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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

We had a great year despite the lingering setbacks imposed by the Covid pandemic: everyone's resilience has been truly inspiring. A theme that characterizes the work done in the department in 2022 is connection and community building. The work highlighted in this Newsletter reveals a community dedicated to care, academic excellence, and to bridge building.

In February, Loyola's Johanna Oksala presented a timely discussion on the existential impact of global warming ("Climate Change as an Existential Threat: Environmental Politics in the Shadows of Nihilism"). Our Graduate Student Conference, "Perspectives on Carcerality, Surveillance, Policing, and Abolition," was also held in February and featured the work of our own Kevin Thompson and Perry Zurn (who now is an Assistant Professor at American University), who recently co-edited, *Intolerable: Writings from Michel Foucault and the Prisons Information Group (1970-1980)*. In April, Sayak Valencia gave our first ever talk in Spanish (with simultaneous translation thanks to the efforts of our graduate students), "Gore Capitalism, Necromasculinities, and Transfeminisms."

In March, we hosted a meeting of the Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy, "The Hermeneutics of Suspicion Revisited" – with talks by our own Elizabeth Rottenberg (who played with the notions of 'wit' and 'witz' as she presented Freud's work) and Jennifer Gammage (who commented on Jackie Scott's paper).

April brought us an excellent talk on comparative philosophy by Rohan Sikri (University of Georgia), this year's Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial speaker.

In May we hosted a meeting of the North American Fichte Society on Fichte's practical philosophy, and Prof. Emeritus David Krell visited us, presenting "Philosophy and Anecdote" in his characteristically engaging way – he also gave a presentation to the Philosophy Circle, "Philosophy and Language Learning" for our undergraduates.

In addition to the many visiting speakers we had over the last months, we are fortunate to have Valentina Moro as a visiting scholar. Valentina is an Assistant Professor in political philosophy at the University of Verona in Italy. Her research stay at DePaul is funded by the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Global Fellowship.

In May, nine pairs of undergraduate and graduate students, who had been awarded DUOS Fellowships, presented their research at our annual DUOS Conference. In 2007, we launched the DUOS (Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship) program, to enhance the collaborations between our undergraduate and graduate students.

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

DUOS provides funding for a research project that is conducted by an undergraduate and graduate student, with a faculty mentor advising the project. The DUOS program is generously supported by the Dean's Office and the Maimonides Endowment in Philosophy. The presentations made clear that giving undergraduate students the opportunity to work with graduate students not only helps prepare the undergraduate for more advanced scholarship, but also helps bolster the scholarship of our graduate students and strengthens their mentoring skills.

In June, we celebrated the work of our graduating majors with a dinner at our new gathering place, El Presidente. In the photos you will see Erik Zamora next to Peg Birmingham: at the dinner Erik recounted that Peg's philosophy of law course was transformative for him. Erik will begin law school at University of Colorado, Boulder this fall. Another one of our majors, Rugile Kasperiunaite, is headed to the Ph.D. program in philosophy at the University of Oregon, with a full fellowship. Congratulations, Erik and Rugile! We look forward to hearing about all the great work you will do.

In June our own outstanding student assistant, Jeannine Garland, was honored at the Wicklander Symposium for her incredible assistance to Prof. Daryl Koehn at the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics – congratulations, Jeannine, and thank you for all your generous service to us!

Several of our graduate students are now leaving us to begin the next chapter of their careers. We had a record 9 successful dissertation defenses this academic year! Congratulations to Drs. Vilde Aavitsland, Evan Edwards, Ryan Froese, Owen Glyn-Williams, Tom Krell, David Maruzzella Michael Peterson, Rachel Silverbloom, and Paul Turner! One of our recent Ph.Ds., Zhen Liang, has accepted a position of Visiting Assistant Professor at Oxford College at Emory. Rachel Silverbloom will be at Vassar College with a Mellon Postdoc Fellowship in Feminist Philosophy. Vilde Aavitsland and Ryan Froese have accepted offers at University of Louisville. We wish them all the best -- we will certainly miss their presence here in Chicago.

In June, we said goodbye to Amaury Carol and Nassim Khiter, our ENS Exchange students this year. We benefitted from their contributions to our program throughout the year. We wish them all the best as they return to their studies in France. We look forward to welcoming back Evan Edwards Evan O'Donnell, who spent the last year in Paris as our ENS Exchange Student.

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

This fall we welcome six new graduate students to our program:

Harrison Brennan (Penn State)
Brett Kaufman (Loyola University, Chicago)
Kannon Larison (Loyola University, Chicago)
Kathleen Loftus (University of Southern California)
Çiçek Yavuz (Haverford)
Vincentine Fellow, Father Yohanes Fery

We had to say goodbye to three of our cherished colleagues. Peter Steeves, after almost a quarter of a century at DePaul, decided to retire. He has already been granted emeritus status and in September will be honored with DePaul's highest recognition, the Via Sapientiae Award. Peter leaves a gap in our department and in the college, especially, at the Humanities Center. Under his tireless leadership, Peter showed all of us why the humanities and the arts are central to our DePaul community. Thank you, Peter, for all your magical contributions to us over your many years of service and friendship – we will miss you!

Fanny Söderbäck and James Walker have moved to Sweden, where Fanny has accepted a position in the Department of Philosophy at Södertörn University. Thank you, Fanny and James, for your dedication to our community and your care of the students – we wish you (and Olana and Amina) all the best in Sweden!

