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1. Activities/ Travels/ Publications of Dept. Colleagues

Faculty

Sarah Beardsworth

BOOK PUBLISHED

Sara Beardsworth, *Julia Kristeva: Psychoanalysis and Modernity*, State University of New York Press, 2004.

Larry Hickman

PAPERS PUBLISHED

"Making the Family Functional: The Case for Same-Sex Marriage." *Same-Sex Marriage: The Moral and Legal Debate*, edited by Robert M. Baird and Stuart E. Rosenbaum, 269-280.

Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 2004. (A revised version of "Making the Family Functional: The Case for Same-Sex Marriage." *Same-Sex Marriage: The Moral and Legal Debate*, edited by Robert M. Baird and Stuart E. Rosenbaum, 192-202. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 1997.)

"Cultivating a Common Faith: John Dewey on Religion and Education." *Korean Journal of Religious Education* 18, no. 6 (2004): 59-77 (In English), 79-95 (In Korean).

"The Pragmatic Turn of Critical Theory." (In Chinese) *Jianghai Academic Journal* (Shanghai) 2003, no. 5: 36-41. (Appeared 2004)

PRESENTATIONS

"Pragmatism, Postmodernism, and Global Citizenship." Szeged University, Szeged, Hungary, December 1, 2004.

"Pragmatism Old and New." Hungarian Philosophical Institute, Budapest, Hungary, November 23, 2004.

"Pragmatism, Truth Deflationism, and Technology." Fudan University, Shanghai, China, October 20, 2004.

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"Philosophical Tools for Technological Culture." Fudan University, Shanghai, China, October 19, 2004.

"Pragmatism, Postmodernism, and Global Citizenship." Fudan University, Shanghai, China, October 18, 2004.

"Pragmatism, Postmodernism, and Global Citizenship." Cheju National University, Jeju-City, South Korea, October 15, 2004.

"Pragmatism, Truth Deflationism, and Technology." Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea, October 14, 2004.

"Theism and Naturalism in American Philosophy: An Overview." Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea, October 13, 2004.

"Postmodern Relativism and Global Technoscience." Workshop on Technology, Culture and Cognition, Organized by the University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy (UTCP) and the Applied Communication and Technology Laboratory, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, September 27-28, 2004.

"A Pragmatic Perspective on the Bush Administration's 'No Child Left Behind' Initiative." XV International Congress of the Chilean Association of North American Studies (ACHEN), Viña del Mar, Chile, August 27, 2004.

Graduate Students

Ben Galatzer-Levy

PRESENTATIONS

I will be presenting a paper, "Ethics in the Classroom: A Situationist Reproach," at SAAP this year. At Loyola's Encounters with the Other conference I will be presenting a paper titled "Reparation and Reparations: A Psychoanalytic Inquiry." Finally, I am chairing at a session of the Central APA in April.

Dave Heise:

PRESENTATION

"12 Ways to Become a Philosophical Resource in Your Community." 3rd Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Conference Center, Waikiki, Hawaii, January 13-16.

Gary Herstein

Over the Christmas break I was asked to write the Einstein entry for the upcoming Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers. I received an email on Thursday, 12/23, asking if I could write

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this up and -- oh, by the way -- could I have it done in two weeks? Well, despite the fact that the library was closed for most of that time, and I wasn't even in town for a piece of it, I did manage to get something done, and folks seemed to be pleased with it.

DMAP is scheduled to come out in the US this July, according to the Thoemmes web site.

Charlie Hobbs

PRESENTATIONS

"Lucretius, Nagel, and the Fear of Death" Society for Student Philosophers Conference (at Temple University in Philadelphia), October 16, 2004.

"Lucretius, Nagel, and the Fear of Death" Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting (at Loyola University in Chicago), November 6, 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"The Senecan Self in the Epistulae Morales" Twenty-ninth annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference (at the University of Memphis), February 18, 2005.

I will also be serving as commentator for James Ambury's "In Response to Delphi: Socrates' Erotic Hunt for Self-Knowledge" at the Midsouth Conference.

"Rorty's Association with the Pragmatist Tradition: What's the Problem?" Graduate Session of the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (in Bakersfield, CA), March 5, 2005.

On April 30, I will be serving as session chair for Matthew C. Cashen's "Aristotle on Psychological, Somatic, and External Goods" at the 2005 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago.

OTHER

On October 29, with the help of my colleague and friend Clifford Lee (Duquesne), I interviewed Nicholas Rescher at the University of Pittsburgh. A significantly abridged version of the interview is forthcoming in *Kinesis*. (Those interested in seeing the totality of the interview transcript should feel free to contact me.)

Jeff Linz

On October 17, 2004, I delivered a paper for the Society for Student Philosophers at Temple University in Philadelphia entitled: "Does Husserl's Transcendental Idealism Really Transcend Ontological Realism and Idealism?"

In September 2004, I facilitated round table discussions with High School kids from throughout the Midwest for SIU's annual "Ethics for Everyday Life" conference. The topics of conversation included: the ethics of cheating, student/teacher power dynamics, substance abuse, and high

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school security issues. Overall, the conference itself was a great success and the discussions with the high school kids were, and continue to be enlightening. Presently, I facilitate discussion at the Carbondale Community High School Philosophy Club every Wednesday afternoon.

Corey McCall

PRESENTATIONS

"On Foucault's Alleged Romanticism," 5th Annual Foucault Circle Meetings, Orlando, Florida, Feb 18-20, 2005

"Philosophical Ambiguities of Curiosity," Collaborations, SIU, Feb. 24-25, 2005.

