Ambiguity" JOINT WITH BUFFALO LOGIC COLLOQUIUM
Mon 11/14	Cian Dorr (University of Pittsburgh) "Finding Ordinary Objects in the World of Quantum Mechanics "
Fri 12/2	Achille Varzi (Columbia University) "Why a Whole is Just the Sum of Its Parts"

FALL 2005 BUFFALO LOGIC COLLOQUIUM

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: CHURCH ON FORMALIZED

LANGUAGES: The superficial linguistic analogy of ... two arguments is deceptive. Because of this, it is desirable or practically necessary for purposes of logic to employ a specially devised language, a formalized language as we shall call it, which shall reverse the tendency of the natural languages and shall follow or reproduce the logical form – at the expense, where necessary of brevity and facility of communication. To adopt a particular formalized language thus involves adopting a particular theory or system of logical analysis. Church 1956, 2, 3.

Friday, September 9

SPEAKER: Peter Simons, Philosophy, University of Leeds and former Editor of History and Philosophy of Logic

TITLE: **Truthmakers**

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Friday, September 16

FILM SUBJECT: An informative and inspiring film about the proof of the centuries old Fermat Hypothesis by Andrew Wiles, Mathematics, Princeton University. See NYTimes article on the BLC Bulletin Board.

TITLE: **The Proof.**

ABSTRACT: Fermat's Hypothesis amounts to the simple proposition that given any three positive numbers that are all the same power exceeding two, no one is the sum of the other two. This implies that no sum of two cubes is a cube; that no sum of two fourth powers is a fourth power; and so on. Try it out. Wiles discovered Fermat's Hypothesis, the proposition, not the proof of course, while at a public library at the age of ten. From this point on he devoted his life to settling the hypothesis. When he was a graduate student in mathematics, his teachers discouraged him from continuing with it. In spite of this, he continued his work. Later on, as a professor, inspired by an article by two Japanese mathematicians which added an element he was lacking, he worked on the problem for two more years, finally got it.

Friday, September 23

SPEAKER: Fabian Neuhaus, Philosophy, University of Buffalo, and IFOMIS, Universität des Saarlandes.
www.fabian-neuhaus.de

TITLE: **An Actualist Semantics For Modal Logic.**

ABSTRACT: Modal statements like 'I could be in Florida right now' or 'Prince Charles could have a daughter' are part of our day-to-day communication. The truth condi-

tions of modal statements are usually stated in terms of possible-world semantics as in Hughes and Cresswell 1968. Possible-world semantics is a fruitful theoretical framework which is applied in philosophy, linguistics and computer science. Unfortunately, possible-world semantics seems to imply possibilism. A possibilist, e.g. David Lewis, affirms the existence of possibilia, merely possible entities that have being but do not actually exist. Actualism is the denial of possibilism: There neither are, nor could there have been, entities which do not actually exist. This does not mean that actualists reject statements as 'Prince Charles could have a daughter' as false; they just do not believe that the truth of these statements entails the existence of possibilia. In order to show that actualism is feasible, the actualist has to construct a modal semantics which does not refer to possibilia. The traditional approach to achieve this goal (e.g., that taken by Plantinga) is to keep the possible-world modal semantics almost unchanged and to replace the possibilia by Platonic entities. This paper argues that this strategy does not give justice to the actualist's convictions and it presents an alternative account.

RELATED MEETING

Thursday, October 6

SPEAKER: John Corcoran (Philosophy, University at Buffalo)

TITLE: **George Boole (1815-1864), Founder of Symbolic Logic.**

ABSTRACT: GEORGE BOOLE, self-educated English mathematician and logician, is regarded by many logicians as the founder of symbolic logic. He could be called the Galileo of logic in that he definitively established the mathematical nature of logic – assuming that it was Galileo (1564-1642) who did this for physics, not, say, Archimedes (287-212 BCE). He is considered to be among the five greatest logicians, the others being the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BCE), the German mathematician Gottlob Frege (1848-1925), the Austrian mathematician Kurt Gödel (1906-1977) and the Polish mathematician Alfred Tarski (1901-1983). It has been said

that Galileo's greatest achievement was to persuade the world's scientists that physical reality is mathematical, or at least that science should be pursued mathematically. In his words, "The Book of Nature is written in mathematical characters". In a strikingly similar spirit, Boole stated "it is certain that [logic's] ultimate forms and processes are mathematical" (Boole 1854, 12). Perhaps Boole's greatest achievement was to persuade the world's logicians that logical reality is mathematical, or at least that logic should be pursued mathematically.

Thursday, October 14

SPEAKER: John Dawson (Mathematics, Pennsylvania State University, York and Editor of History and Philosophy of Logic)

TITLE: **Kurt Gödel. His Life and Work in Retrospect, on the Eve of His Centennial**

ABSTRACT: Kurt Gödel (1906-1978) was the greatest mathematical logician of the twentieth century. This talk will survey his life and most important achievements, including the completeness of first-order logic, the incompleteness of formal number theory, his relative consistency results in set theory, and his contributions to relativistic cosmology and to philosophy (Platonism and the mind/mechanism debate). Some common misconceptions about the implications of his work, perpetuated in recent writings about him, will also be addressed.