I am thrilled to announce that we have been granted two new tenure-track positions, one in Feminist Theory and the other in Phenomenology. With our new hires, we will continue the example of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service that Peter and Fanny set for us. We are deeply grateful to Provost Salma Ghanem and to Dean Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco, as well as to Susanna Pagliaro and Katie Kutina Grublesky, for their support of our department.

Wishing everyone a restful end to the summer and a great beginning to the 2022-23 academic year!

With much gratitude for the outstanding work you do and the wonderful community you create at DePaul,

Elizabeth Millán Brusslan

VISITING SPEAKERS



Johanna Oksala

"Climate Change as an Existential Threat: Environmental Politics in the Shadows of Nihilism"

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Climate Change as an Existential Threat:
Environmental Politics
in the Shadow of Nihilism

Dr. Johanna Oksala
Arthur J. Schmitt
Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University—Chicago

February 11, 2022
4:00-6:00
Levan Center 100

This event is free & open to all!
Questions: Contact Peg Birmingham
pbirming@depaul.edu

Join us via Zoom:
<https://depaul.zoom.us/j/92011670627>

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

2022 Graduate Student Association
Visiting Speaker

Sayak Valencia

"GORE CAPITALISM,
NECROMASCULINITIES
AND TRANSFEMINISMS"

Friday, April 29th, 2022
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Levan 100 or Zoom

The talk will be in Spanish, with simultaneous translation provided both in person and on Zoom. Please bring personal headphones, a limited number will be provided.

This event is possible thanks to the
Hypatia Diversity Project Grant.

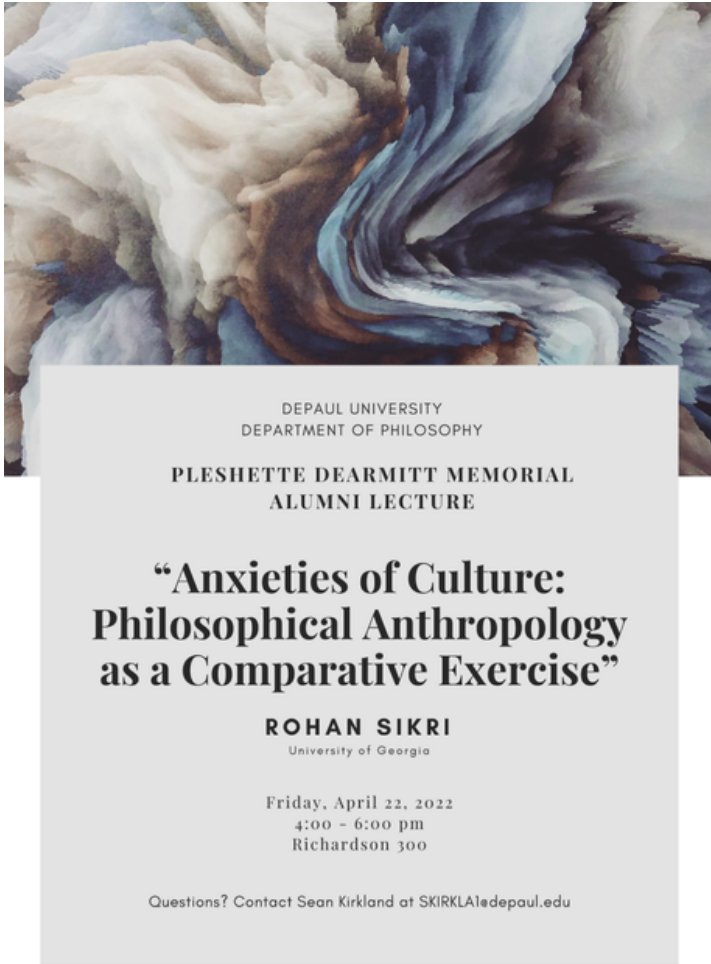
Questions? Contact Ryan Froese at ryan.froese@gmail.com

Sayak Valencia

"Gore Capitalism, Necromasculinities and Transfeminisms"



VISITING SPEAKERS



Rohan Sikri

"Anxieties of Culture: Philosophical Anthropology as a Comparative Exercise"

Held on DePaul's Lincoln Park Campus

David Krell

"Philosophy and Anecdote"

Held on DePaul's Lincoln Park Campus, and streamed on Zoom



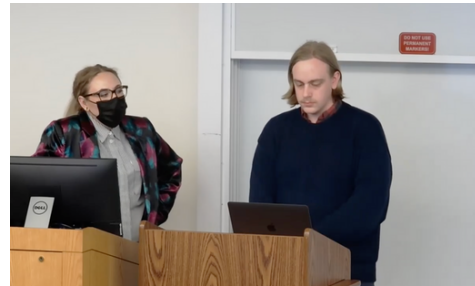
DUOS

(Doctoral & Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship)

Nine pairs of undergraduate and graduate students received DUOS awards this year and presented their work on May 27th, 2022. The event took place in person, and was also available to access through zoom.

