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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

FALL 2012

Greetings from the Chair

As you will see from this second edition of our Philosophy Newsletter, a very busy and exciting Autumn Quarter has just ended. There were numerous speakers, many faculty accomplishments, and no fewer than three major conferences here at DePaul organized by our faculty.

Several new partnerships have also been established in our department. We are very close to finalizing a graduate student exchange with the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, France. If all goes well, the exchange will commence next year when one of our graduate

students will study in Paris and a student from the École Normale Supérieure will study here at DePaul.

Another new partnership is bringing together our faculty with students from the Catholic Theological Union here in Chicago. We expect students from the Catholic Theological Union to be joining our undergraduate and graduate courses as early as this coming Spring. Our program will be greatly enriched by these new partnerships.

Be sure to note on the following page the list of our upcoming visiting speakers and conferences. Please

know that you are always more than welcome to attend any of these events. We would be delighted to see you.

Content suggestions are always welcome for the newsletter. We would especially like to hear from our alumni. Please send any news or event items to Jennifer Burke (jburke9@depaul.edu).

Regards,

Michael Naas
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Lectures and Events

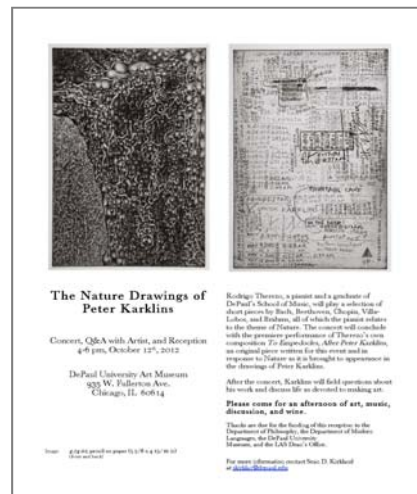
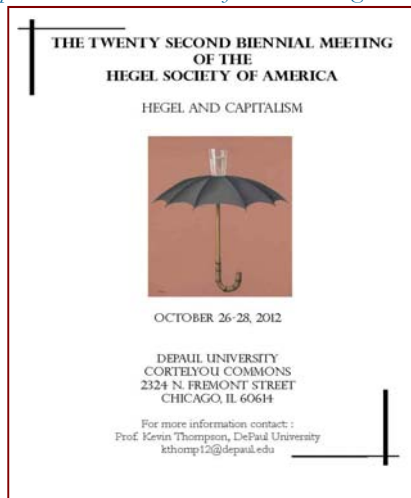
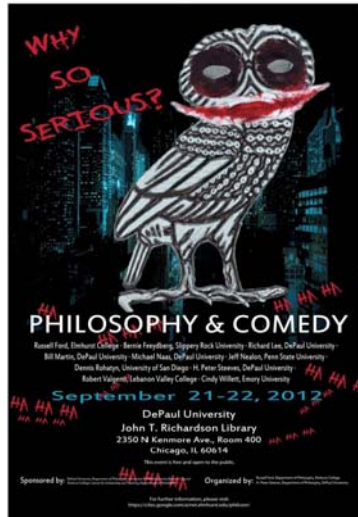


THANK YOU AUTUMN QUARTER VISITING SPEAKERS

KELLY OLIVER, Vanderbilt University
 MARC BERDET, University of Potsdam
 LAURENCE HEMMING, University of Lancaster
 JAMES BLOCK, DePaul University
 YVES CHARLES ZARKA, l'Université Paris Descartes (Sorbonne)
 DIMITRIS VARDOULAKIS, University of Western Sydney
 JOHN CAPUTO, Syracuse University

RECENT EVENTS & CONFERENCES -

Our thanks to H. Peter Steeves, Kevin Thompson and Sean Kirkland for coordinating these events.



