

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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Greetings from the

Welcome to the first Philosophy Department Newsletter of the 2016-17 academic year. This year's Newsletter appears at a time of change—by this I mean not so much the change in leadership of the department, as I take over as Chair from Michael Naas, but more important and significant changes that are likely to have more farreaching effects: the arrival of our new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Guillermo Vasquez de Velasco; the current search for a new President of DePaul University; and last but not least, the emergence of a new president-elect of the United States. With change comes renewal, with renewal may come hope as well as danger—and thus also the awakening of an increased vigilance on everyone's part. This, I take it, is the sense of those lines of the German Romantic poet Friedrich

Hölderlin's hymn "Patmos"

which for me come to mind during these times of change and upheaval:

Yet where there is danger, there grows

The saving power too.

Amid all these changes in the air, this past fall quarter has been a busy one. As we welcomed a new cohort of students in September, the department also hosted two major conferences: the 50th anniversary meeting of the Heidegger Circle, whose inaugural meeting was held at De-Paul in 1966; and the 10th annual meeting of the Society for Ricoeur Studies. We had three memorable visiting speakers: Julie Piering, Christopher Peterson, and Santiago Zabala; and many of you attended the SPEP conference in Utah in October. For more details of these, and of upcoming events, see below.

In September, we also welcomed new faculty member Fanny Söderbäck, who specializes in feminist philosophy, particularly French feminism and the work of Julia Kristeva.

If you haven't yet met Fanny, I hope that you soon will; see below for more details of her recent research. On the operational side, we welcome three new front desk assistants: Jamie Grimston, Mason Huh, and Jessica Olsen.

I want to close with a word of sincere thanks and appreciation for our outgoing Chair, Michael Naas, who left the department in superb shape and whose meticulous record keeping has made my transition into this quarter a relatively smooth one. In his absence, our reliable departmental assistants Mary Amico and Jennifer Burke have been keeping me on the straight and narrow. As I write this, Michael is on sabbatical in France, enjoying a well-deserved break and hopefully a few bottles of fine Bordeaux.

I wish everyone a productive winter break and season of renewal.

Will McNeill

Professor & Chair





VISITING &



The Department of Philosophy wishes to thank all of our visiting speakers for their memorable presentations during Autumn Quarter 2016



Julie Piering
Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial Alumni Lecture
Northern Arizona University
September 30, 2016



Christopher Peterson Western Sydney University November 4, 2016



Santiago Zabala University of Barcelona November 11, 2016

Winter & Spring Quarters 2017 Visiting Speaker Preview



Amy Allen Penn State University February 24, 2017



Eduardo Mendieta Penn State University May 5, 2017



SUNY, Buffalo
AND
Anne O'Byrne
Stony Brook University
April 21, 2017

Rodolphe Gasché



Conference Recap

55rd Annual SPEP Conference

The 55th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy was hosted by Utah Valley University in Salt Lake City, Utah. The DePaul Department of Philosophy was extremely well represented once again, although there are no pictures (more on that later...). Twenty-four current or former members of the department attended. Peg Birmingham presented "Decaying Sense: Hobbes and the Political Imagination" at the History of Philosophy Society session which was moderated by Richard A. Lee,

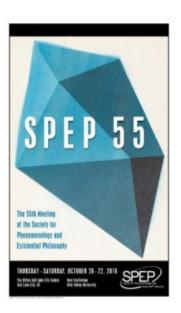
Bill Martin moderated a session on New Horizons in Critical Theory. **Frédéric Seyler** presented "The Reduction to

Immanence: The Status of Personhood and Action in Michel Henry's Radical Phenomenology," and **Peg Birmingham** presented "Arendt and Balibar on Refugees and the Stateless: Is there Universal Right to Politics?" Richard A. Lee Jr., was a speaker at the session entitled "Way Too Cool: Selling Out Race and Ethics."

Four of our current graduate students presented at the conference. Jennifer O. Gammage presented "Time's Redemption: The Recurrence of the Suprahistorical," and moderated a Heidegger Circle session. Owen Glyn-Williams, presented "Emancipation and 'Constituent Power' in Latin America." Khafiz Kerimov

presented "The Exception is the Rule: Jean-Luc Nancy and the Time of Creation," and David Maruzzella presented "Thomas Kuhn in France: The Althusserian Encounter."

Many of our graduate alumni attended or presented at the conference, including: Rick Elmore, Peter Gratton, Sina Kramer, Dilek Huseyinzadegan, Keith Peterson, Sam Talcott, Robin James, Marie Draz, Perry Zurn, Tama Weisman, Brett Buchanan, Jana McAuliffe, Sokthan Yeng and Christina Gschwandtner. As I said last year...with so many DePaul "people" in attendance, you'd think someone would have thought to snap a picture or two. Like the Cubs used to say..." maybe next year"!



10TH ANNUAL SOCIETY FOR RICOEUR STUDIES MEETING RICOEUR IN A GLOBAL AGE

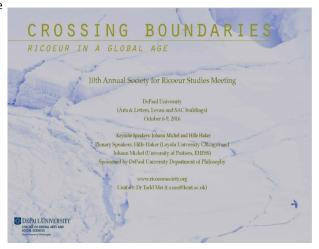
The Society for Ricoeur Studies is an international, interdisciplinary body dedicated to the work of Paul Ricoeur among scholars from around the

globe. The society celebrated their 10 year anniversary by holding a conference here at DePaul University with Profs. Hille Haker and Johan Michel as the Keynote Speaker.

The conference addressed the influence of Ricoeur's thought inside and outside the discipline of philosophy, in fields such as aesthetics, architecture, art practice, counselling, cultural studies, economics, education, feminism, health

care, jurisprudence, literary theory, medicine, music, nursing, political science, psychiatry, religious studies, sociology, and theology.





Conference Recap

THE 50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HEIDEGGER CIRCLE



Profs. **Will McNeill** and **Sean D. Kirkland,** with the help of Graduate Assistants **Jennifer Gammage** and **Güçsal Pusar,** were the hosts of the 50th annual meeting of the Heidegger Circle here in September.