The Scientific Nihilism of Environmental Technofixes

Graduate Student: Jessica Avery
Undergraduate Student: Riley Jones
Faculty: Professor H. Peter Steeves



Critique of Erotics in Latin American Liberation Philosophy (MAP)

Graduate Student: Katherine Nelson
Undergraduate Student: Spencer Kraft
Faculty: Professor Rafael Vizcaíno



Towards a Feminine Ars Erotica in Bioethics (MAP)

Graduate Student: Aurora Laybourn-Candlish
Undergraduate Student: Kara Slagell
Faculty: Professor Fanny Söderbäck



DUOS

(Doctoral & Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship)

À le recherche: An Investigation of Bergsonian Memory and Husserlian Retention

Graduate Student: Bryan Maddox

Undergraduate Student: Lincoln Szczyпка

Faculty: Professor Avery Goldman



Constructing a Decolonial Framework with Freud and Fanon to Understand the Super-Ego of the Colonized Subject (MAP)

Graduate Student: Mary LeBlanc

Undergraduate Student: Joel Flores

Faculty: Professor Elizabeth Rottenberg



Critical Approaches to Technology in the Atomic Age

Graduate Student: Joel Bock

Undergraduate Student: Mitchell Jackson

Faculty: Professor Kevin Thompson



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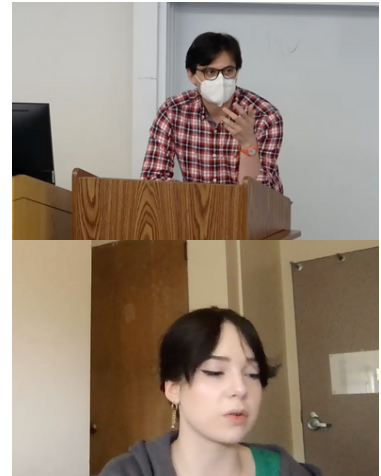
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The Form of Appearance in the Work of Marx

Graduate Student: Gregory Convertito

Undergraduate Student: Nicole Hall

Faculty: Professor Richard Lee

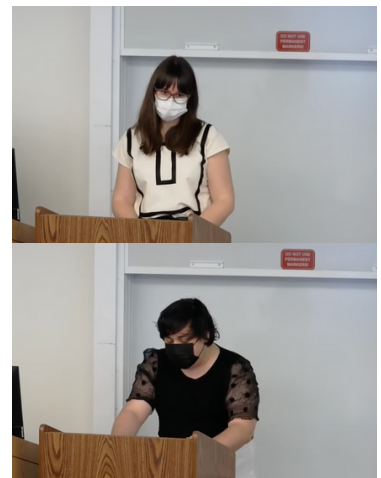


The Coloniality of Organs: Trans and Decolonial Readings of Luce Irigaray (MAP)

Graduate Student: Paula Landerreche Cardillo

Undergraduate Student: Ian Chong

Faculty: Professor Fanny Söderbäck

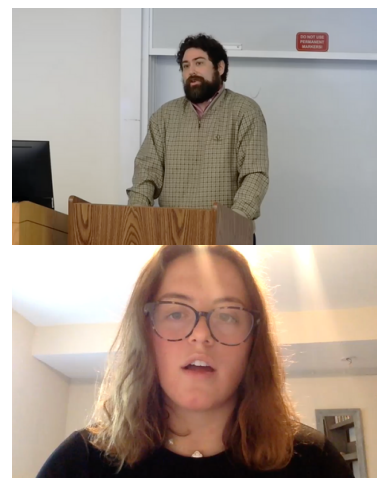


Freedom, Creation, and Selfhood: Bergsonian Intuition Meets Paranormal Experience

Graduate Student: Héctor Ramos

Undergraduate Student: Olivia Piotrowski

Faculty: Professor Avery Goldman



PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

EVENTS

Spring Quarter 2022

PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE PRESENTS

TRIVIA *night*

Wednesday, January 26th
6:00 - 7:30 PM via Zoom

Come join us for some friendly philosophical trivia as we welcome each other back for the Winter quarter and show off our arcane philosophical knowledge.

[https://depaul.zoom.us/j/91833283687?
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**Questions? Contact Professor Avery Goldman
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(agoldman@depaul.edu)**

PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

DePaul Philosophy Circle
Presents

Cultivating the Field of Latin American Philosophy



Wednesday, May 4th, 2022
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
McGowan South 107 or [Zoom](#)

Please contact philosophy@depaul.edu for
access to the Zoom link and password

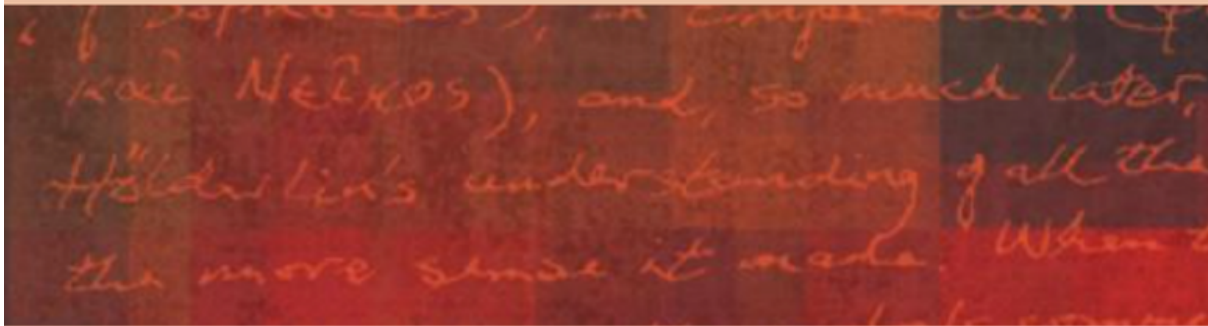
Please join DePaul Philosophy Professors
Elizabeth Millán Brusslan and
Rafael Vizcaíno who will lead a discussion of the
state of Latin American Philosophy today.

