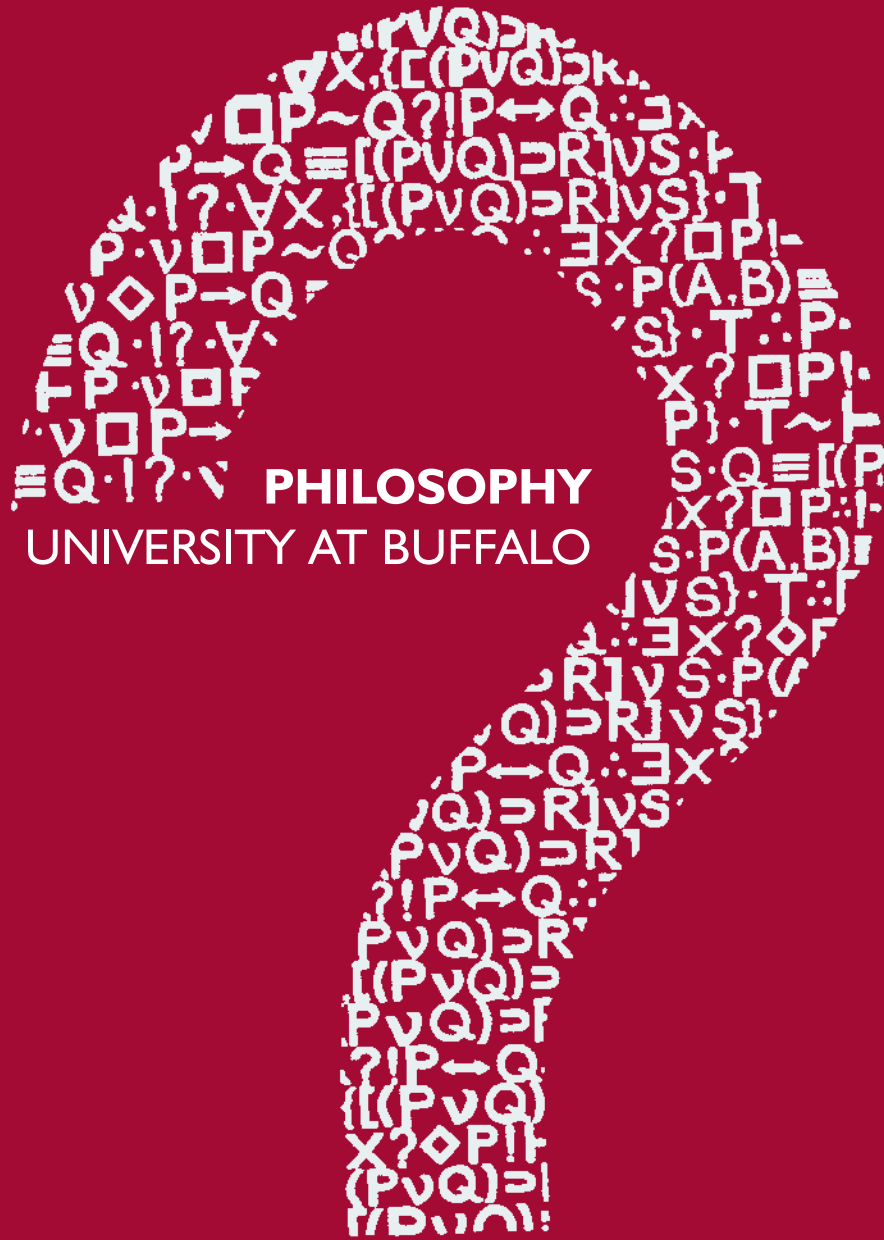


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from the EDITOR

It's hard to believe that another year has passed since the last NoûsLetter. As time has gone by, I have been communicating more closely with many departmental alumni. I have experienced your pleasure at being able to keep tabs of activities in the department and the activities and accomplishments of your fellow alumni.

If you are not yet aware, I have added a communication information page for alumni and a list of sample publications of alumni to our departmental website. We have much to be proud of with regard to the scholarly work of the department's former students.

I recently floated the idea of hosting an alumni conference and reunion next July in Buffalo. I have had very positive response to that proposal so I am going to proceed with the planning for that event. It will be July 18th- 20th to correspond with the best weather Buffalo has to offer. I will keep everyone posted as the planning unfolds.

In the meantime, have a good 2007-2008 academic year. Work hard and laugh frequently. It keeps the wrinkles away...