The Heidegger Circle is a group of scholars who have been meeting annually in North America since 1966 to discuss the work of Martin Heidegger.

This conference brought together prominent Heidegger scholars from around the world. The tone of the conference was set in opening remarks by Prof. Will McNeill, Conference Co-Chair and Guillermo Vasquez de Velasco, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University, at a welcoming reception at Salvatore's restaurant.

Speakers at the meeting included:

James Bahoh Larry Berger Robert Bernasconi Peg Birmingham Scott Campbell
Richard Capobianco Daniel Dahlstrom Sean Driscoll Jessica S. Elkayam
Jesús Adrián Escudero Gregory Fried Wayne Froman Jennifer Gammage Matthew Girson
Rico Gutschmidt Peter Hanly Rebecca Longtin Hansen Lawrence Hatab Julia Ireland
Khafiz Kerimov Theodore Kisiel Adam Knowles Maria del Rosario Acosta López
Brendan Mahoney Eduardo Mendieta Andrew J. Mitchell Ian Moore
David Nowell-Smith David Pettigrew Richard Polt Jeffrey Powell François Raffoul
Joel Reynolds Karen Robertson Elizabeth Rottenberg John Sallis
Thomas Sheehan Marcia Sá Cavalcante Schuback Dennis Skocz Peter Trawny
Daniela Vallega-Neu Kate Withy David Wood

Prof. John Sallis from Boston College presented the keynote address "The Negativity of Time-Space," and more than 60 scholars in the field shared their knowledge, including our own:

Elizabeth Rottenberg, On "Future Legacies"

Jessica S. Elkayam, "... And the Whole Music Box Repeats Eternally Its Tune"

Khafiz Kerimov, "Heidegger and the Future of Art"

María del Rosario Acosta López, "(With)Drawing Silences: On Matthew Girson's Libraries"

The memorable Saturday evening banquet was held at the Brauhaus in Lincoln Square.





The 50th Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle would not have been possible without the generosity of the following groups here at DePaul University: The University Research Council, The Department of Philosophy, The Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, The Humanities Center, and Philosophy Today.

Conference Recap Continued

41ST ANNUAL COLLEGIUM PHAENOMENOLOGICUM EMBODYING TEMPORALITIES: DEEP TIME, GENEALOGY, EXILE



The Collegium Phaenomenologicum convened for its forty-first annual session in the Umbrian town of Citta di Castello at the end of July. Lectures were presented by our own Sean D. Kirkland and David F. Krell, Emeritus. Participating faculty included Peg Birmingham, Michael Naas and Fanny Söderbäck. James Griffith, DePaul PhD '14 of Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts was also a participating faculty member. Four of our graduate students participated in the events, including Jennifer Gammage, Vilde Lid Aavitsland, Maria Londoño, and Gil Morejón.







Planning for the next session has already begun. "Natures of Space, Spaces of Nature" is planned for July 10-28, 2017.



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FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR

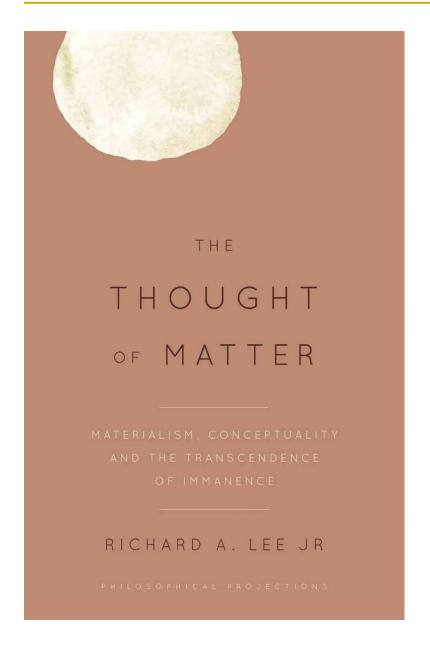




Photo courtesy of Monika Lozinska

Please join us as we celebrate and discuss Richard A. Lee, Jr's. latest book titled "THE THOUGHT OF MATTER, MATERIALISM, CONCEPTUALITY AND THE TRANSCENDENCE OF IMMANENCE."

Friday, January 27, 2017

4:00-6:00 PM

DePaul University

Richardson Library, Room 400

Speakers:

Prof. Will McNeill

Prof. Sean Kirkland

Dan Pepe, PhD Candidate

The Thought of Matter advances current debates around materialism, arguing that matter is the 'other' of thought and, therefore, requires a method that allows that other to emerge in thought without being appropriated by it.

Rick was educated at New School University and Jagiellonian University (Cracow, Poland). He teaches and works in the areas of Medieval and early modern philosophy, the Frankfurt School, and social and political philosophy. His recent published work includes The Force of Reason and the Logic of Force (Palgrave-St. Martin's, 2002), and Science, the Singular, and the Question of Theology (Palgrave-St. Martin's, 2002) as well as essays in journals such as Telos, Hobbes Studies, Vivarium, and The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal. He is currently working on a project on the possibility of materialism that takes Hobbes as a clue.

Conference Announcements



Friday, March 31, 2017

DePaul University

John T. Richardson Library

2350 N. Kenmore, Room TBA

Chicago, IL

For additional information please contact Kevin Thompson (kthomp12@depaul.edu)

This event is free and open to the public.

THE CHICAGO AREA CONSORTIUM IN GERMAN PHILOSOPHY KANT'S THEORETICAL PHILOSOPHY

DePaul University March 31, 2017

Avery Goldman, DePaul University, "Kant on Leibniz: Disentangling the Principle of Sufficient

Reason from the Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles"

Commentator: Kyoungnam (Kay) Park, Loyola University of Chicago

Yoon Choi, Marquette University, "Kant and the Spontaneity of the Understanding"

Commentator: Chen Liang, University of Illinois at Chicago

Jacqueline Mariña, Purdue University, "The Second Analogy and the Motion of the Subject"

Commentator: Morganna Lambeth, Northwestern

Daniel Sutherland, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Kant on Pure and Applied Mathematics"

Commentator: Anastasia Berg, University of Chicago

Neoliberalism and Social Democracy Conference

APRIL 7 - 8, 2017 DePaul University, Chicago, IL

NEOLIBERALISM AND SOCIAL DEMOCRACY:

A collaborative conference between the Department of Philosophy, DePaul University and the Whitlam Institute at Western Sydney University.