Questions? Contact Professor Avery Goldman
agoldman@depaul.edu

PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

DePaul Philosophy Circle
Presents

PHILOSOPHY AND LANGUAGE LEARNING



Wednesday, May 18th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
McGowan South 107 or Zoom

Please join us for a discussion of philosophy and language with the philosopher, novelist, and translator David Krell, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at DePaul.

Questions?
Contact Professor Avery Goldman
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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



Fichte in the Americas

Elizabeth Millan and Jimena Solé co-edited; forthcoming with Brill.



"Fichte, el progreso y el surgimiento del Positivismo en América Latina"

Elizabeth Millán's essay was published in *Fichte en las Americas*.



"Sylvia Wynter's New Science of the Word and the Autopoetics of the Flesh"

Rafael Vizcaíno's article is forthcoming in *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL LEGACY OF JORGE J. E. GRACIA

Edited by ROBERT A. DELFINO, WILLIAM IRWIN, and JONATHAN J. SANFORD



"Diversity, Inclusion, and Gracia's Role in Shaping the Field of Latin American Philosophy"

Elizabeth Millán's article was published in *The Philosophical Legacy of Jorge J.E. Gracia* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).

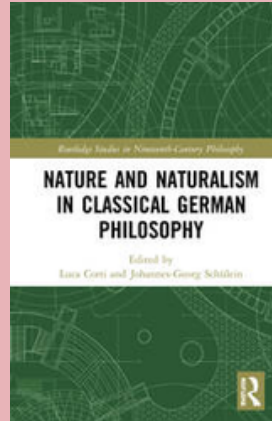


FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



"Naturphilosophie and the Problem of Clean Hands: Hegel and Alexander von Humboldt on Nature"

Elizabeth Millan's essay for Hegel's *Philosophy of Nature: a Critical Guide*, is forthcoming 2022-23.



"Nature and Freedom in Schlegel and Alexander von Humboldt"

Elizabeth Millan's article for *Nature and Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy* is forthcoming, 2022.

JOURNAL OF
WORLD PHILOSOPHIES



"Liberation Philosophy, Anti-Fetishism, and Decolonization"

Rafael Vizcaíno's article is forthcoming in *Journal of World Philosophies*.



"Sleeping with Fishes and Talking with Horses: Vegetarianism, Animality, and Identity in The Sopranos"

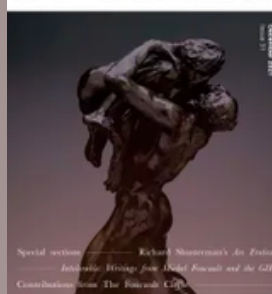
H. Peter Steeves' was published in *Better Living Through TV*, 2022.



"Hegel's History of Religions: The Speculative Method in the Philosophy of Religion"

Kevin Thompson's article was published for *The Owl of Minerva* Volume 52, Issue 1/2, in 2021.

FOUCAULT
STUDIES



"Reform, Abolition, Problematization"

Kevin Thompson's article was published for *Foucault Studies*, 31.



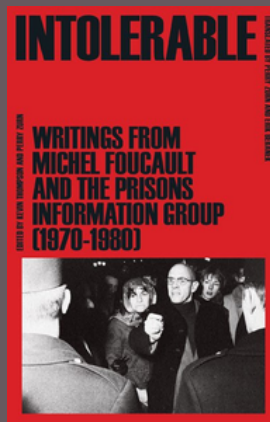
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

“Well, Virginia, It’s...Complicated: Child Liberation and the Santa Claus Story”

H. Peter Steeves' work was published for *KINDRED* in December 2021.

Intolerable: Writings from Michel Foucault and the Prisons Information Group

Kevin Thompson edited his book alongside Perry Zurn for the University of Minnesota Press, 2021.



“Comments on Miguel De Beistegui’s The Government of Desire: A Genealogy of the Liberal Subject,”

Kevin Thompson's work was published in *Philosophy Today*, Volume 65, Issue 4.

Faculty News



ELIZABETH MILLÁN co-organized, with Avery Goldman, the Fifteenth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society this past spring, held on DePaul's Lincoln Park campus from May 19–21. Pictured left, she traveled to Stockholm to present the paper, "The Arts of Science and the Science of Art: Humboldt and Goethe on the Beauties of Nature," at the Annual Conference of the Society for German Idealism and Romanticism, Aesthetics and Idealism in the Age of Goethe at Södertörn University in early June.



In the last two quarters, **RAFAEL VIZCAINO** published two peer-reviewed articles: one on the concept of fetishism in Latin American philosophy, and another on the transdisciplinary character of Sylvia Wynter's work. He also celebrated the long-awaited publication of *Lápiz* no. 7 (the journal of the Latin American Philosophy of Education Society [LAPES]), which gathers selected contributions from the 2020 LAPES symposium that Rafael hosted virtually in the fall of 2020 as a collaboration between Rutgers University and DePaul. This celebration concluded in a hybrid workshop at Columbia University (NYC), where Rafael discussed the importance of developing a decolonial critique of modern secularism alongside the renowned radical theologian and activist-scholar Mark Lewis Taylor (Princeton Seminary). At the 2022 APA Central Division Meeting (sponsored by the Society for Mexican American Philosophy), Rafael presented a paper on the spirituality of violence as it pertains to the phenomenon of narco-violence in Mexico. Lastly, over an intense period of two days in the month of April, he co-curated and co-moderated three 3-hour seminars on the topic of "Beyond Secularization" at the 3rd Political Theology Network Conference, which took place at the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University.