Cordially, Paul Penner

PATRICK and EDNA J. ROMANELL Bequest

After a year or so of negotiations with the estate of Patrick and Edna J. Romanell, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Romanell Chair in Philosophy, endowed with a one million dollar bequest. The endowment fund will also receive future royalties from various publishers from the sale of Patrick Romanell's books.

At the time of this writing, the Philosophy Department is conducting a search for a faculty member to fill this new position. That person will be a full professor. This chair is not limited to any particular philosophical subfield.

In addition, the estate made another bequest in the amount of \$650,000 to the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences which purpose is to endow the Patrick and Edna Romanell Annual Lecture on Philosophical Issues in Medicine and Health Care. This endowment will be overseen by our own Dr. Stephen Wear, Co-Director of the Center for Clinical Ethics and Humanities in Health Care.

Edward Harry Madden, 1925-2006

In NoûsLetter 17, we included a memorial minute to Ed Madden who passed away in 2006 composed by Peter Hare and Michael Peterson. The following is another tribute to Madden authored by James Campbell of the University of Toledo and presented at a meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy in Columbia, South Carolina in March 2007.

Edward Harry Madden died on 25 November 2006 in White River Junction, Vermont, after a brief illness. He had participated in the present renaissance of American philosophy from its beginning, contributing much to it along the way. Among his many honors were two of great significance to members of this Society: his election to a two-year term as president of the Charles S. Peirce Society (1962-63), and his selection as the 1991 winner of our Herbert Schneider Award.

Ed Madden was born in Gary, Indiana, on 18 May 1925. He graduated from Oberlin College in 1946, and completed his M.A. there the following year with a thesis entitled: "The Critical Pragmatism of Chauncey Wright and Its Prefiguration of Pragmatism." In many ways this thesis was a prefiguring of his own philosophical career which, although it ranged widely across American philosophy, the philosophy of science, the philosophy of psychology, and the philosophy of religion, continually returned to Wright. He championed Wright's thought for its "historical importance and lasting merit," and emphasized his role in the later development of Pragmatism. Ed continually recalled the importance of Wright as "the senior member" of the Metaphysical Club and showed us ways through Wright's "rambling essays that are sometimes difficult to digest," so that we could discover his "amazing richness, subtlety and sophistication."

Ed completed his Ph.D. in 1950 with Gustav Bergmann at the University of Iowa, writing a dissertation entitled: "An Examination of Gestalt Theory." His teaching career included nine years at the University of Connecticut (1950-59), five years at San Jose State College (1959-64), and sixteen years at SUNY/Buffalo (1964-1980). Interspersed among these positions were semesters or years at: Brown University (1954-55), Wesleyan University (1958, 1959), Amherst College (1962-63), the University of Toronto (1967), the American University of Beirut (1969-70), and Oxford University (1978).

After his 'retirement' from Buffalo, Ed spent a year at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton (1980-81), and then settled into a position as research scholar at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Soon after, he began to teach part-time at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, a service that he continued until 1994. In 2000, Ed retired to Vermont.

Ed's published work in American philosophy was broad and varied, from obscure figures and neglected themes to the most familiar, from introductory essays to complex critiques. He was a member of the editorial board of both the nineteen-volume Harvard University Press edition of *The Works of William James* and the twelve-volume University Press of Virginia edition of *The Correspondence of William James*. For these series, he also wrote the introductory essays for *The Will to Believe* and for volume eight of the *Correspondence*. His other published work includes such volumes as: *Philosophical Problems of Psychology* (1962), *Chauncey Wright and the Foundations of Pragmatism* (1963), *Chauncey Wright* (1964), and *Civil Disobedience and Moral Law in Nineteenth-Century American Philosophy* (1968). Ed also published a series of co-authored volumes, and over one hundred essays. In addition, he edited, or co-edited, a number of other volumes, and served on the editorial boards of such journals as the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* and the *Thoreau Quarterly*.

I met Ed for the first time in late 1976 at Fordham University. He was a distinguished visiting speaker discussing Wright and his interactions with Peirce and James, and I was a doctoral student at Stony Brook trying to make some sense of the will to believe. Through our discussion that evening, and our later correspondence and encounters at conferences, he drew me into a close personal relationship that was for me the most pronounced aspect of his persona. My point in this story is, of course, of no significance except that I was representative of a whole class of younger philosophers who were drawn into Ed's large philosophical family, a fortunate group that shared Ed with Marian, his wife of over sixty years, and his sons Kerry and Dennis.