On the face of it neoliberalism's conception of human beings as maximizers of human capital seems far from social democracy's conception of active citizens guided by the principles of social equality and political freedom. However, neoliberalism has viewed its project as rooted in the intellectual traditions of social democracy. Bringing together scholars from sociology, history, economics, political science and philosophy, this two-day conference will address the relation between social democracy and neoliberalism.

Participants include:

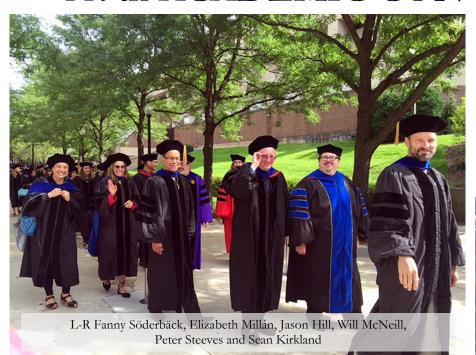
Christina Lafont, Northwestern University
Philip Mirowski, Notre Dame
James Martel, San Francisco State University
Eric Santner, University of Chicago

The Whitlam Institute carries on the work of Geoff Whitlam, who during his brief tenure as Australia's Prime Minister (1972-1975), which had been proceeded by nearly two decades as leader of the Labour Party, enacted legislation that granted the recognition of Aboriginal land claims, the equal rights amendment for the equality of women, free university education, universal health care, and the abolition of the death penalty.

For additional information please contact Peg Birmingham (pbirming@depaul.edu). This event is free and open to the public.

Department of Philosophy

119th ACADEMIC CONVOCATION



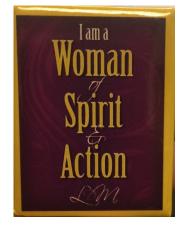
The DePaul University community gathered to celebrate the university's 119th Convocation on Sept. 1. Marking the start of the academic year, the event featured a procession to St. Vincent de Paul Church, welcome speeches by university leadership, awards and faculty promotions.





Danielle Meijer, Department of Philosophy Adjunct, was awarded a DePaul Women of Spirit and Action Award on November 3, 2016 by the DePaul Women's Network and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity.

The award is an homage to St. Louise de Marillac for her tireless commitment to the service of others, the Women of Spirit & Action Awards-commonly referred to as WSA --is presented to women who embody the spirit and action of St. Louise.



We've got to hand it to DWN, Danielle is an excellent choice for this award!

Faculty News

ANGELAKI - Journal of the Theoretical Humanities



No less that four of our current faculty and one of our alumni published articles in the Journal *Angelaki* this past summer.

Michael Naas' article is titled "Plato and the Spectacle of Laughter."

Richard A. Lee Jr.'s article is titled "At Least They had an *Ethos*: Comedy as the Only Possible Critique."

H. Peter Steeves' article is titled "Quantum Andy: Andy Kaufman and the Postmodern Turn in Comedy."

Bill Martin's article is titled "Being Funny: Ontology is a Queer Subject

(or, tractatus cucumber saladicus) (a zen maoist koan)."

Robert T. Valgenti, DePaul PhD '07 wrote an article titled "Go Bleep Yourself!: Why Censorship is Funny." Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities was established in September 1993 to provide an international forum for vanguard work in the theoretical humanities. In itself a contentious category, 'theoretical humanities' represents the productive nexus of work in the disciplinary fields of literary criticism and theory, philosophy, and cultural studies.



H. Peter Steeves was invited to present a workshop and the closing address at the Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy at the University of Chicago this past summer.

He was the keynote speaker at The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (PACT) in Hawaii, in September. His presentation was titled "Show of Resistance."

October turned out to be Peter's busiest month. He was interviewed for the DePaulia Newspaper on the history and philosophy of clowns.

He presented "A Question of the Mouth: Zombies and Language, from Romero to Pontypool" at the Midwest Popular and American Culture Association meeting in Chicago. He was invited to present "The Nature of Thesis Collaboration" for the DePaul Honors Program.

And finally, Merlin Entertainment (U.K.) asked Peter to consult in the development of an amusement park theme-ride. He was asked to work with them to think through the phenomenology of fear and how to apply such philosophical theory to the construction of a horror-themed, virtual reality, mixed-media theme park attraction in England's Thorpe Park. The name of the ride is "Derren Brown's Ghost Train".



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Photo courtesy of Monika Lozinska

Richard A. Lee, Jr. participated in the international conference, "Philosophy and the Modern Age" held at Fudan University in China in October 2016. He attended the celebration ceremony (pictured right) and presented a lecture, "What Does it Mean to Think? On Gramsci and Deleuze," to the Center for Contemporary Marxismn.











Elizabeth Millán has been awarded a Faculty Summer Research Grant to write an essay for the Oxford Philosophical Concepts Series, The World Soul. Elizabeth was asked to write something on the early German Romantics and the world soul. In her article for this collection, "Locating the Divine in Us: Romantic Searches for the World Soul in the Wake of the Jacobi-Mendelssohn Debate," Elizabeth plans to present the view of the world soul within the context of a major debate during the romantic period, a debate that focused upon the relation between reason and faith.

Congrats Elizabeth!



Peg Birmingham has been awarded a University Research Council, Research Grant to organize a conference on Neoliberalism and Social Democracy. The collaborative conference between the Department of Philosophy, DePaul University and the

Whitlam Institute at Western Sydney University will be held here at DePaul in April 2017. See conference announcement on page 7 for full details.

Congrats Peg!