Faculty News



FANNY SÖDERBÄCK received the DePaul Humanities Center Fellowship for the next two years for her project, "Vulnerability and Singularity in Pandemic Times," related to her work on a forthcoming monograph on Adriana's Cavarero's philosophy of singularity.



PETER STEEVES was selected by President A. Gabriel Esteban as a 2022 recipient of the Via Sapientiae Award for his distinctive service to the DePaul community. This award is the highest honor DePaul bestows, and will be conferred to Peter during Academic Convocation on September 1, 2022.

Peter's art installation, "Bry'n Lambert, Realtor." was included in the Installation Art Exhibition, "Un Jetzt?!" He created audio, video, and material objects for an installation that recreated the office of a realtor who is obsessed with the relation between "realtor" and "reality."

Peter also presented a series of talks over the past winter and spring quarters: the first being "Sustainability as a Form of Empire," at the Eighteenth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability in Granada, Spain. Peter presented his talk online. In April, he presented, "Defund the Jedi: An Anarchic Reading of Star Wars," at the Popular Culture Association's annual meeting, online, in April 2022. Finally, he presented, "The End of Metaphysics," an invited lecture in Christopher Lauer's online metaphysics course, for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, May 2022.

Faculty News



DARYL KOEHN presented two talks at the July 2022 International Society for Business Ethics and Economics held in Bilbao Spain. The first talk centered on why progress in not being made toward attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; her second talk was entitled "Using the OCAI Framework to Evaluate Ethical Challenges in Particular Types of Corporate Cultures." She will present another paper "Who Gets Conned and Why? Toward a New Narrative Approach" on August 5, 2022 in Seattle, Washington at the Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting.



PEG BIRMINGHAM attended the "Reconciliation as a form of *Gelassenheit*: Thinking Arendt and Schürmann on the Double Bind of Principle and Origin," conference, held in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 2022.

Faculty News



KEVIN THOMPSON presented three talks throughout the past two quarters. The first, "Hegel's Hermeneutical Critique and the Problems of Poverty," was given at the Third Biennial Conference of the Australian Hegel Society, held online. In January, he presented, "Time, Right, and Providence: Hegel on World History as the World Court," at the conference *Crisis of Freedom: Hegel's Elements of the Philosophy of Right After 200 Years*, also held online. Finally, Kevin presented, "Genealogy: Object, Causality, Purpose," at the Foucault Circle in May 2022, held in Atlanta, GA.



SEAN KIRKLAND presented "Russon's Plato," in a Close Encounter Panel with papers on the philosopher John Russon, hosted by MacEwan University at Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada in May of 2022. Sean was chosen to give the Keynote Address at the Texas A&M Annual Graduate Student Conference, presenting "Nietzsche and Tragic Philosophizing," held in College Station, TX, in April 2022.

Sean also held a "Philosophical Career Workshop," with the Texas A&M Doctoral Students on April 15th.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



VILDE LID AAVITSLAND recently accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville, starting on August 1, 2022.

Additionally, her paper, "The 'Politics of Ourselves' as a Politics of Conditions: A Political Reading of Self-Transformation in Foucault," was chosen as Honorable Mention for "Best Submission by a Graduate Student" by the Society for Phenomenology and Existentialist Philosophy. The paper will be presented at the 60th meeting of the SPEP in October, with a commentary by Professor Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson of Syracuse University.



SARAH LEE presented two academic papers this year; the first, "Ecological Affects: Thinking Affective Entanglement in the 'Postcolonial' Age with Frantz Fanon" at philoSOPHIA.

She also presented her work, "The Non-linear Time of Trauma: Thinking Sexual Violence and Culture through Irigarayan Time" at the Irigaray Circle.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



PAULA LANDERRECHE CARDILLO participated in the Society for Italian Philosophy's conference held virtually from June 9th through 11th.



JOSEPH BERMAS-DAWES gave a lecture in Barcelona, entitled, "Thinking Ecologically: On the Problematic of Immanence," to students in the Master in Advanced Ecological Buildings and Biocities program at the Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



JENNIFER GAMMAGE recently organized and chaired "Philosophers working Carceral Contexts," an APA Live webinar this past June. The webinar is [available to stream](#) for all APA members on the APA On Demand site.

Jen contributed a blurb on the importance of building mutual aid networks to "Cities After COVID" in *The Philosopher's Magazine*, with the publication forthcoming. She is also working to organize a summer fundraiser for Rogers Park Food Not Bombs, an autonomous collective that offers weekly free food and refreshment distribution in Rogers Park and works to support our unhoused community members with emergent needs.

In the future, Jen will be presenting "Anzaldúa's Pluritopic Hermeneutics" at the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy Conference on "Aftermath" at Oakland University. The event will take place this upcoming October.

She will also be publishing her work, "Overcoming Nihilism and Dehumanization: Nietzsche, Anzaldúa, and Self-Historicizing," in *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Existentialism*, edited by Kevin Aho, Megan Altman, and Hans Pederson (New York: Routledge), coming out in Spring 2023.