We will all miss him.

Dale Maurice Riepe, 1918-2006

Dale Maurice Riepe was a Professor of Philosophy at the University at Buffalo from 1963 to 1986. He was Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences from 1963 to 1965. In 1964 he was named the first associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Prior to Buffalo, Riepe taught at the universities of North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan, as well as at C.W. Post College where he was Associate Director of Humanities.

Riepe's research interests were in Eastern philosophies, particularly of India and Japan. He traveled extensively throughout his academic career having received a Graduate Fulbright Award to India in 1951 and a Fulbright Lectureship at the University of Tokyo in 1957. Riepe also taught as an exchange professor in the former Soviet Union and in China and served as a consultant to the Institute of Science, Technology, and Development in New Delhi, India.

Riepe published over seventy articles, making significant contributions to both Indian and American philosophies. He

was editor of Chinese Studies in Philosophy and of Chinese Studies in History. Among his published books are *The Naturalist Tradition in Indian Thought* (1961), *The Structure of Philosophy* (co-editor, 1966), *The Philosophy of India and Its Impact on American Thought* (1970), and *Phenomenology and Natural Existence: Essays in Honor of Marvin Farber* (editor, 1973). Riepe also tried his hand at fiction and published a novel, *The Owl Flies by Day* in 1979.

Dale Maurice Riepe died on September 25, 2006.

VISITING FACULTY, RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

This past year has been wonderful in terms of the number and variety of visitors to the department.

The first arrived in January, 2006. Hui Dong is an instructor in the Politics and Education Department of Huazhong University of Science & Technology in the province of Hubei, China. She has an incredible work load compared to American instructors. She only teaches one semester per year but it consists of six classes of 200 students each. She does everything herself with no help from grading assistants or the like. Hui is married to another instructor in the same university and has a young son. She stayed in the department for an entire year under a grant from the China Scholarship Council studying American Marxism with occasional direction from Jim Lawler. Hui Dong is currently working toward her PhD degree.

The next visitor was Alexander Vladimirovich Razin who has been in our department in the past. This time he stayed for two months in Fall 2006. Dr. Razin is a professor in the Department of Ethics at Moscow State University. While in the department, he was engaged in a project investigating the correlation between the activity of an individual in public life and his moral development.

The third visitor of the year was Dr. Jan F. Jacko, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Management and Social Communication of Jagiellonian University in Poland. Jan was present in the department for about six weeks, also in Fall 2006. He was brought to UB under the terms of the University at Buffalo-Jagiellonian University Scholar Exchange Agreement. His research touched the areas of proxemics, non-verbal communication and business ethics.

Yongjun Fu visited the department from September to November 2006 to research the famous debate between John Rawls and Jurgen Habermas regarding political liberalism. Yongjun is a professor in the School of

Philosophy and Sociology at Shandong University, China. He was hosted by Jiyuan Yu of our department.

The final person this year was another return visitor, Ingvar Johansson of IFOMIS in Saarbrücken, Germany. This trip he team taught a graduate course with Barry Smith on the case of medicine in the philosophy of science. Information about Ingvar can be found in NoûsLetter 16.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES



Kenneth Ehrenberg

Last September, Ehrenberg was very active in the events surrounding the visit of the Dalai Lama to UB. Specifically, he was engaged in the day long, small group seminar with His Holiness. The topic was western law and Buddhism.



Barry Smith

This past summer, Smith received an award entitled Pro: A Protein Ontology in Open Biomedical Ontologies from Georgetown University.

Jiyuan Yu

Yu has had an active summer. He was a visiting professor at Renmin University in China for the entire summer of 2007. Also during that period, Yu was the director and Aristotle lecturer of the Philosophy Summer School on Greek Philosophy (jointly sponsored by the US, UK and Canada) held in Jinan, Shandong, China. He published a new book through Routledge entitled *Ethics of Confucius and Aristotle: Mirrors of Virtue*. Finally, Yu received a semester long fellowship from the UB Humanities Institute for his project "Philosophy as a Way of Life in Ancient Greece and China". The fellowship will be served in Spring 2008.



NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

MA Program

Jennifer Kiefer

BA Geneva College (2007)

Interest: Ancient Philosophy

Edward Robinson

BS Jacksonville State University (2004)

MS University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa (2006)

Interests: Ontology, Logic, Philosophy of Science

David Ricchiazzi

BA SUNY at Buffalo (2005)

Interests: Ethics, Metaphysics

PhD Program

Christopher Buckman

BA SUNY College at New Paltz (2003)

MA Stony Brook University (2007)

Interests: Aesthetics, Political Philosophy

Jon Wesley Buckwalter

BA University of Pittsburgh (2006)

Interests: IGERT, Phil of Language, Phil of Mind

David Chabot

BA Universite du Quebec (2005)

MS Universiteit van Amsterdam (2007)

Interests: Metaphysics, Formal Ontology

Dobin Choi

BA Seoul National University (2000)

MA Seoul National University (2006)

Interests: Ethics, Political Philosophy

Alexander Cox

BA Kent State University (2004)

MA Kent State University (2006)

Interests: IGERT, Metaphysics, Epistemology

William D'Alessandro

BA Canisius College (2006)

Interests: Logic, Metaphysics, Phil of Mind

Bethany Delecki-Earns

BS Eastern Michigan University (1993)

MS Michigan State University (2006)

Interest: Logic

Marco Dozzi

BA Allegheny College (2007)

Interests: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

Timothy Peplinski

BA University of Notre Dame (2004)

MA Boston College (2007)

Interests: Ethics, Ancient and Medieval Phil

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

"The Philosophy of Science"

Keynote speaker: Stephen Leeds, University at Wisconsin at Milwaukee

April 14, 2007

PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Andrea Ott was one of three students to win the "Associate Publication Award for Excellence in Writing". The Comment will be published in the Buffalo Law Review in 2008 and it is entitled "At the Altar of Autonomy: the Dangerous Territory of Abigail Alliance v. von Eschenbach".

Ernesto Rosen Velasquez has had his paper entitled "Hume's Racism and His Theory of Prejudice" accepted for publication in Southwest Philosophical Studies.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Patricia Diaz-Herrera presented a paper co-authored with Paul Penner entitled "Globalization, Protestant Conservatism and the Mexican Case" at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World in Morelia, Mexico, July 16-24, 2007.

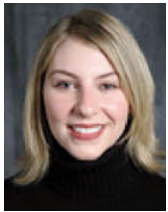
Andrea Ott presented a paper entitled "Personal Identity and the Moral Authority of Advance Directives" at the biennial International Forum on Persons in Asheville, North Carolina, July 31-August 4, 2007

STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Outstanding Seniors for 2007

Sara Barry



Sara Barry is Philosophy's CAS Outstanding Senior for 2006-07 and was so recognized as such at the CAS Commencement. Sara completed her undergraduate studies in September 2006 with two degrees: the BA in Philosophy and the BFA in Fine Arts-Photography earning Highest Distinction in both majors. She participated in the Advanced Honors Scholar program at UB as well as in Philosophy Honors and has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Sara earned three awards in the Arts program and presented her art in over two dozen regional and national shows. Sara intends to work for two years before going to graduate school where she will pursue either fine arts/film making or law/philosophy.

Jason Paget

Jason Paget is Philosophy's Second Outstanding Senior. Winner of the Mary C. Whitman Scholarship for 2006-07, Jason has participated in Philosophy's Honors Program this year. He has served UB as President of the United Nations Association Student Alliance and as a Student-wide Judiciary Associate Justice. Jason is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and held an internship in the City of Buffalo Department of Law. He will attend Brooklyn Law School in the Fall.

Michael Kirby



Michael Kirby is Philosophy's Third Outstanding Senior. Michael is the 2007 CAS Undergraduate Commencement Speaker. participated in Philosophy's Honors Program and minored in History. The 2007 Steinberg Prize was awarded to him this

month. Michael served faithfully and well as a co-leader of the Philosophy Club this academic year. He plans to work for a year, then on to law school or graduate study in philosophy. Here is Michael's commencement address:

President Simpson, distinguished guests, classmates, parents and friends. We are gathered here on a day full of reverence and anticipation, pride and humility, achievement and potential still. We know that this is a very Special Mother's Day too.

Today I ask the Class of 2007, how did we get here? We remember applying, the exhilaration of acceptance letters, the pause at being denied. We would land here, the College of Arts and Sciences at the University at Buffalo. That was years ago, of course.

At this time in 2003, we were eager to start our college careers. It was an anxious time in this country. The United States had just invaded Iraq, our national economy was recovering from the attacks of 2001, gas was cheaper, bread and milk were probably a bit cheaper. I was a little more blonde.

