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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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Dear Reader,

The Philosophy Department has decided to send out a quarterly newsletter informing you of events and activities going on in and around the department.

In this first issue you will find information on lectures and events we have held over the past year, faculty and student accomplishments, and upcoming news and events.

Content suggestions are always welcome. We would especially like to hear from our alumni.

Please send any news or event items to Julie Fouts (jfouts1@depaul.edu).

We hope that you will take this as an opportunity to tell us what you are doing.

With best wishes,
The DePaul
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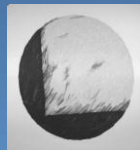
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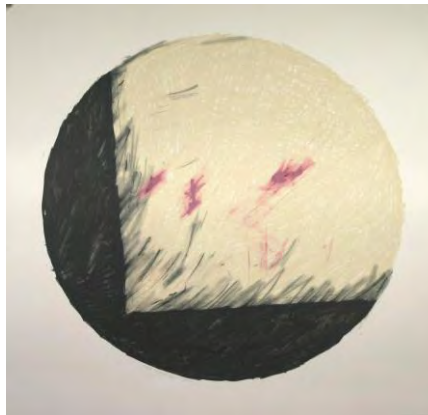
Lectures and Events

We continue to have guest lectures on an almost weekly basis. This year, we featured such philosophers as Rebecca Comay, Leonard Lawlor, and Fred Neuhauser. Over the past couple of years, we have also made a strong effort to bring in alumni to present papers under our Alumni Speaker Series. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to participate.

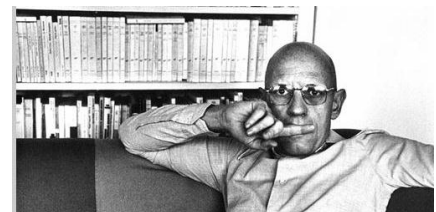
We also featured a number of colloquia. In the fall, there was a colloquium on the political work of Michel Foucault, featuring international guests Frédéric Gros and Johanna Oksala. DePaul also participated in a three day conference on translation and the question of the archive in the work of Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, and Paul Ricoeur, with

presentations and roundtables by our very own David Farrell Krell, Michael Naas, David Pellauer, and Elizabeth Rottenberg, as well as graduate student Perry Zurn.

Finally, we have been holding faculty research seminars on about an annual basis. This year there was one on Professor Jason Hill's new book "Beyond Blood Identities."



Prof. Rebecca Comay from University of Toronto



Michel Foucault

THANK YOU TO 2011-2012 VISITING SPEAKERS

Leonard Lawlor, Penn State University
Fred Neuhauser, Columbia University, NY
Roundtable on Michel Foucault: Johanna Oksala, Frederic Gros
Tony Fry, Griffith University, Queensland College of Art, Australia
Nicole Anderson, Macquarie University, Sydney Australia
Karen Feldman, University of California, Berkeley
Rebecca Comay, University of Toronto
Guenter Zoeller, University of Munich
Bernard Flynn: SUNY-Empire State College
Cameron Tonkinwise, The New School

Faculty Accomplishments and Updates

David Farrell Krell Retires



After more than twenty years at DePaul, David Farrell Krell has officially retired. David came to DePaul in 1989 as Chairperson in Philosophy and completely rebuilt and reenergized our program. As the architect of the Philosophy Department in its current incarnation, his imprint remains indelible on everything from the department's emphasis on reading texts in the original language to its support of study abroad and its innovative approach to rethinking the history of philosophy. He helped attract many new majors into the department and turned a floundering graduate program into what is considered to be the premier program in Continental Philosophy in the country.

In 1997 David was the recipient of the Cortelyou-Lowry Award, DePaul's highest academic honor. An internationally known expert and prolific scholar in the areas of German, Greek, and French philosophy, David has over a dozen scholarly books to his name, many important translations (notably of Heidegger), over 100 articles and book chapters, several novels and plays, and many short stories—with many more to come. It's a truly remarkable record.