UPCOMING EVENTS -

All events will take place in the Richardson Library, 2350 N. Kenmore, Dorothy Day Room 400

SPEAKER: Graham Harman, American University in Cairo (and a DePaul Alumnus!) — "*A New Look at Identity and Sufficient Reason*"
 Friday, January 11, 2013 @ 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SPEAKER: Andrew Benjamin, Monash University, Australia—

Fri., Jan.18, 2013 @ 4-6 PM "*The Fabric of Existence: Relationality as the Ground of Ethics*"

Fri., Jan.25, 2013 @ 4-6 PM "*On Hands: Philosophy and Art's Histories*"

SPEAKER: Pierre Keller, University of California, Riverside — "*Heidegger, Cassirer and the World-Concept of Philosophy*"
 Thursday, January 31, 2013 @ 4:30 PM -6:30 PM

FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR: on Avery Goldman's "*KANT AND THE SUBJECT OF CRITIQUE*"
 Sponsored by the Chicago Area Consortium in German Philosophy

Panelists:

Ian Blecher, Art Institute of Chicago
 Andrew Cutrofello, Loyola University, Chicago
 Pierre Keller, University of California, Riverside
 Rachel Zuckert, Northwestern University

AVERY GOLDMAN - Respondent
 Friday, February 1, 2013 @ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE FOR FULL DETAILS: <http://las.depaul.edu/philosophy/about/events/index.asp>

Faculty Accomplishments and Updates

PROMOTIONS

*The faculty and staff of the Philosophy Department congratulate **Prof. Jason D. Hill** and **Prof. Franklin Perkins** on the occasion of their promotion to Full Professor on July 1, 2012.*



Jason D. Hill was born and raised in Jamaica and migrated to the United States in 1985. He began his career at DePaul in 2000 after earning his Ph.D. at Purdue University. His areas of specialization are ethics, social and political philosophy, and race theory. He was a 1999 - 2000 Society for the Humanities Fellow at Cornell University. His articles have been published in anthologies and journals in Germany, the Czech Republic and The Netherlands. He is deeply committed to Moral Foundationalism. He is the author of three books: *Becoming a Cosmopolitan: What it Means to be a Human Being in the New Millennium* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000); *Beyond Blood Identities: Post Humanity in the 21st Century* (Lexington Books, 2009); and *Civil Disobedience and the Politics of Identity: When We should Not Get Along* (Palgrave MacMillan, May 2013). Jason is the Director of the Philosophy Department Graduate Teaching Practicum.

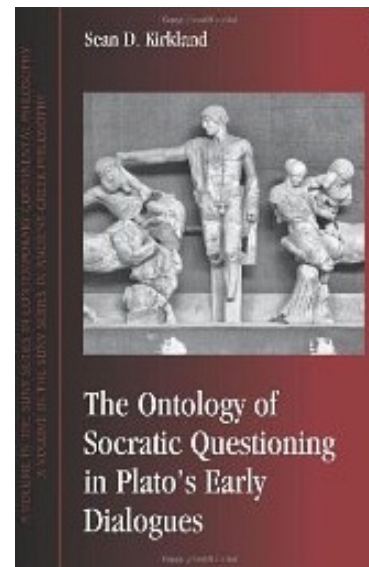
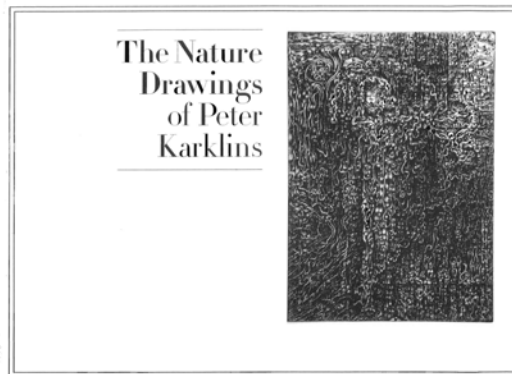


Franklin Perkins started at DePaul in 2001. He received his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University and has taught at Vassar College, HoHai University (Nanjing) and Foreign Affairs College (Beijing). His main teaching and research interests are in Chinese Philosophy, early modern (European) Philosophy, and in comparative philosophy and the challenges of doing philosophy in a comparative or intercultural context. Franklin spent a year conducting research at the Leibniz Archive in Hannover, Germany, with a DAAD fellowship, and has spent several years in China, most recently on a Fulbright Research Grant in affiliation with Peking University. His publications range from early Confucian views of self-cultivation to Leibniz's doctrine of ideas, and he is the author of *Leibniz and China: A Commerce of Light* (Cambridge University Press, 2004) and *Leibniz: A Guide for the Perplexed* (Continuum Press, 2007). He is currently working on a manuscript on the problem of evil and the status of the human in classical Chinese philosophy. Franklin is chair of DePaul's Chinese Studies Committee and is on the editorial board of the Journal for Chinese Philosophy.