María Acosta has been awarded a University Research Council, Research Grant to organize a conference on Critique in German Philosophy, November 9-11, 2017. María is co- organizing the conference with Prof. Colin McQuillan (St. Mary's University), and has confirmed as keynote speakers, Amy Allen (Penn State University), Karin de Boer (University of Leuven), and Christoph Menke (Goethe Universität Frankfurt). The conference will explore the subject of critique in Eighteenth to early Twentieth Century German Philosophy. Department of Philosophy confirmed speakers include Elizabeth Millán, Avery Goldman and Richard A. Lee, Jr.

Congrats María!

Faculty





Daryl Koehn presented "Ethical Systems: Can They Cope with Business Innovations?" at the Transatlantic Business Ethics Conference at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland in late September 2016.

Every two years the "TransAtlantic Business Ethics Conference" (TABEC) brings together a select number of leading scholars in Business Ethics from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss new approaches and new topics in the field of Business Ethics. These meetings aim (1) to encourage dialogue between North American and European Business Ethics scholars on top-

ics of emerging Business Ethics issues,

and (2) to publish selected papers presented at the conference for the Business Ethics community. This years' topic, "Justification and Application: Bridging the Gap in Business Ethics", intends to advance into a critical research gap of the youngish discipline: justification of approaches of Business Ethics.





María Acosta has been very busy since our last newsletter. Following is a list of her presentations and conference participation.

Seminar on *Memory, Law and Representation* in the Law School at Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá) (June 27 to July 8, 2016)

"Grammars of Listening in the Aftermath of Violence: Philosophical Approaches to Memory and Trauma." University of SUNY at Buffalo, September 9, 2016.

"On Literature as Resistance to Oblivion," International Workshop: Thinking and Writing – Disruption (Violence in Philosophy and Literature III), Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung (ZfL), 23-24 September 2016, in Berlin Germany.

"The Look of Nature and the Promise of Painting: On John Sallis' Senses of Landscape", SPEP, Salt Lake City, October 22, 2016.

"On the Style of Philosophizing: Dennis Schmidt's Hermeneutics of Writing," Conference on *Idioms of Ethical Life (On Dennis Schmidt's Work)*, Penn State, October 28 and 29, 2016.

Finally, Maria is the recipient of the Wicklander fellowship, 2016-2018 with a project titled: "From Trauma to History: Strategies for the Implementation of Ethical Awareness in cases of Police Violence (Memory Building in Chicago's Community Center for Survivors & Families of Police Torture)".

Faculty





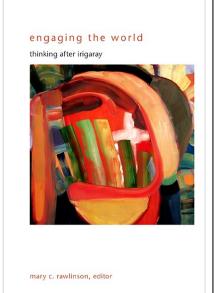
VOMEN OF THE VORLD UNIT

Fanny Söderbäck recently published two book chapters.

"Julie Kristeva" which is included in Fifty-One Key Feminist Thinkers: The Key Concepts, ed.. Lori Marso (London: Routlege, 2016).

And, "In Search for the Mother Through the Looking-Glass: On Time, Origins and Beginnings in Plato and Irigaray," in *Engaging the World: Thinking after Irigaray*, ed. Mary C. Rawlinson (Albany: SUNY Press, 2016).

Fanny also responded to Elaine P. Miller's *Head Cases:* Julia Kristeva on Philosophy and Art in Depressed Times at The Kristeva Circle, Södertörns Högskola, Sweden, October 2016.



Fifty-One Key
Feminist Thinkers

Edited by ori J. Marso Fanny presented two Keynote Addresses in November

2016. She presented "Liminal Spaces: Notes from the Daughter of a Salonnière", at *Architect Humanist Research Association (AHRA)* at Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH), in Sweden. And "Birth or Natality? Cavarero and Arendt on the Human Condition of Being Born" at the Continental Feminism Research Seminar at Södertörns Högskola /Stockholm University, in Sweden.

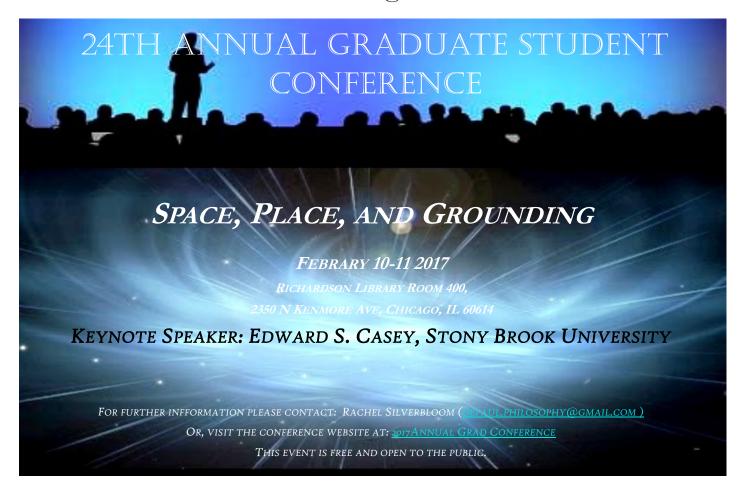


Mary Jeanne Larrabee gave a talk at the meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, meeting with the American Academy of Religion in San Antonio, Texas, on November 19. The talk was entitled "Experiencing the Emptiness within Meister Eckhart and Zen Buddhism: Phenomenology or Ontology?"

At the end of November, she traveled with the University Ministry group to Bogotá, Colombia, to visit human rights advocates, a project for forgiveness, and organizations for displaced persons, altogether a chance to assess the nation's response to the latest peace accord signed on November 12 in Cuba.

On Saturday, November 12, she gave a day-long workshop on Reflective Focusing to the students and community at Sheil Catholic Center, in the Newman Center at Northwestern University in Evanston.

Mary Jeanne took part in DePaul's Mission Office's strategic plan implementation by taking a course at the Catholic Theological Union this fall, dealing with Patristics in the early Christian church.







Our own Ian Alexander Moore and Alan D. Schrift, an F. Wendell Miller Profes-

sor of Philosophy at Grinnell College, co-edited a collection of writings by Jean Wahl.