She is writing the "Uncanny as a Concept in Phenomenology" entry for the Springer Encyclopedia of Phenomenology, edited by Ted Toadvine and Nicolas de Warre, forthcoming Winter 2023.

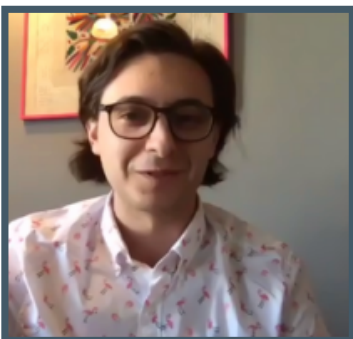
GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



DAN PERLMAN attended the 2022 meeting of the Foucault Circle, which took place from May 13th-15th at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. There he presented his paper, "Posthuman Power and the Historicity of Matter," which engages with Beatrice Han's critique of Foucault through the more recent work of Karen Barad.



HECTOR RAMOS RAMOS was awarded the Hank Center Fellowship, given yearly to graduate students working on topics in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. The fellowships encourage and support graduate students in their exploration of the Catholic intellectual tradition in its many disciplinary and creative forms—in theology and philosophy, literature and the arts, natural and social sciences, social movements and culture, pedagogy and pastoral life.



GREGORY CONVERTITO presented his paper, "The Economic Determinants of Sensibility in Adorno and Horkheimer," in May at the 14th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome. In June, he presented his paper, "J. L. Austin's Revolution: On the Necessary Undecidability of an Inaugural Act in Derrida and Austin," via Zoom at the 7th Derrida Today Conference.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



RACHEL SILVERBLOOM is headed to Vassar College with a Mellon Postdoc in Feminist Philosophy.



ZHEN LIANG has accepted a position of Visiting Assistant Professor at Oxford College at Emory University.



RYAN FROESE has accepted a job as term Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville starting this fall.

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

VILDE LID AAVITSLAND

Vilde successfully defended her dissertation, "Conditioned by History: Experience and Critique in Foucault's Thought," on January 21, 2022.



"Vilde's dissertation offered a rigorous and subtle investigation of what it means to say that we are conditioned by our histories. She developed a thorough exploration of the work of Michel Foucault to address this question and the committee agreed that the thesis was a tremendous success and her defense of it was nothing short of being a model of what a defense should be."

Professor Kevin Thompson

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

MICHAEL PETERSON

Michael successfully defended his dissertation, "Half-Lives of Responsibility: Gramsci, Derrida, and Inheritance in Environmental Ethics," on February 25th, 2022.



"Michael Peterson defended on February 25, 2022 a dissertation that could not be more important or more timely on the themes of time, language, responsibility, and inheritance in relation to contemporary problems of climate change, environmental instability, and, especially, the pernicious and unique problems posed by nuclear waste. Titled "Half-Lives of Responsibility: Gramsci, Derrida, and Inheritance in Environmental Ethics," this dissertation is a rigorous academic work, a genuine work of scholarship, but it is also something like a plea or a call to all of us to heed these extremely pressing, even dire, issues for both ourselves and the generations that will come after us."

Michael Naas

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

EVAN EDWARDS

Evan successfully defended his dissertation, "Autotrophy of the Other: On Food and Hospitality," on May 27th, 2022, via Zoom.



"Evan Edwards' dissertation was ostensibly on the topic of food and hospitality. In the end, it not only brought new insights to these two areas of inquiry but also raised such important questions as what sort of text a recipe is, what it means to be a self that can taste, what it means to be edible as well as to eat, the ethics/politics of the restaurant industry, and whether or not ethics is even possible in a universe where all life is predicated on needing other beings to die. Ultimately, Evan's work is a deep, poetic, thoughtful rumination on vegetal life—and on life in general.

Beautifully written and eloquently argued, the dissertation was unanimously found to be worthy of being passed with distinction by the members of Evan's committee. "

H. Peter Steeves

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

RACHEL SILVERBLOOM

Rachel successfully defended her dissertation, "Nonlinearity as Care: Black, Feminist, and Queer Temporalities of History," on Friday, June 10th.



"Dr. Silverbloom examines the intimate links between the linear-progressive conception of history that dominates our political and philosophical context, and anti-Black violence in the wake of slavery. She argues that non-linear forms of time, memory, and history offer more generative frameworks for thinking practices of care and relationality, and for challenging the ideology of white supremacy. One of the most impressive aspects of her project is the manner in which it brings together diverse bodies of work, from philosophy to critical race theory, from feminisms of color to queer studies, and from art and literature to television and music. She does this seamlessly, and through a series of reflections on time, history, memory, and memorialization. She draws concepts from these bodies of work – temporal drag, sweeping, mood, time signatures, wake work – to offer a multifaceted yet systematic account of how non-linear modes of time can help us activate the past such that we can better understand the ongoing ways in which it shapes our present and future."

Fanny Söderback

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

TOM KRELL

Tom successfully defended his dissertation, "The Threat of Nihilism and the Prospect of non-Nihilistic Metaphysics in Jacobi and Hegel," on April 22nd, 2022.



"Tom's dissertation was a masterful analysis of the largely unexplored relationship between two figures: Jacobi and Hegel. Tom argued that Hegel's *Science of Logic*, especially the Logic of Essence and that of the Concept, should be read, surprisingly, as a thorough-going realism, a philosophy of immediacy, a proof of axiological content. All of this, he demonstrated, in response to the threat that Jacobi articulated around the problem of nihilism and the nature of rationality. The committee agreed that the thesis was exceptionally well defended and deserving of the mark of 'passed with distinction'."