Faculty Accomplishments and Updates - Continued

CONGRADULATIONS SEAN D. KIRKLAND FOR PUBLISHING TWO NEW BOOKS THIS YEAR!

“The Nature Drawing of Peter Karklins” unites Art & Philosophy and *“The Ontology of Socratic Questioning in Plato’s Early Dialogues”* is a volume in the SUNY series in Contemporary Continental Philosophy and Ancient Greek Philosophy.



SPRIT OF INQUIRY AWARD –2012



Michael Naas, Professor and Chair, was honored at the 2012-2013 Annual Academic Convocation with the Spirit of Inquiry Award. The award is in support of the university’s belief that the quest for knowledge is the foundation upon which the idea of a university rests, and the purpose that unites

both teacher and student. The University Research Council (URC) makes annual DePaul University Spirit of Inquiry Awards. The awards honor specific research, scholarly or creative achievements that exhibit commitment to that spirit of creative inquiry, which we endeavor to inspire in our students.

Michael’s award was granted in recognition of his scholarship and his many translations of contemporary French thinkers over the past two decades.

Graduate Program

DISSERTATION NEWS

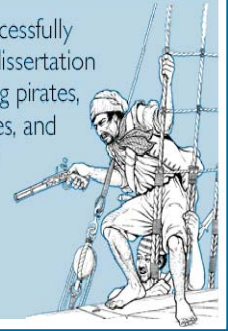
BRAVO KRISTIN MCCARTNEY!

Kristin defended her dissertation "DISSOLUTE PLURALISM: THE ETHICS OF QUEER THOUGHT" on Friday, June 8, 2012. The entire department applauds Kristin's accomplishment. Kristin's dissertation committee was directed by Darrell Moore, with Mollie Painter-Morland, Mary Jeanne Larrabee, and Namita Goswami as readers.

HURRAY JANA MCAULIFFE!

Jana just defended her dissertation "ETHICS AND AFFECTS: A CRITIQUE OF SOCIAL INTELLIGIBILITY WITH ADORNO, BUTLER AND SPIVAK" on November 17, 2012. Our sincerest congratulations to her on this momentous occasion. Jana's dissertation committee was directed by Tina Chanter with Mary Jeanne Larrabee, Darrell Moore, and Namita Goswami as readers.

Congrats on successfully defending your dissertation against marauding pirates, plundering hordes, and your committee!



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20th Annual Graduate Conference "THE QUESTION OF CRITIQUE" FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2013

This conference proposes to facilitate renewed conversation on the topic of critique, and allow a space in which contemporary practices of critique might be brought side by side with contemporary reevaluations of the nature, scope, and limits of critique—this conversation as a whole thus engaging that way in which the need for political critique is never without renewed calls for the self-interrogation of the purview of philosophy.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER -
PENNY DEUTSCHER, Professor
Northwestern University**

DePaul University
Cortelyou Commons
2324 N. Fremont Street
Chicago, IL 60614

For further information please contact James Murphy
(jamesdaltonmurphy@gmail.com).
This event is free and open to the public.

NEW INITIATIVE - SURG

In the spring of 2012, DePaul philosophy graduate students formed SURG (The Society for Under-Represented Groups). This organization exists primarily to support those from under-represented groups who currently work and study in DePaul's Department of Philosophy. Secondly, it exists to increase the number of students from under-represented groups in the profession, beginning at home with our own philosophy graduate program.

SURG offers support in a variety of ways. It organizes events for under-represented students and/or faculty. It provides information to raise awareness about the specific challenges faced by under-represented students and/or faculty. It may intervene at the individual or departmental level. And it certainly facilitates mentoring between and among faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates. On the broader scale, SURG is invested in improving the lot of under-represented persons in philosophy across Chicago, the US, and beyond. As such, it will forge connections with other academic departments and diversity groups.

This year's events include a fall brunch, a winter mixer with prospective students, and a spring invited lecture, followed by a diversity workshop. SURG graduate contacts are Ali Beheler (alibeheler@yahoo.com) and Perry Zurn (pzurn@depaul.edu). SURG coordinators work closely with the group's faculty advisor, Dr. Tina Chanter, and the group's undergraduate liaison, Meaghan Lidd.