Jean Wahl was Professor of Philosophy at the Sorbonne from 1936 to 1967, save during World War II, which he spent in the United States, having escaped from the Drancy internment camp. His books to appear in English include The Phi-

losopher's Way, A Short History of Existentialism, and Philosophies of Existence.

Review -

"Emmanuel Levinas likened the thought of Jean Wahl to 'a child's question coming from the lips of the wisest of philosophers,' with the potential to disrupt and reorient thanks to its unexpected combination of innocence and intelligence. One of the most interesting and original thinkers of his time, Wahl helped invent existentialism and exerted influence on a host of canonical French philosophers of the twentieth century. Thanks to the marvelous editorial work of Ian Moore and Alan Schrift, this collection of Wahl's writings recovers him for a new generation of readers."

-Samuel Moyn, Harvard University, author of *Origins of the Other*.





Jeta Mulaj's paper "Exchange-Value and the Concealment of Theft and Violence" has been accepted for publication in The Continental Thought and Theory Journal. A peer reviewed journal, Continental Thought and Theory responds to the need for international critical engagement. The journal is open access.





Dan Pepe presented his paper "Toward a Definition of Fascism in the Constellation of Historical Time" at the Radical Philosophy Association Conference in November at the University of Kentucky.

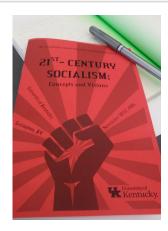


Ashley Fleshman presented her paper "On the Materialism of J.J. Rousseau's Hypothetical History" at the Radical Philosophy Association Conference in November at the University of Kentucky.

Ashley also presented a paper at the European Society for Aesthetics conference in Barcelona, Spain, this past summer. Her paper was titled "Between Realism and Expressionism: Lukács on totality in the work of art".



Khafiz Kerimov presented his paper "The Time of the Beautiful: Kant on Lingering" at the European Society for Aesthetics conference in Barcelona, Spain, this past summer.





"Barcelona Head" by Roy Lichtenstein



Vilde Lid Aavistland received an award for Academic Excellence (Preis für herausragenden Masterabschluss) from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin for her academic studies.





Jennifer Gammage was the commentator on the panel (Thinking, Otherness, and Excess) at the Heidegger Circle in September 2016, here at DePaul She also presented "Historical Horizons: Reading Heidegger, Reading Nietzsche, Reading Emerson" at the **SPEP** (Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy) meeting in Utah in October 2016.

At the 41st Annual Collegium Phaenomenologicum in Italy this past summer, **Jennifer** presented "Time's Redemption: The Recurrence of the Suprahistorical."



Kieran Aarons co-translated the article "Deleuze and the Possible (On Involuntarism in Politics)" by Francois Zourabichvili with Caitlyn Doyle. The translation has been published in the 20th anniversary edition of Theory & Event.



Khafiz Kerimov presented at SPEP 2016 and at the Heidegger Circle during Autumn quarter. He presented a paper entitled "The Time of the Beautiful: Kant on Lingering" at the Society for German Idealism & Romanticism Conference at the University of Chicago on October, 1-2, for which he received "SGIR Best Graduate Paper of the Year 2016" award.

Khafiz also eceived the DAAD Intensive Language Grant this past summer to spend June and July in Freiburg, Germany.





New Translation by Ian Moore and Chris Turner

"Peter Sloterdijk, Not Saved: Essays after Heidegger" (Cambridge: Polity, 2016)



One can rightly say of Peter Sloterdijk that each of his essays and lectures is also an unwritten book. That is why the texts presented here, which sketch a philosophical physiognomy of Martin Heidegger, should also be characterized as a collected renunciation of exhaustiveness.

In order to situate Heidegger's thought in the history of ideas and problems, Peter Sloterdijk approaches Heidegger's work with questions such as: If Western philosophy emerged from the spirit of the polis, what are we to make of the philosophical suitability of a man who never

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SLOTERDIJK

Heidegger

made a secret of his stubborn attachment to rural life? Is there a provincial truth of which the cosmopolitan city knows nothing? Is there a truth in country roads and cabins that would be able to undermine the universities with their standardized languages and globally influential discourses? From where does this odd professor speak, when from his professorial chair in Freiburg he claims to inquire into what lies beyond the history of Western metaphysics? Read more.

Dissertation Successfully Defended



Ian Moore successfully defended his dissertation with distinction, *Being and Method in Eckhart and Heidegger*, on November 8, 2016. Ian's dissertation was co-directed by Richard A. Lee and Will McNeill. Peg Birmingham and Sean Kirkland were readers.

Congratulations, Ian!



Pictured L-R Peg Birmingham, Will McNeill, Ian Moore, Richard A. Lee Jr. and Sean D. Kirkland

Richardson Fellowship Awards -

Vilde Lid Aavitsland received a Richardson Fellowship to study in Paris, France during the Spring Quarter 2017. She plans to enroll in courses at the Alliance Française, and to attend philosophy seminars to improve her French. Vilde's study in French language will be important for her research in in the works of Michel Foucault, and in French political thought (such as Althusser, Deleuze, Fanon.)

Ryan Froese received a Richardson Fellowship to study in Germany. His research is focused on 18th and 19th century German philosophy, especially Hegel. He believes that studying the language in Germany would be a great benefit to his future academic work in German philosophy.

Kemal Isik received a Richardson Fellowship to study in Paris, France during the Spring Quarter 2017. He plans to enroll in French language courses at the Alliance Française. His research interest are in the works of figures such as Georges Bataille, Michel Foucault, and Michel Haar. The fellowship will help him to improve his French.

Dan Perlman received a Richardson Fellowship to study in Germany during the Spring Quarter 2017. He plans to travel to Berlin and enroll in Intensive German Language courses to improve his grasp of the German language and to attend philosophy lectures at Humboldt University and the Free University.

Ece Şahinoğlu received a Richardson Fellowship to study at the Alliance Française in Paris, France during the SQ 2017. Ece's research interests include 20th century French philosophy with philosophical figures such as Bergson, Deleuze, Bataille.