Kevin Thompson

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

RYAN FROESE

Ryan successfully defended his dissertation, "Modality and Method in Hegel's Logic," on March 18th, 2022.



"Ryan argued for an innovative new interpretation of Hegel's method in the *Science of Logic*, one that takes his account of the modal categories as pivotal. The committee agreed that the thesis was exceptionally clear and a model of rigorous exposition and systematic argument. The committee thus awarded Ryan a pass with distinction."

Kevin Thompson

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

OWEN GLYN-WILLIAMS

Owen successfully defended his dissertation, "Civil War and the Government of Factions in Hobbes and Foucault," on April 1st, 2022.



"Owen's thesis was a treatment of Hobbes and Foucault on the question of civil war and government. He presented an extremely rich and subtle analysis of Hobbes' long-neglected account of various types of associations (what he called, systems) and he linked this with Foucault's discussions of various kinds of resistance movements as a way of rethinking what we standardly take civil war to mean. The committee agreed that it was very well defended and stands as a truly innovative contribution to the field and a promising line of inquiry for future research."

Kevin Thompson

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of Vera Bühlmann, *Mathematics and Information in the Philosophy of Michel Serres*

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Review of Mauro Carbone, *Philosophy-Screens: From Cinema to the Digital Revolution*

Philosophy Today bids farewell to Vilde Aavitsland who has been with the journal since 2016, first as an assistant and then associate editor. Vilde's valuable contributions to the journal have been many, including authoring the journal's very detailed formatting guidelines. Vilde's knowledge of proper referencing style and her kind but strict way of enforcement is unsurpassed! We will sorely miss her and wish her all the very best as she begins her new position at the University of Louisville.

Philosophy Today welcomes Gregory Convertito as the new assistant editor of the journal, joining Will Cox. Welcome, Greg!

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

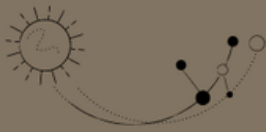
Final Rousseau Seminar



Professor Peg Birmingham hosted the final Rousseau seminar, alongside a lovely dinner, at her home this past spring quarter.

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Graduate Student Dissertation Panel



Graduate Student Dissertation Panel

Presented by the Ancient Philosophy Society

12:00-1:30 PM (EDT) Friday, April 22nd
Panel via Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/84941810357>

ORGANIZERS:

Ellery Beard (DePaul University)
Cameron F. Coates (DePaul University)
Kris McLain (Penn State University)
Christine Rojcewicz (Boston College)
Kristian Sheeley (University of Kentucky)
Lydia Winn (Boston College)
Huaiyuan "Susanna" Zhang (Penn State University)

This panel consists of brief papers by the organizing graduate students. The papers cover either their current dissertation project or another recent project of interest on ancient philosophy. This panel calls attention to the current work of graduate students and highlights the ongoing thriving work in ancient philosophy.

Email for further information: eric.sanday@uky.edu



The Graduate Student Body organized a panel to share their work on either their current dissertation projects or other recent projects of interest on Friday, April 22nd, via Zoom.

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Senior Dinner



The department celebrated our graduating seniors, their accomplishments, and their contributions to our community at the 2022 Senior Dinner, hosted at El Presidente in Lincoln Park.

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Fifteenth Biennial Meeting of the North American Fichte Society

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FICHTE'S PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY



Thursday, May 19th
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, May 20th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 21st
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

John T. Richardson Library
2350 N Kenmore Ave
Chicago, IL

Rooms 300 and 207

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Avery Goldman, agoldman@depaul.edu

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

DePaul Presenters

"Sedimentation as a Condition of Possibility in
Husserl's Later Works"

Gregory Convertito

"On Recent Philosophical Approaches to Narco-Violence"

Rafael Vizcaino

"Embodiment and the Performative Dimension of Teaching
Philosophy: Lessons from the Pandemic"

Elizabeth Millán-Brusslan

"Do I Exist? Exploring Selfhood with Descartes and the Buddha"

Cameron Coates

"Migrations, Joy, and the Task of Philosophy: Reflections on
Jorge Gracia's Legacy"

Elizabeth Millán-Brusslan

WEDNESDAY, FEB 23 - SATURDAY, FEB 26, 2022
PALMER HOUSE HILTON
CHICAGO, IL

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The Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy Workshop

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THE HERMENEUTICS OF SUSPICION REVISITED

11:00 am

Sarah Johnson, University of Chicago

"History and Critique in Marx's Brussels Manuscripts"

Commentator: Kasey Hettig-Rolfe, Northwestern University

2:00 pm

Jacqueline Scott, Loyola University Chicago

*"Profundity as a Tool in a Nietzschean Overcoming of Morality and
Instilling Great Health"*

Commentator: Jennifer Gammage, DePaul University

4:00 pm

Elizabeth Rottenberg, DePaul University

*"Freud's Jewish Jokes: The Case of Jokes and Their Relation to the
Unconscious"*

Commentator: Amy Levine, University of Chicago

March 11, 2022

11am - 5:30pm

Rosati Room (300)

Richardson Library

DePaul University

Lincoln Park Campus

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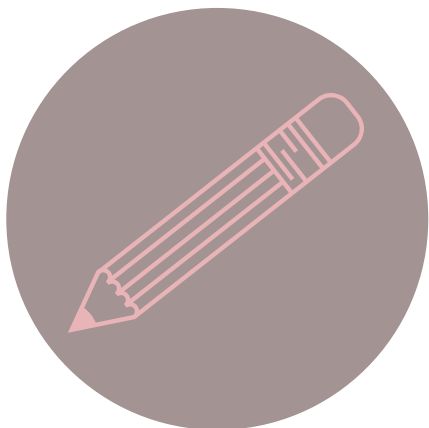
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



CAROLINA ACEVES was selected for the "Outstanding Senior of the Year" award.