Graduate Program - Continued

RICHARDSON FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

The Richardson Fellowship award allows DePaul Philosophy students an opportunity to spend the Spring quarter of the second year studying abroad. The following graduate students were granted Richardson Fellowship Awards to study in Paris, France, Spring 2013 -

Ege Selin Islekel
 Gilbert Morejón
 David Reese
 María de la C. Salvador López
 Owen Glyn-Williams

FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to two graduate students who've received fellowships to study Chinese Language Philosophy, Sonya Ozbey at the National University of Singapore, and Rohan Sikri at Fudan University in Shanghai.

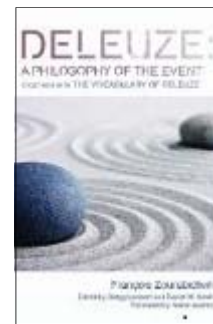


CONGRATULATIONS KAROLIN MIRZAKHAN!

Karolin received the 2012 Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award. The award was presented by Prof. Jason Hill, the Director of the Graduate Teaching Practicum, at the annual departmental orientation held in early September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KIERAN AARONS!

Kieran recently translated *Deleuze: A Philosophy of the Event: Together with The Vocabulary of Deleuze (Plateaus -- New Directions in Deleuze Studies)* by François Zourabichvili.



Conference News -



At this year's annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy this past November in Rochester, New York, there were over 30 DePaul faculty, graduate student, and alumni on the program.

Congratulations to faculty member, Frédéric Seyer whose paper on Michel Henry received the Junior Scholar Prize Honorable Mention.

There was also a special Scholars Session on the work of our own Bill Martin, a tremendous honor for Bill and an important recognition for our program.

Undergraduate Program

DUOS (DOCTORAL UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP)

DUOS is a student-based grant opportunity blending the energy and skills of doctoral and undergraduate students in the Philosophy Department in the College of Liberal Arts. This program enables DePaul undergraduates to do research with the guidance of a doctoral student mentor. The project is overseen by a faculty sponsor (typically the graduate student's dissertation director).

The finished projects will be presented at a Spring quarter Philosophy Circle meeting. Meetings dates are below. All meetings begin at 6:00 PM in the Philosophy Department conference room, 2352 N. Clifton, Suite 150.33.

Following is a list of the projects and students who received a 2012-2013 scholarship award:

ANALYTIC ACCOUNTS OF CURIOSITY

Undergraduate student: Meaghan Lidd
 Graduate student: Perry Zurn
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Elizabeth Millán
 Paper Presentation, Wed. April 10, 2013

THE QUESTION OF ORDER: A PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTION ON LANGUAGE AND SPACE IN LATIN AMERICA

Undergraduate student: Benjamin Barajas
 Graduate student: Don Deere
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Darrell Moore
 Paper Presentation, Wed. April 10, 2013

IS GELASSENHEIT AN ATTUNEMENT?

Undergraduate student: Logan Breitbart
 Graduate student: Ian Moore
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Will McNeill
 Paper Presentation, Wed. May 8, 2013

A STUDY OF THE THEMES OF LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETATION IN RECENT NIETZSCHE SCHOLARSHIP

Undergraduate student: Kaitlyn Conners
 Graduate student: Ali Beheler
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Will McNeill
 Paper Presentation, Wed. May 8, 2013

HEGEL'S AESTHETICS

Undergraduate student: Charles Rutter
 Graduate student: Karolin Mirzakhani
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Avery Goldman
 Paper Presentation, Wed. May 22, 2013

CINEMATOGRAPHIC CONCEPTS AND PHILOSOPHICAL IMAGES: DELEUZE AND CINEMA

Undergraduate student: Sheeroz Kamran
 Graduate student: Erik Beranek
 Faculty mentor: Prof. Richard Lee
 Paper Presentation, Wed. May 22, 2013

Announcements

Alumni/Graduate School Placement

Stay tuned...the season is just beginning!

Study Abroad

Please consider participating in one of the many DePaul Study Abroad Programs!

Several of the Study Abroad Programs feature a Philosophy element.

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>
Athens: The College Year in Athens (CYA) Experience	Athens	Greece
Hong Kong: Contemporary Hong Kong: Studies in Language, Commerce, and Culture	Hong Kong	China
Melbourne: Monash University Full Curriculum in Liberal Arts, Sciences, Communications and Commerce	Melbourne	Australia
Osaka: Studies at Kansai Gaidai University (Exchange)	Osaka	Japan
Sheffield: Sheffield University Full Curriculum	Sheffield	United Kingdom

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