Friday, November 4

Joint with the Philosophy Departmental Colloquium

SPEAKER: George Boger (Acting Chair, Philosophy, Canisius College)

TITLE: **Humanist Principles Underlying Argumentation Theory.**

ABSTRACT: Argumentation theorists--such as Stephen Toulmin, Chaim Perelman, Charles Hamlin and, more recently, Douglas Walton, Trudy Govier, Ralph Johnson and Franz van Eemeren--in spite of disavowing "timeless principles", rejecting the use of 'proposition', and affirming the "dethronement of formal logic", nevertheless embrace

a set of principles to underlie argumentation theory. Argumentation theory here compasses various currents including informal logic, critical thinking, “pragma-dialectics”, “dialogue logic” and communication theory. The turn away from formal logic was motivated by deep-seated humanist concerns to make logic relevant to ordinary human beings and to empower them with skills to assess argumentations that affect their well-being. As it happened, these logicians became less concerned with formal implication and decidedly more concerned with the contextual matters of situated argumentations and the pragmatics of discourse. This discussion reviews the thinking of some prominent argumentation theorists to extract principles common to their thinking about the activity of human argumentation. It concludes by suggesting that argumentation theory as they construe it, rather than being a part of applied epistemology, is really a part of applied ethics.

Monday, November 7

Joint with the Philosophy Departmental Colloquium

SPEAKER: John R. Corcoran (SUNY at Buffalo)

TITLE: **Varieties of Ambiguity.**

ABSTRACT: For an expression to be ambiguous (in the semantic sense) it is necessary and sufficient for it to have more than one normal sense. To demonstrate that a given expression is ambiguous it is sufficient to indicate a difference between two of its senses. For example, in the broad sense of 'animal', every human is an animal; in the narrow sense, no human is an animal. It is difficult if not impossible to establish with certainty that a given meaningful expression is unambiguous. The word 'ambiguous' is itself ambiguous. In the subjective sense, the Oracle at Delphi was famous for being ambiguous, that is, being in the habit of using semantically ambiguous expressions. To avoid the uncertainty created by using this ambiguous word, the originally unambiguous words 'polysemous' (1884), 'polysemic' (1940-70?) and 'multisense' (1957) have been coined with the meaning "ambiguous" in the above semantic sense. This paper investigates varieties of ambiguity, the ways in which pairs of meanings are

opposed. The varieties are first divided between lexical and structural. Lexical ambiguity applies primarily only to single words, and in a secondary sense to longer expressions in which ambiguous words occur. Structural ambiguity applies only to higher-level expressions such as phrases and sentences. Lexical ambiguity is divided into two, referential and non-referential (or coreferential); each division has many special cases. Structural ambiguity includes scope ambiguity, segmentation ambiguity, elliptical ambiguity and others. The paper also discusses the product-process ambiguity, the type-token-occurrence ambiguity, the use-mention ambiguity and many more. Semantic ambiguity of expressions per se, a purely objective semantic phenomenon, is carefully distinguished from other phenomena with which it is commonly confused including: homonymy (between linguistic forms) meaning-uncertainty (in listeners or readers), equivocation (by speakers or writers), and vagueness (of meanings). This paper also examines how the various varieties of ambiguity have been treated by linguists, philosophers and logicians.

Friday, November 11

SPEAKER: Daniel Merrill (Philosophy. Oberlin College)

TITLE: **Augustus De Morgan's Numerically Definite Syllogisms**

ABSTRACT: Augustus De Morgan's numerically definite syllogism (NDS) is one of the most striking, if least-known, of the eight innovations in his Formal Logic (1847). It comes in two forms. A simple numerical example of the NDS is this: There are exactly 10 Ys; at least 7 Xs are Ys and at least 5 Zs are Ys; therefore, at least 2 Xs are Zs. A percentage example is: Most Ys are Xs and most Ys are Zs; therefore, some Xs are Zs. This paper will (1) explain the basic forms of the NDS, including some that are rather complex, and outline De Morgan's justifications for them. It will then (2) show how he deduces the traditional syllogistic laws from them and (3) how they were involved in his controversy with Sir William Hamilton over the quantification of the predicate. It will next (4) consider the claim, by De Morgan's contemporary Henry Mansel, that the NDS is

part of arithmetic, and not of "formal" logic. De Morgan's response to this objection will help to illuminate his idiosyncratic conception of the form-matter distinction in logic. The paper will conclude by (5) considering whether, in more modern terms, the NDS should be considered a part of formal logic.

FALL 2005 LECTURE SERIES

Politics and Its Virtues

Newton Garver, PhD (SUNY at Buffalo), Organizer

FALL 2005 WORKSHOP

October 14, 2005

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Barry Smith, PhD (SUNY at Buffalo), Organizer

FALL 2005 CONFERENCES

October 27, 2005

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Barry Smith, PhD (SUNY at Buffalo), Organizer

October 28, 2005

Bio-Ontologies: Gene Ontology

Barry Smith, PhD (SUNY at Buffalo), Organizer

SPRING 2006 DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

Date	Event
Thurs 03/02	Gurpreet Rattan (University of Toronto) "Philosophy and the Theory of Concepts"
Thurs 03/23	Wil Waluchow (McMaster University) "Rights Charters and Judicial Review"
Thurs 04/06	Andrew Spear (SUNY at Buffalo) "The Coherence of Rationalism"
Mon 04/10	Amie Thomasson (University of Miami) "Conceptual Analysis in Phenomenology and Ordinary Language Philosophy"
Fri 04/21	Earl Conee (University of Rochester) "The Best Alternative: Ought and Several Related Matters "
Thurs 05/04	Michael McGlone (SUNY at Buffalo) "Can Truth values Be Lost in Translation?"

SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE

April 8-9, 2006

The Metaphysics of E. J. Lowe

Barry Smith, PhD (SUNY at Buffalo), Organizer

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