Rachel Silverbloom received a Richardson Fellowship to study in Germany during the Spring Quarter 2017.
Rachel's research interests include German thinkers Schiller, Adorno, Nietzsche, and Heidegger, and other thinkers including Kierkegaard and Camus. She is planning to hone her language skills, make connections with scholars working in these areas, and will have access to libraries that could prove incredibly useful for her studies.

ANNUAL MICHAEL MEZEY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



Congratulations María de la Cruz Salvador López!

María was awarded the Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual department orientation held in early September.

Prof. Jason D. Hill, Teaching Practicum Director presented the award to this "excellent" teacher.





Graduate Student, Tom Krell was recently interviewed for the September 2016 issue of DIY Magazine. See the full interview "Live Krell and prosper: How to Dress Well" by Joe Goggins, online here.



It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you....

Antonia Hernández-Gualdrón!!

Miguel Gualdrón (aka Dad) & Nathalia Hernandez Vidal (aka Mom) are very happy to announce her birth. Antonia was born on September 30th. Upon her arrival, she was 4lbs 12oz, and 17 inches long.

Wishing health and happiness to this precious angel!



Graduate Program - Continued

WQ 2017 REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS!!!!!

Please register early to allow time to fix unexpected issues which might prevent timely enrollment!

CAMPUS CONNECT

	Fall	Winter	Spring
HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY	PHL 415: Aristotle I Matter and Temporality Sean Kirkland TH 3:00-6:15 [H-I]	PHL 657: Topics in Social and Political Thought Walter Benjamin: History, Violence, Language María Acosta M 3:00-6:15 [NP]	PHL 416: Aristotle II Virtue and Judgment Daryl Koehn M 3:00-6:15 [H-I]
SOCIO-POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	PHL 434: Hobbes De Corpore Rick Lee M 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 400: Special Topics in Traditional Philosophers Leviathan, De Cive, Elements of Law Peg Birmingham Th 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 557: Topics in Continental Philosophy Derrida's Grandfathers: Freud/Heidegger Elizabeth Rottenberg T 3:00-6:15 [CE]
PHILOSOPHIES OF SUSPICION	PHL 516: Hegel II Philosophy of Right Kevin Thompson T 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 661: Topics in Feminist Theory Irigaray's Philosophy of Sexual Difference Fanny Söderbäck T 3:00-6:15 [NP]	PHL 550: Heidegger I Being and Time Will McNeill TH 3:00-6:15 [CE]
NATURE, MATERIALISM, LIFE		PHL 590: Trends in Contemporary French Philosophy Bergson: Authenticity, Morality, Religion Frédéric Seyler W 3:00-6:15 [CE]	PHL 500: Special Topics in the History of Philosophy Conceptions of Nature in the Post- Kantians Elizabeth Millán W 3:00-6:15 [H-II]

Distribution Requirement Key:

H-I = History of Western PHL (Ancient or Medieval)

H-II = History of Western PHL (Modern or 19th Century)

NP = Normative Philosophy

CE = Contemporary European Philosophy

Graduate Alumni NEWS

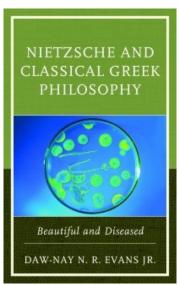




Daw Nay Evans, Jr., PhD '12 has just been awarded the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery endowed assistant professorship at Lake Forest College. Daw Nay's areas of specialization include, Africana Philosophy, Modern German Philosophy, Moral and Political Philosophy, and Philosophy of Race and Racism.

And Daw Nay's new book, "Nietzsche and Classical Greek Philosophy, Beautiful and Diseased" is being released in December. It explains Friedrich Nietzsche's ambivalence toward Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Daw-Nay N. R. Evans Jr. argues that Nietzsche's relationship to his classical Greek predecessors is more subtle and systematic than previously believed. He con-

tends that Nietzsche's seemingly personal attacks on his philosophical rivals hide philosophically sophisticated disputes that deserve greater attention. Evans demonstrates how Nietzsche's encounters with Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle reveal the philosophical influence they exercised on Nietzsche's thought and the philosophical problems that he sought to address

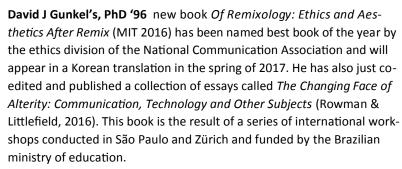


through those encounters. Having illustrated Nietzsche's ambivalence toward Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, Evans draws on Nietzsche's admiration for Heraclitus as a counterpoint to Plato to suggest that the classical Greek philosophers are just as important to Nietzsche's thought as their pre-Socratic precursors.



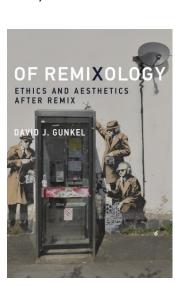
Ina Jaffe, who earned a Master's Degree in Philosophy from DePaul in 1977 is a veteran NPR correspondent covering the aging of America in all its variety. Her stories on Morning Edition and All Things Considered have focused on older adults' involvement in politics and elections, dating and divorce, work and retirement, fashion and sports, as well as issues affecting long term care and end of life choices. She also has an ongoing spot on Weekend Edition with Scott Simon called "1 in 5" where she discusses issues relevant to the 1/5 of the U.S. population that will be 65 years old or more by 2030.





Congrats David!





Graduate Alumni





ANN GUNKEL, PHD '94 is Associate Professor of Cultural Studies and Humanities in the Department of Humanities, History, and Social Sciences at Columbia College, Chicago. She is a Founding member and past Director of the Cultural Studies Program and currently serves as Humanities Coordinator at Columbia.

Ann's chapter "Food and Culture" was published in <u>A Companion to Popular Culture</u>, and a chapter on Digital Culture and the Other is forthcoming as "(De)Facing Alterity in the Digital Age: The Metaphysics of the Real and Social Networking" in <u>The Changing Face of Alterity</u>.