David also organized many international conferences and colloquia at DePaul, including a conference in the early 1990s on Philosophy and Architecture featuring the architects Daniel Libeskind, Stanley Tigerman, and Peter Eisenman, and the French philosopher Jacques Derrida. These conferences not only put DePaul's Philosophy Department "on the map" but reshaped the very landscape of Continental Philosophy in the United States.

DePaul University was extremely fortunate to have David Krell in its midst for more than two decades. The Department of Philosophy owes him a great deal of gratitude for his vision, his leadership, and his friendship. Fortunately for his friends and former colleagues and students, he remains just a Skype call away in his residence in Friburg, Germany.

Welcome to Frédéric Seyler



Welcome to the Philosophy Department's Newest Faculty Member, Frédéric Seyler. Frédéric received his Ph.D. at the Université Paul Verlaine de Metz (France) and studied at the Université Catholique de Louvain and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (both Belgium). Before coming to DePaul he taught at the Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz (Germany), the University of Luxemburg and the Université Paul Verlaine de Metz. Within his areas of specialization (phenomenology and German idealism), his research focuses on the concepts of affectivity, life and existence, especially in Michel Henry's radical phenomenology and Fichte's Doctrine of Religion and Wissenschaftslehre 1804. He is the author of *Barbarie ou Culture: L'éthique de l'affectivité dans la phénoménologie de Michel Henry* (Paris: Kimé

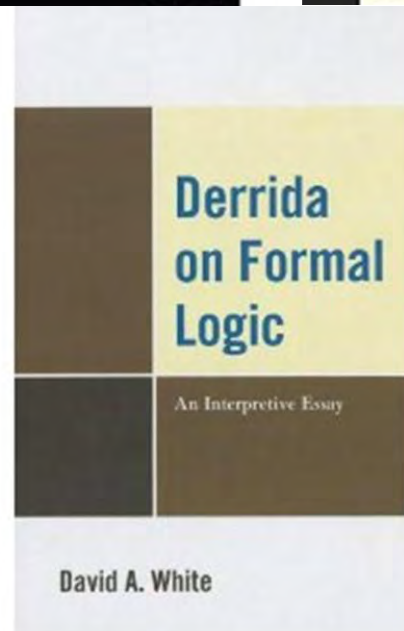
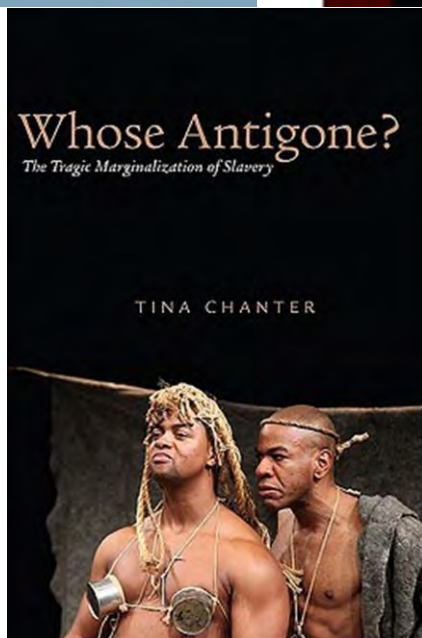
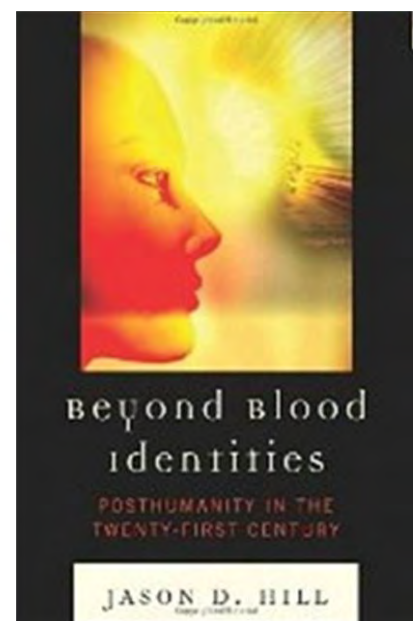
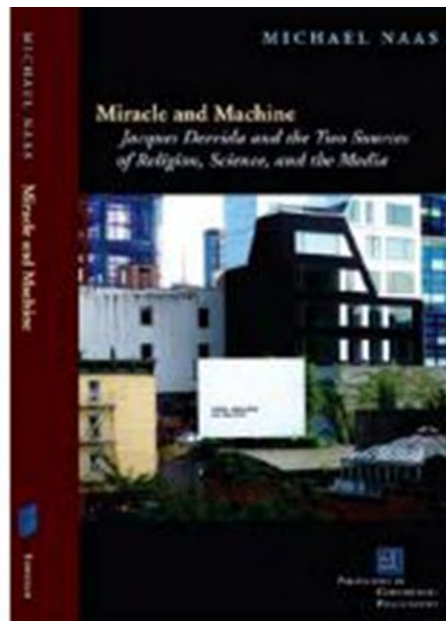
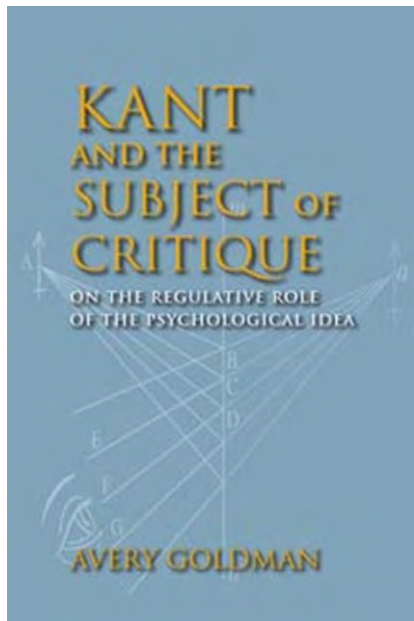
2010) and *Eine Ethik der Affektivität: Die Lebensphänomenologie Michel Henrys* (Freiburg i. Br.: Alber 2010). He is currently co-editing with Stephan Grätzel a comparative study of Martin Heidegger and Michel Henry at Alber Verlag which will be published in 2012.