When I transferred here from Virginia in August 2004 chasing my dream of teaching a college drumline while studying philosophy at a university, I found a regional 'brain-drain', and a local government in the throes of a 'red budget'.

Yet this campus, itself a topic of so much lore, and all the tremendous talent around me were at once invigorating and imposing. Our president John Simpson had just taken the reins, and UB football had yet to embark on a forthcoming new day.

We, my fellow graduates, had entered into an open-ended world of firsts that we shall find only ends with life itself. The rhythm of college life resonated loudly within us, from common experiences with dormmates and then roommates, relations with acquaintances and lovers, collaboration with classmates and professors. The rhythm of our future, as yet unheard, nonetheless plays us-so long as we are listening for it.

I want to relate to you the thought that your time here, and that university itself, is a metaphor for life. I have earned

great triumphs and suffered stunning losses here. I have mourned and I have celebrated, as I do today with you. I have come and soon will go.

University—a treasure: its disciplines spin off new ones, expertise proliferates, debate and dialogue ensues, potentials are realized, wonderful contributions are made.

Though regarded as distinctly not the real world, like it, the community of higher education is dynamic and special; this fine university has been gracious to bring us great leaders, lecturers, and performers.

Graduates, go thru your coursework in your mind, think hard—what in fact have your studies taught you? What have these years drawn out of us? Your answer will be authentically your own.

We have been engrossed in school perhaps thru last week, and today is one of a myriad of just-desserts. We have earned this praise, but who among us will walk away today with exactly what we sought or expected years ago? None. I say—none. Hence the unfolding beat of life.

Think of the great big world during your own journey to this ceremony. It is so rich with humanity and goodness on one hand, dangerous and subsuming on the other. Think of Katrina, the tsunami, the thunder-snow of October last; think of London, Madrid, Iraq. Think of Pyongyang, Iran, Darfur.

Think of capable, elegant women at the top such as Angela Merkel or Michelle Bachulet.

Think of our politics, our economy, our sciences, our culture, our environment. Now think of your values, your training, your interests, your talents, your goals.

This day is a tribute to you, Class of 2007, truly, but not to you alone. Our parents who are here today love us and are proud of us. We will know this when our children have

our seats in the graduation arena. We must thank our parents in our deeds. We are obliged to give them tribute with days and lives well-spent.

The professors and staff of this institution presided over us with definitive care. Similarly, we need to thank them with careers and contributions in accord with our fine training.

I must pause to tell you about another commencement ceremony which was held Friday. There were some empty seats on Lane Field at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University that evening. Nonetheless, those students of the graduating class were posthumously conferred degrees. Their proud whisper echoes in us.

This day we have emerged. Every day we are becoming. We are entitled to much less than we think from the world. Friends, there is only dreaming and becoming for us; our lists and our lives will change accordingly.

Today is our commencement. Our beginning. You may be sitting next to the next great changer or decider; you yourself may be the next great model for the rest of us.

Congratulations are in order ladies and gentlemen—Class of 2007, I'll see you on the street, in the wedding, on TV, at the workplace, the check-out line, the barbecue, in the paper, whatever. In fact, I will listen for you, for the rhythm of our lives stirs this day—it intensifies and it is resounding. For we are now trained sculptors of ourselves; we got what we came here for, and yet we won't know anytime soon what even that was.

New Phi Beta Kappa Inductees for 2007

Philosophy Majors

Dylan Hall
Nigina Khasidova
John Seely

Philosophy Minors

Dmitry Braynin
Christopher Grandits
Cori Wolff
Elliot Zyglis

Mary C. Whitman Scholarship Winner for 2007



The 2007 Mary C. Whitman Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Tर्फagneu. The scholarship consists of a monetary award as well as eligibility to take one graduate seminar each semester. Daniel is a senior philosophy major in 2007-8.

Marie Nesbitt Promise Prize

Ryan Leonard was a UB undergraduate philosophy major who graduated cum laude in September 2004. He then entered Law School in September 2005 and is currently a student there. Ryan recently received a \$5000 Minority Scholarship Award and trophy called the Marie Nesbitt Promise Prize. An article about him can be found at: <http://www.philosophy.edu/misc/RyanLeonard.pdf>

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Timothy Connolly

Timothy Connolly is among this year's recipients of the Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Awards. His selection was the result of a rigorous nomination and review process. The award recognizes his exceptional competence and dedication as a teacher.