Sina Kramer, PhD '11 has a book forthcoming in 2017 from Oxford University Press titled *Excuded Within: The (un)Intelligibility of Radical Political Actors.* Sina joined the women's studies department at Loyola Marymount University in 2014 after having served as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Philosophy at Fordham University in New York. She specializes in feminist theory, queer theory, critical theory, and continental philosophy. Her work is focused on political epistemology and constitutive exclusion and the construction of political agency through gender, race, and sexuality, and she approaches these questions through both philosophical texts and political struggles. She is also interested in gender, race and sexuality in urban geography and history and is developing a project that takes up these issues called "How to Read a



James Griffith, PhD '14 presented a paper titled "The Three Modes of Dominion and the Mother in De Cive and Leviathan" at the conference "Hobbes: droit de domination et droit de résistance" held at the Sorbonne. James joined the Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts in August 2015. His areas of specialization is in Early Modern Philosophy and Continental Philosophy. His area of competence are Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, and Critical Thinking. James has taught courses on early modern and twentieth-century political philosophy (Philosophy and Modern Society), Plato's Republic, and the history of political economy and contemporary agriculture (Business Ethics).



PERRY ZURN, PHD '15 has recently published a book chapter, *Wonder and Écriture: Descartes and Irigaray, Writing at Intervals* in *Engaging the World: Thinking after Irigaray,* ed. Mary C. Rawlinson (Albany: SUNY Press, 2016). Perry is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow for the Center for Curiosity at the University of Pennsylvania. Perry is on leave from his position as Assistant Professor of Philosophy at American University.

Perry researches in the areas of social and political philosophy (esp. critical prison studies), gender studies, and applied ethics (esp. environmental ethics and research ethics). He is currently writing a monograph on curiosity as philosophical method and political practice. He is the co-editor of Active Intolerance: Foucault, the Prisons Information Group, and the Future of Abolition (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), Intolerable: Writings from Michel Foucault and the Prisons Information Group, 1970-1980 (University of Minnesota, under contract), and a special issue of the Carceral Notebooks. Perry's essays and translations have appeared in Zetesis, Radical Philosophy Review, philosOPHIA, Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, and Engaging the World (SUNY).

Undergraduate & Graduate Program Intersection

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DOCTORAL & UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

On behalf of the Philosophy DUOS Committee, Frédéric Seyler, María Acosta, and Sean Kirkland, we are very pleased to announce the 2016-2017 DUOS Awards.

The DUOS awards are funded by two sources: The Maimonides Endowment in Philosophy, the result of an anonymous grant, and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. We sincerely appreciate the support of both the Maimonides donor and Dean Guillermo Vasquez de Velasco, for their continued support of the DUOS program.

Please join us in congratulating the following graduate and undergraduate students. Good luck to you all!

To Be Contemporaries of Aesthetics: Literature, Poetry in Contemporary Philosophy* Graduate Student: David Maruzzella

Graduate Student: David Maruzzella Undergraduate Student: Nicole Urell Faculty Advisor: Dr. María Acosta

Aristotle's Substance as Energeia or Activity*

Graduate Student: Khafiz Kerimov Undergraduate Student: Rebecca MacMaster Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sean D. Kirkland

Enigmatic Translations: Feminism, Phenomenology, and Psychoanalysis*

Graduate Student: Jeta Mulaj Undergraduate Student: Lucy Corbin Faculty Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Rottenberg

Hegel's Concept of the Syllogism in the Science of Logic: Rethinking the Middle Term

Graduate Student: Jacob Singer Undergraduate Student: Sam Ridge Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kevin Thompson

Simone de Beauvoi's Feminist Existential Ethics: Reading *The Second Sex* in Light of *The Ethics of Ambiguity*

Graduate Student: Amelia Hrbuy Undergraduate Student: Megan Janowiak Faculty Advisor: Dr. Fanny Söderbäck

From Natural Law to State Morality: On the Subject of Benjamin's Critique of Violence

Graduate Student: Dan Pepe Undergraduate Student: J Maxwell Faculty Advisor: Dr. Richard A. Lee Jr.

Adorno, Autonomous Art, and the praxis of the Soviet Avantegarde

Graduate Student: James Murphy Undergraduate Student: Leah Hasdan Faculty Advisor: Dr. Richard A. Lee Jr.

Consistency and Organization in the Thought of Deleuze and Guattari

Graduate Student: Kieran Aarons Undergraduate Student: Kevin Klein Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jason D. Hill

The Development of Phenomenological Temporality in Husserl and Merleau-Ponty

Graduate Student: Michael Peterson Undergraduate Student: Alexander Griffin Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sean D. Kirkland

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Please consider applying for this unique opportunity next fall. For further information see: DUOS Description & Guidelines



Undergrads & Undergrad Alumni News

Sarah Prusik '12 is currently serving as an AmeriCorps member with a group called Rebuilding Together, which offers free home repairs to low income homeowners on the South and West sides of Chicago. Sarah was accepted into the AmeriCorps program in August.







UCDAVIS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Meaghan Lidd '14 recently accepted a position at the University of California, Davis. Meaghan is the program representative for the department of Landscape Architecture. She says it's a lovely school, campus, and community! And that she is excited to be working for a university. She is now planning to focus in on grad school.

Brett Neese recently transitioned from an intern to a full time employee at HBK Engineering, an utility engineering firm here in Chicago. Brett led the Developer Operations team which helps the developers actually deploy and ship code.





Christopher Knoerzer '12 recently relocated to the D.C. Metro Area and accepted a position with Planet Technologies, Inc - Federal Division as a Microsoft Office 365 Engineer.





Christian Ripley '12 received a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Illinois College of Law in Fall 2015.



Salma Ghalyoun was awarded the Fulbright scholarship in Turkey for 2016-2017. However they suspended the program a few weeks ago so she is not actually being allowed to go. In Turkey, Salma planned to teach at a university and do research on memory and political mobilization at refugee camps.



Undergraduate Summer Research Experience at Northwestern





Brooklynn Leonhardt, a Philosophy major, participated in The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at Northwestern University during the summer 2016. The program is an eightweek competitive research experience at Northwestern University for sophomores and juniors from colleges and universities across the United States. All fields of research at Northwestern are open to SROP participants including the social sciences and humanities, physical sciences, chemical and biological sciences, technology, math and engineering fields.