Congratulations....

Peter Steeves, who has been awarded a \$25,000 NEH Enduring Questions Grant to develop an honors senior capstone class that combines philosophy and science on the question of "Time and Freedom."

Darrell Moore has been appointed Director of the LGBTQA Program.

New Faculty Publications....



Graduate Program

GRADUATE CONFERENCE

Our 19th Annual Graduate Conference "Revolution: Past & Present" welcomed Keynote Speaker Dr. Gabriel Rockhill of Villanova University.

GRADUATE COLLOQUIUM

The Philosophy Department Graduate Student Colloquium included 3 outstanding graduate student presentations this year.

MARIE DRAZ

The Timing of the Real: Queer Feminism and the Transubstantiation of Foucault

FLOYD WRIGHT

Political Theology in *Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*

ANNA JOHNSON

Irigaray on War: The Limits of the *Phenomenology* and the Repetition of The Machine

DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED 2011-2012

No fewer than 5 of our graduate students have defended their dissertations during the current academic year. Here is a list of them with their dissertation titles:

DILEK HUSEYINZADEGAN

Politics, History, Critique:

An Interpretation of Kant's Political Philosophy In Light Of His Critical-Regulative Method

JOSEPH WEISS

The Idea of Mimesis:

Semblance, Play, and Critique in the Works of Walter Benjamin and Theodor W. Adorno

JAMES MANOS

Psychoanalysis as Political Critique:

Kant and Freud at the Edge of Critical Theory

SURTI SINGH

The Problem of Experience in Adorno's Philosophy and Aesthetics

DAW-NAY EVANS

Nietzsche and Classical Greek Philosophy: Essays On

MICHAEL MEZEY TEACHING AWARD

Faculty of the Philosophy Department review teaching portfolios and student course evaluations each year to award an outstanding Graduate Teaching Fellow "The Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award". The 2011 recipient was Kristin McCartney. Congratulations Kristin!