CAROLINA ACEVES, JACK MURPHY, AND SHELDON WHITE were awarded with the "Excellence in Philosophy" departmental award.



TREVOR FRANKLIN was chosen for the "Creating Knowledge Award," for "Derrida and the Impossible," and his work will be published in the undergraduate journal.

ALUMNI NEWS



KELLY CUNNINGHAM, one of Philosophy's former undergraduate majors, now at the doctoral program in philosophy at Vanderbilt University, gave a presentation at the APA Central Division Meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd.

Kelly presented "Atmospheres of Trust and Terrains of Respect: Cultivating Conditions for Cooperation."

STAFF & STUDENT WORKER NEWS



Introducing new student office assistant, Ayesha!

Ayesha Anjum is a 23-year-old Computer Science graduate student and will be graduating in the year 2023.



Jeannine Garland was honored at this year's Wicklander Symposium for her assistance to Professor Daryl Koehn at the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES 22-23

PHL UNDERGRAD COURSES 2022-2023

Autumn	Winter	Spring
HISTORY SEQUENCE		
PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy TTH 9:40-11:10 David White		PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50 (online) Will McNeill
	PHL 294 – Medieval Philosophy TTH 11:20-12:50 Richard Lee	PHL 295 – Early Modern Philosophy TTH 11:20-12:50 Avery Goldman
PHL 296 – Kant and the 19 th Century MW 11:20-12:50 Avery Goldman	PHL 297 – 20 th Century Philosophy MW 9:40-11:10 Frédéric Seyler	
COGNITIVE SKILLS		
PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online Mary Jeanne Larrabee	PHL 280 – Critical Thinking MW 2:40-4:10 Ellery Beard	PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online Mary Jeanne Larrabee
300-LEVEL MAJOR FIELD ELECTIVES		
PHL 342 – Philosophy of Law TTH 1:00-2:30 Peg Birmingham	PHL 320 – Metaphysics TTH 9:40-11:10 David White	PHL 325 – Basics of Phenomenology TTH 2:40-4:10 Avery Goldman
PHL 357 / PHL 557 – Topics in Psychoanalysis M 3:00-6:15pm (by permission only) Elizabeth Rottenberg	PHL 341 Aesthetics MW 1:00-2:30 Frédéric Seyler	PHL 362 – Aristotle (online) TTH 11:20-12:50 Will McNeill
PHL 363 – Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy MW 1:00-2:30 Richard Lee	PHL 388 / PHL 657– Topics in Comparative Philosophy W 3:00-6:15pm (by permission only) Rafael Vizcaino	PHL 382 – Dramatic Theory: Comedy TTH 1:00-2:30 Richard Lee
SENIOR CAPSTONE		
PHL 391 – Capstone: Moral Dilemmas MW 2:40-4:10 Daryl Koehn		PHL 391 – Capstone MW 4:20-5:50 Sean D. Kirkland

Graduate Courses 2022-23

GRADUATE COURSES 2022-2023

	Fall	Winter	Spring
HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY (IN REVERSE)	PHL 515 – Hegel I The Encyclopedia Logic Kevin Thompson TH 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 435 – Descartes Richard Lee T 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 410 – Plato I Plato's Frenemies: Of Sophistry, Poetry, & Rhetoric Michael Naas T 3:00-6:15 [H-I]
PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY	PHL 525 – Nietzsche Nietzsche on History: Tragedy, Philology, Historiography Sean D. Kirkland T 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 500 – Special Topics in the History of Philosophy Nietzsche as History: Bataille, Foucault, Derrida, Irigaray, etc. Sean D. Kirkland M 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 557– Topics in Continental Philosophy Phenomenology and the Body Mary Jeanne Larrabee W 3:00-6:15 [CE]
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	PHL 661 – Topics in Feminist Theory Singularity, Vulnerability, Narration (Cavarero, Butler, and Black Feminist Thought) Fanny Söderbäck W 3:00-6:15 [NP] (online)	PHL 657 – Topics in Social and Political Thought The Myth of Modernity Rafael Vizaíno W 3:00-6:15 [NP]	PHL 522 – Social and Political Philosophy Race, Nature, and Progress in Latin America: Tracing a Line from Alexander von Humboldt to Santiago Castro-Gómez Elizabeth Millán Brusslan M 3:00-6:15 [NP]
PSYCHO/SCHIZO-ANALYSIS	PHL 557 – Topics in Continental Philosophy Sigmund Freud: Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask Elizabeth Rottenberg M 3:00-6:15 [CE]	PHL 590 – Trends in Contemporary French Philosophy Deleuze and the Concept of Experience I Peg Birmingham TH 3:00-6:15 [CE]	PHL 629 – Seminar on Contemporary Problems Deleuze and the Concept of Experience II Peg Birmingham TH 3:00-6:15 [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

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