Timothy has just completed his fourth year of graduate studies in the Philosophy Department. His primary interests are in Ancient Greek and Chinese philosophy. He completed his dissertation on the phenomenon of change in Plato's middle dialogues, and defended in late summer of 2007. In his four years here, he has taught many World Civilization recitations, as well as his own courses in Introduction to Philosophy, Knowledge and Reality, and Philosophy of Human Nature. Tim would like to thank James Lawler and Jiyuan Yu for their help and guidance in attaining this award.

Daniel Novotny and Joseph Palencik

Daniel Novotny and Joseph Palencik have been awarded \$4,000 CAS Dissertation Fellowships for the 2007-08 academic year.

Brian Imiola

Brian Imiola has been awarded the Thomas D. Perry Memorial Prize for the 2006-07 academic year. The prize is given each year to a student who has written an outstanding dissertation. Brian received his PhD degree in May 2007 and is now teaching in the English Department of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Joseph Palencik

Joseph Palencik has received the Patrick Romanell Dissertation Award for the 2006-07 academic year. The award is given to a student in the dissertation year of study who is writing in the area of philosophical naturalism.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

Here's the latest from our alumni. Such news can be sent to me anytime at pspenner@buffalo.edu.

I start with information about a few of our original alumni. As was reported in NoûsLetter 1, Wilfrid Sellars was the first graduate student to receive a degree from our department. That was in 1934 and the degree was an MA.

Howard Wiedemann received the same degree in 1937. He is now deceased but his widow, Irma, sent along some information about Howard. She brags that Howard was an outstanding philosophy student under Marvin Farber. After receiving his MA from UB, he went on to Harvard where he studied under Whitehead and Russell. Irma still has their *Principia Mathematica* signed by both philosophers in all three volumes. That is quite a treasure. Howard spent the last years of his career doing intelligence work in the US Department of State. He passed away on August 30, 2000 at the age of 87.

It was not until 1953 that we graduated our first PhD from the program. That honor went to Robert Kunz. Robert is now deceased but his classmate and number two on the list of PhDs is still alive and well in Florida.

His name is Gerald Standley and I have communicated with him by letter several times. He taught one year at St. Lawrence University and then two at Louisiana College. From 1956-1960, Gerald worked in the US Information Agency and then moved to the University of Florida for the remainder of his career. Gerald has been retired for more than 20 years. While teaching, he published several times in the *Journal of Symbolic Logic* and had a text published by Houghton Mifflin. In retirement, he appeared once each in *PPR* and the *Journal of Value Inquiry*. Other efforts in letters included about seventy published poems here and in Canada and England, and around fifty short stories, five in nationals, the rest in little literaries. I quote here from one of his letters: "I enjoyed immensely teaching philosophy. Two matters students heard from me that they may never have heard (!) before was the importance of quotation marks to avoid plagiarism and the great satisfaction rewarding scholarship."

Berit Brogaard PhD 2000

Berit reports that she is now co-employed in the Philosophy Program at the David Chalmers' Center for Consciousness in the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Michael Gorman PhD 1993

Mike teaches philosophy at Catholic University in Washington, DC. He is an associate professor with tenure. He tells us that he will be spending the Spring 2008 semester in Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship. Mike and his wife live in Maryland. They have seven children and four turtles. He says that they home school. I don't know if that includes the turtles too

Idris Samawi Hamid PhD 1998

Idris reports that the senior faculty of the Philosophy Department of Colorado State University where he teaches full-time has recommended him to the College of Liberal Arts for promotion to associate professorship with tenure. Congratulations Idris!

Derek Heyman PhD 1995

Derek has gone back to school! He is now attending Ohio State University Moritz College of Law where he is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal*. Where does Buddhism fit into all this, Derek?

William Irwin PhD 1996

Bill is an associate professor of philosophy at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He is now the Editor of the Blackwell Philosophy and PopCulture Series. He continues to crank out titles in that genre including his latest: *Metallica and Philosophy: A Crash Course in Brain surgery*. He claims that it slipped his mind about mentioning the dangers of high end hearing loss from years of listening to rock. What's that you say?