PLACEMENT

We are excited to announce 6 recent graduate student placements:

Dilek Huseyinzadegan, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey (Tenure-Track Position)

Daw-Nay Evans, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois (Tenure-Track Position)

Surti Singh, American University in Cairo, Egypt (Tenure-Track Position)

Kristin McCartney, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Illinois (One Year Position)

Robin Weiss, Mount Allison, New Brunswick, Canada (One Year Position)

Jana McAuliffe, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa (One Year Position)

FELLOWSHIPS

Kieran Aarons, DAAD Dissertation Fellowship for the academic year 2012-2013 in Berlin, Germany.

Don Deere, Mellon and Woodrow Wilson Foundations

RICHARDSON FELLOWS

Erik Beranek, Paris, France

Ashley Bohrer, Paris, France

Tristan Fischl, Paris, France

Alexandra Houston, Berlin, Germany

Anna Johnson, Paris, France

Tom Krell, Berlin, Germany

Ian Moore, Freiburg, Germany

Daniel Rosiak, Paris, France

INCOMING GRADUATE CLASS - AUTUMN 2012**Justin Boyd**, BA University of Texas, Dallas**Evan Edwards**, BA University of North Carolina, Asheville**Alexander Gilman**, BA Boston College**Miguel Gualdrón**, MA Universidad Nacional de Colombia**Daniel Pepe**, BA Villanova University**Simone Rowen**, BA Bennington College**Mahmoud El Hassanieh**, BA American University in Beirut – Fulbright Fellow**Hoang Quang Pham**, BA Vietnam National University – Vincentian Fellow**GRADUATE COURSES
2012-2013**

	Fall	Winter	Spring
PHENOMENOLOGY	PHL 535, Husserl and Phenomenology Frédéric Seyler W 6:00-9:15 CE	PHL 550, Heidegger and Phenomenology Will McNeill TH 1:00-4:10 CE	PHL 557, Philosophy of Science: Phenomenology, Deconstruction, and Beyond Peter Steeves M 6:00-9:15 CE
PLATO AND ARISTOTLE: LIFE, KNOWLEDGE, AND THE SOUL	PHL 411, Plato: On Life Michael Naas TH 1:00-4:10 H-I	PHL 416, Aristotle: <i>De Anima</i> Sean Kirkland M 6:00-9:15 H-I	PHL 500, Medieval Theories of Knowledge: On Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i> Rick Lee W 6:00-9:15 H-I
GERMAN PHILOSOPHY	PHL 516, Hegel: <i>Philosophy of Right</i> Kevin Thompson T 1:00-4:10 H-II	PHL 511, Kant: <i>Critique of Judgment</i> Avery Goldman T 1:00-4:10 H-II	PHL 400, German Romanticism Elizabeth Millán TH 1:00-4:10 H-II
SACRIFICIAL VIOLENCE	PHL 522, Social Death and the Problem of Thinking Otherwise: Fanon, Édouard Glissant, and Foucault Darrell Moore M 6:00-9:15 NP	PHL 629, Violence, Fate, and the Problem of the Debt: Benjamin, Arendt, and Schmidt Andrew Benjamin/Peg Birmingham W 6:00-9:15 NP	PHL 578, From Death Drive to Death Penalty: Derrida and the Death Penalty Seminars Elizabeth Rottenberg T 6:00-9:15 CE
LANGUAGE, POLITICS, AND ETHICS	PHL 577, Derrida: <i>Of Grammatology</i> Bill Martin T 6:00-9:15 CE	PHL 656, The Political Thought of Judith Butler Tina Chanter W 1:00-4:10 NP	PHL 640, Ethics and Economics Pat Werhane T 1:00-4:10 NP

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

Undergraduate Program

DUOS (DOCTORAL UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP)

The following students each received scholarship funds to do research with guidance of a philosophy graduate student mentor.