Brooklyn shared her unique experience below to encourage other students to apply to this exceptional program.

I participated in Northwestern's Summer Research Opportunity Program under the guidance of Dr. Rachel Zuckert. The program lasted 8 weeks and during that time I crafted a research project.. There are a variety of SROP programs across multiple institutions and there are two major consortium of universities that you can apply to for the summer. There are also universities outside of these consortium who have SROP programs. The two names of the application are Leadership Alliance and CIC. Leadership alliance has a special focus on humanities and is mostly comprised of Ivy League schools which unfortunately means that for philosophy students most of the programs will be analytic. The CIC application is made up of 14 participating institutions (this includes universities like Penn State, Purdue, Northwestern, and Vanderbilt which might be programs that philosophy students would be interested in). The programs are very competitive. I was the only philosophy student that was accepted to Northwestern's SROP program. Other SROP programs, like Vanderbilt, only accept 3-5 students each year across all disciplines. As advice to other students who want to apply these programs, they should apply to as many as they can.

For Northwestern's SROP program, I worked with Dr. Rachel Zuckert. I was given the opportunity to create my own independent research project on my topic of choice. Given my expressed interest in Aesthetics, specifically in Kant's third critique, I was paired with Dr. Zuckert to work on something in that area. I chose my topic to be on whether or not we can formulate an independent and pure aesthetic judgment of displeasure, or aesthetic judgment of ugliness. Although Kant provides an influential and thorough account of the beautiful, ugliness is entirely excluded from this discussion. The research project sought to propose a Kantian understanding of ugliness given the standards that Kant sets out for the beautiful. Moreover, the latter half of the project considered the relationship between ugliness and ethics as Kant begins to open up an ethical dimension out of aesthetic experience in later parts of the Critique of the Power of Judgment. Constructing a reading of the beautiful in Kant and then considering secondary literature on the discussion of ugliness in Kant, my final paper defended the possibility for a pure and independent judgment of ugliness. I argue that: the form of the beautiful object is found within its bounds and limits, that which is cognizable as a unified whole. And, the sublime is that which lacks form and is found in the limitless, boundless, infinite representations of nature. Then, conversely, the form of the ugly object is an excess of form, that which has a multiplicity of minimally unified and disorganized parts. This is what causes displeasure to our faculties as understanding and imagination are in a continual cycle of trying to unify the multiplicity of forms present; there is an excess of form. I explain that there is a type of aesthetic force involved in experiencing ugliness, so that we cannot turn away from the ugly object as the form of the ugly object demands us to linger in contemplation of it. Then, in the later part of the paper, I argue for the relevance of ugliness to aesth-ethical projects over beauty. I claim that the displeasure experienced by way of the ugly object prepares us for what is needed to bear witness to suffering without turning away. The project culminated into a 30 page paper. The paper was titled "Ugliness before Beauty: A Kantian Proposal for Aesthetic Displeasure as an Ethical Practice."

I presented this paper at Northwestern's SROP research forum at the end of the summer. In early November presented this paper at University of Louisville's undergraduate philosophy conference.

See: Northwestern SROP program for additional information and how to apply.



WQ 2017 REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS!!!!!

Please register early to allow time to fix unexpected issues which might prevent timely enrollment!

CAMPUS CONNECT

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HISTORY SEQUENCE				
PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50		PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy MW 4:20-5:50		
White, David		Kirkland, Sean		
PHL 295 – Early Modern Philosophy TTH 9:40-11:10	PHL 294 – Medieval Philosophy MW 2:40-4:10			
Walker, James	Lee, Richard			
PHL 297 – 20 th Century Philosophy TTH 4:20-5:50	PHL 296 – Kant & the 19 th Century TTH 1:00-2:30	PHL 297 – 20 th Century Philosophy TTH 9:40-11:10		
María Acosta	Thompson, Kevin	Thompson, Kevin		
	COGNITIVE SKILLS			
PHL 280 – Critical Thinking TTH 11:20-12:50	PHL 280 – Critical Thinking MW 2:40-4:10	PHL 280 – Critical Thinking TTH 9:40-11:10		
Pusar, Güçsal	Singer, Jonathan	Pusar, Güçsal		
		PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online/Hybrid		
		Larrabee, Mary Jeanne		
SYSTEMATIC THEMES				
PHL 314 – Survey of Ethics MW 11:20-12:50	PHL 320 – Metaphysics MW 1:00-2:30	PHL 341 – Aesthetics TTH 2:40-4:10		
Frédéric Seyler	Kirkland, Sean	Acosta, María		
PHL 315 – Survey of Political Philosophy TTH 2:40-4:10				
Hill, Jason				
300 LEVEL COURSES				
PHL 392 – Topics in Feminist Philosophy: French Feminism MW 1:00-2:30	PHL 325 – Basic Concepts of Phenomenology TTH 1:00-2:30	PHL 369 – Kant Critique of Pure Reason TTH 9:40-11:10		
Söderbäck, Fanny	Goldman, Avery	Goldman, Avery		
LST 389 Latin American Philosophy Memory and Trauma in Latin America	PHL 342 – Philosophy of Law TTH 11:20-12:50	PHL 389 – Latin American Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50		
TTH 1:00-2:30 Acosta, María (X-listed PHL 389)	Birmingham, Peg	Millán, Elizabeth (X-listed LST 389)		
	PHL 382 – Dramatic Theory: Comedy MW 11:20-12:50	CPL 319 – Topics in Comparative Literature: Violence & War TTH 1:00-2:30		
	Lee, Richard	Birmingham, Peg (x-listed PHL 327)		
		PHL 339 – Bioethics In Society Capstone MW 1:00-2:30		
		Klugman, Craig (x-listed REL & SOC 339)		
	SENIOR CAPSTONE			
PHL 391 – Capstone T 6:00-9:15		PHL 391 – Capstone TTH 4:20-5:50		
Steeves, Peter		Birmingham, Peg		