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Zosimo Lee PhD 1990

Zosimo attended two meetings at UNESCO Paris in November. One was an international colloquium on “New Philosophical Practices” organized by SCEREN, a French network of philosophers, in partnership with the French Ministry of Education and sponsored by UNESCO. The other was the Thirteenth Session of the International Bioethics Committee. Zosimo was an observer at the latter. He has also been nominated by the National Research Council of the Philippines as a member of the Advisory Council of the United Nations University in Tokyo. Zosimo also reports that the University of the Philippines now has a master's degree program on Bioethics. It is a joint program between the Department of Philosophy and the Social Medicine Unit of the College of Medicine.

John Marmysz PhD 2001

John reports that he has been gainfully employed at the College of Marin in Kentfield, CA since Fall 2005. Nice place to ride a bike, John!

Adrienne McEvoy PhD 2002

Word comes from Bill Baumer that Adrienne has been promoted to associate professor at Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA. She is also the coordinator of the First Year Experience Program at the university. Bill speculates that her involvement in teaching World Civilizations may have something to do with the later.

John Mulhern PhD 1970

John has been busy presenting as usual. He read “Ethikos in the Ethike Problemata Attributed to Alexander of Aphrodisias at the PMR Conference at Villanova, and “The Homonymy of KAKOS in the Politica” at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy at Fodham, both in October. He also read a revised and expanded version of “Kakia in Aristotle” before the Colloquium of the Pennsylvania Department of Classical Studies in February of this year.

In March, John was honored with a resolution by the Philadelphia City Council for his work at the Fels Institute of Government.

Mary Mulhern PhD 1970

Like John, Mary has been busy at meetings as well. She read “The Role of Graphic Display in Aristotle and his Commentators” at PMR and “Aristotle on Some Logical Uses of 'Is'” at the SAGP where George Boger was one of the auditors. More importantly, or at least more fun, is the fact that Mary was invited to contribute to a special issue of *Skepsis* in honor of John Anton on his 85th birthday. Dr. Anton was Mary's dissertation director at UB and she was privileged to contribute her paper “Predicaments and Predicables in Aristotle's Metatheory” to the festschrift volume. She was also able to participate in the XVII International Symposium of the Olympic Centre for Philosophy and Culture in Pyrgos, Greece in August 2006 where Dr. Anton was honored for his many contributions to Greek and Greek-American philosophy and culture. Mary's daughter Eleanor, Princeton '07, presented her paper “One Son Only-Iliad XXIV.485-551: Achilles, Priam, and the Ransom of Hektor” at the conference as well. Several of Dr. Anton's students were at the conference; Mary was the senior one.

Roger Worthington PhD 2001

Roger recently published *Ethics and Palliative Care: A Case-Based Manual*. Two of his students at Keele School of Medicine attended the Yale Bioethics Center summer intern program where David Koepsell was resident last semester. Roger has been an associate member of the center for six years and has given two research presentations there.

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Michael Berman PhD 1997

Mike Berman was awarded tenure at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, this past spring of 2007. He currently resides in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Natasha, who will be 2 years old in November. He is editing a volume of multi-disciplinary essays on science fiction, which should appear next year.

Robert D'Amico PhD 1974

Robert is currently serving as chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Florida

Stewart Shapiro PhD 1978

His eldest daughter, Rachel, is engaged. On the academic front, he has just been re-appointed as Professorial Fellow at the Arché Research Centre at the University of St. Andrews.

EVENTS

NEH SUMMER SEMINAR

June 11-30, 2006

Organizer: Jorge Gracia, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo

*Negotiating Identities in Art, Literature, and
Philosophy: Cuban Americans and American
Culture*

LECTURE SERIES

Thursdays, September 28 - October 19, 2006

Organizer: Barry Smith, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo

Ontology, Bioinformatics and the Life Sciences

CONFERENCE

October 28, 2006

Organizer: Barry Smith, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo

The Philosophy of Biology

FALL 2006 HOURANI LECTURE SERIES

October 28, 2006

Speaker: Jefferson McMahan, Rutgers University
Philosophy Department and Princeton University Center
for Human Values

War and Morality

FALL 2006 DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

FIRST MEETING

Friday, September 15, 2006

Speaker: Joseph Margolis, Temple University
Rethinking Peirce's Fallibilism

SECOND MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Speaker: David Braun, University of Rochester
How to Think about Witches

THIRD MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2006

Speaker: Maureen Donnelly, University at Buffalo
*Mereological Vagueness and Existential
Vagueness*

FALL 2006 BUFFALO LOGIC COL- LOQUIUM FIRST MEETING

Friday, September 22, 2006

Speaker: Mauro Nasti De Vincenti,
Communication Sciences, University of Salerno
Commentator: David Hitchcock, Philosophy,
McMaster University

Stoic Logic and Modern Consequential Logic

SECOND MEETING

Friday, October 13, 2006

Cancelled due to inclement weather.