Derrida's Abolitionist Discourse and Its Roots in Nietzsche's Analysis of Disciplinary Punishment

Undergraduate student: **Jeff Hastings**

Graduate student: **Perry Zurn**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Michael Naas

Human Capital and Fluctuating Borders between Work and Life.

Undergraduate student: **Chris Hunton**

Graduate student: **Kieran Aarons**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Kevin Thompson

The Convergence of Psychoanalysis and Philosophy in Derrida's *La peine de mort*.

Undergraduate student: **Robbie Dunevant**

Graduate student: **Tristan Fischl**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Elizabeth Rottenberg

A non-Determinative Account of the Historical Circumstances Surrounding Hume's Philosophy of Causation.

Undergraduate student: **Billy Anastopoulos**

Graduate student: **James Griffith**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Richard Lee

Philosophy of Education in the Time of Neo-liberalism.

Undergraduate student: **Terry Vaughn**

Graduate student: **Jana McAuliffe**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Elizabeth Millan

A Lexicon of Appearances in the Aristotelian Corpus.

Undergraduate student: **Christopher J. Knoerzer**

Graduate student: **Jeff Pardikes**

Faculty mentor: Prof. Elizabeth Millan

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH PRUSIK...

Sarah was named "Outstanding Senior." Sarah will be recognized at the annual LAS Honors Convocation in May 2012.

PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

The bi-weekly meetings of the Philosophy Circle group are dedicated to fostering philosophical discussion. Speakers include Philosophy Faculty and Graduate Fellows who present papers and moderate discussions. For more information, please contact the Philosophy Departments' Undergraduate Director, Professor Elizabeth Millan (emillan@rocketmail.com).



COMPLETE COURSE EVALUATIONS

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR COURSE EVALUTATIONS ONLINE. This data is very important and we take your views quite seriously when we are planning our courses each year, so please take a moment, go online, and fill out your course reviews for your Philosophy Courses.

ADVISING

The University recommends that you meet regularly (once per quarter) with your major Faculty Advisor. Students who meet with their advisors have fewer problems making progress toward their degree. Your Faculty Advisor assignment is available via Campus Connection > Advising Center tab.

News for Next Year

Visiting Scholar

Andrew Benjamin, Monash University, Australia, January 1st, 2013

New Appointments for 2012-2013

Associate Chair, Elizabeth Rottenberg
Director of Graduate Studies, Sean Kirkland
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Frédéric Seyler

Department Orientation

Please join us for our annual departmental orientation on
September 4th 4:00-6:00PM, Richardson Library Room 400

First Lecture of the Year

Kelly Oliver, Vanderbilt University
"Kristeva's Severed Heads: Sadomasochism and Sublimation"

**For a complete list of all conferences and lectures for the
Academic Year 2012-2013, please consult:**

<http://las.depaul.edu/philosophy/About/Events/index.asp>

*If you would like to be notified of all departmental events, please contact
us and we will put you on our PhilFriends list serv.*



Alumni News

Congratulations to:

Christina Gschwandtner (DePaul Ph.D. 2003), Scranton University, for being offered a senior position Fordham in New York.

Keith Peterson (DePaul Ph.D. 2001), for being offered a Tenure-Track job at Colby College, Maine.

Please contact us about new appointments, publications, and other accomplishments. Contact Julie Fouts (jfouts1@depaul.edu) or any faculty member of the Philosophy Department.

For a complete list of all full-time faculty, see below:

<http://las.depaul.edu/philosophy/People/Faculty/index.asp>

For a complete list of all alumni placements, see below:

http://las.depaul.edu/philosophy/Programs/Graduate/Graduate/Placement_%26_Alumni.asp

Please contact us for any changes or additions to this list.

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