THIRD MEETING

Friday, November 13, 2006

Speaker: Kevin Tracy, Classics, Washington
and Lee University

Commentator: David Hitchcock, Philosophy,
McMaster University

Rationales for the Five Stoic Rules

FOURTH MEETING

Friday, November 10, 2006

Speaker: John Corcoran, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo
Ambiguity in Logic

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FIFTH MEETING

Friday, December 1, 2006

Speaker: Daniel Merrill, Philosophy, Oberlin College

Commentator: John Corcoran, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo*DeMorgan's Ways of Construing the Syllogism***SUMMER 2007
BUFFALO LOGIC COLLOQUIUM**

FIRST MEETING

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Speaker: John Corcoran, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo*Aristotle's Demonstrative Logic: A Preview*

SECOND MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2006

Speaker: Amanda Hicks, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo*Motivations for Studying Independence
of Axiom Sets*

THIRD MEETING

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Speaker: John Corcoran, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo*Theories of Proportion*

FOURTH MEETING

Wednesday, July 25, 2006

Panel: John Corcoran, Leonard Jacuzzo,
John Zeis, Thomas Reber,*Teaching Logic*

FIFTH MEETING

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Speaker: John Corcoran, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo*Tarski's Demonstrative Logic: A Review***LECTURE**

March 9, 2007

Organizer: Kenneth Shockley, Philosophy,
University at BuffaloSpeaker: Bryan Norton, School of Public Policy,
Georgia Tech Bryan Norton*American Pragmatism and Environmental Ethics***LECTURE**

March 28, 2007

Organizer: Kenneth Ehrenberg, Philosophy,
University at Buffalo and the Theory Working Group of The
Baldy Center for Law and PolicySpeaker: Alon Harel, Hebrew University, Law Visiting
Fellow at University of Toronto Centre of Ethics*Why Only the State May Inflict Criminal
Sanctions: On the Incoherence of
Privately-Inflicted Criminal Sanctions***SPRING 2007
DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA**

FIRST MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Speaker: Will Kymlicka, Queen's Universtiy
*Multicultural Odysseys: Navigating the New
International Politics of Diversity*

SECOND MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2007

James Pryor, Princeton University
*Justified Perceptual Belief***SYMPOSIUM**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT 15TH
ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM

April 20-21, 2007

Jorge Gracia, Philosophy, University at Buffalo
Singularities in Latin American Philosophy

DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

The Philosophy Department maintains a series of UB Foundation funds which receive donations from faculty, alumni and friends. The purposes of these funds range from the general to the very specific. Here is a list of these funds and their descriptions:

Philosophy Department Resource Fund

This fund provides general support in the department for various activities and projects including recognition receptions for incoming faculty and graduate students, receptions for scholarship and award winners from the funds below, recognition events for graduating undergraduate philosophy majors, the purchase of specialized equipment and furnishings not provided for in the general operating budget, the processing of donated art works, the interior maintenance of the common rooms in the department, and many other smaller miscellaneous expenses that allow the department to operate professionally.

Marvin Farber Memorial Fund

This fund enables the department to invite distinguished philosophers of international stature to visit UB for limited periods of time in order to lecture in their area of expertise.

Thomas Perry Memorial Fund

This fund provides prizes for outstanding dissertations in philosophy by departmental graduate students.

George Hourani Memorial Fund

This fund provides a scholarship to the best departmental graduate student working in ethics who already holds an assistantship from the university.

Patrick Romanell Dissertation Fund

This fund provides an award to a qualified departmental graduate student in the dissertation year of study in the area of philosophical naturalism.

Steinberg Fund

This fund provides annual awards for the best original works on a philosophical theme by undergraduate students in the department.

Although all of the award, prize and scholarship funds have an endowed principal, contributing to them is important in order for the generated income to keep pace with inflation, and in order to gradually increase the amounts awarded for the same reason.

The one fund that has no endowment is the Philosophy Department Resource Fund. The amounts that are used from this account must be continually replenished by faculty, alumni and friends. Keeping the account funded is extremely important to the professional functioning of the department. The help of all the readers of the No_ûsletter in this ongoing task is greatly appreciated.

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