"Instituting Art and Religion: Art, Nature, and Criticism in John Dewey's *Art as Experience* and *A Common Faith*" SAAP, Bakersfield, CA, Mar 3-5

PUBLICATIONS

"Autonomy, Revolt, and Religion in Foucault," *Journal of Philosophy and Scripture*, Vol. 2, no. 1

Translation of Murata Junichi, "Space and Color: Toward an Ecological Phenomenology," *Continental Philosophy Review*, Forthcoming.

Travis Smith

I will present my paper, "The Conventional Nature of Language in Zhuangzi and Xunzi," at the twenty-ninth annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 18-19 at the University of Memphis.

I will also present my paper, "Zhuangzi and Xunzi on the Conventionality of Naming," at the second annual Midwest Conference on East Asian Thought, April 16-17 at North Central College.

I will comment on Mark Michael's paper, "Values and Reasons in Callicott's Environmental Ethic," at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 18-19 at the University of Memphis.

I was elected to the executive board of the GPSC last September.

Dwayne A. Tunstall

PUBLICATION

Book Review of Freya Mathews, *For Love of Matter: A Contemporary Panpsychism*, in *Dialogue: Journal of Phi Sigma Tau* vol. 47, nos. 2-3 (April 2005): [n.p.].

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARY

"Royce and King on Agape and the Beloved Community," Invited presentation for Joint Group Session of the Society for the Philosophy of Creativity, the Personalist Discussion Group, and

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the Society for the Study of Process Philosophy at the 2005 APA Center Division meeting, Chicago, IL, April 29, 2005.

"Du Bois's Ethical Personalism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 32nd Annual Conference, Bakersfield, CA, March 4, 2005.

"Royce's Temporalism," 29th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 19, 2005.

Commentary on Daniel Kruidenier's presentation, "Is Prophetic Pragmatism Pragmatist?" 29th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, February 18, 2005.

Eric Weber

Last semester I returned to Ohio University for the delayed defense of my master's thesis. It went very well. I had two words to change, and a few typos. I was VERY happy about that. I took a small section of my master's thesis, and edited it into a paper that was accepted at the Midsouth philosophy conference (listed below).

PRESENTATIONS

I'll be presenting the following papers this year:

"Clearing the Path to Human Rights." Agora, February 11, 2005, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"On William James's Replies to Theories of the Unconscious." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 18 – 19, 2005, The University of Memphis. Paper accepted, and conference will be attended.

"Thinking for a Better Life." Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, "Conversations I: Conceptualizing Philosophy," March 31 - April 1, 2005, University of the West Indies, Barbados. Paper accepted, and conference will be attended.

"Clearing the Path to Human Rights." International Society for Universal Dialogue, Sixth World Congress, "Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture, and Freedom," July 15 – 20, 2005, Helsinki, Finland. Paper accepted, and conference will be attended.

"Facing Fears of Relativism: A Response to Scanlon's Critique of Relativism," 32nd Conference on Value Inquiry – "Reason and Evaluation," Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 8th - 10th, 2005.

Dwight Welch

Two variations of my paper on Mead's Vision of Universal Religion were given at Building Bridges at SIUC this last November and at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference this February. I'll also be chairing a session at SAAP this coming March.

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2. News from the Philosophy Department

Kinesis

Kinesis is the longest-running graduate student philosophy journal in the United States and believes that the philosophical work of graduate students constitutes a substantial contribution to the debate on contemporary philosophical and socio-political issues. *Kinesis* was founded to offer a forum to graduate students in all fields to express their philosophical views in a critical yet open-ended context. We believe that when creative thought renders explicit the relation between philosophical concepts and contemporary problems, basic philosophical ideas are alive and working.

In 2002, *Kinesis* began what we hope will be a long lasting, fruitful association with the SIUC graduate student conference Building Bridges. In Fall, 2002 (Vol. 29, No. 2), we published our first "Proceedings of Building Bridges" special issue. We are also excited to announce the release of our Spring, 2004 issue (Vol. 31, No. 1).

Currently, the Fall 2004 issue is being prepared for publication. It will feature book reviews by Russ Couch and Ron Godzinski, and graduate student essays along with an interview with Nicholas Rescher provided by Charlie Hobbs. Charlie has done a really nice job with this interview and has informed me that this is the first interview with Dr. Rescher that will be printed in English. *Kinesis* is very pleased to have this opportunity and would like to continue to publish interviews on a consistent basis. The latter's publication, along with another special issue for the 2004 Building Bridges conference, makes it probable that by the end of the summer, *Kinesis* will be caught up to its twice-a-year publishing schedule, clearing what just a few years ago was a 1 1/2 year publication backlog.

Besides these accomplishments, *Kinesis* was asked for permission to reprint an article that appeared in Volume 14 printed in 1984. The essay is by Robert Walsh and is entitled "An Organism of Words: Ruminations on the Philosophical-Poetics of Merleau-Ponty." It will appear in the Gale Group reference book, *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism Vol. 156*. In addition to acknowledging *Kinesis* as the source for this essay, Thompson Gale Publishing has also agreed to compensate *Kinesis* for it. This attests to the tradition of excellence for which *Kinesis* continues to strive and thus maintains.

Sean Lipham and I hope that you will all make an effort to participate in *Kinesis* in whatever capacity you can. We welcome new editorial board members and are always accepting essay submissions, book reviews and interviews.

Christina Gould

Philosophy Department Website

I'm happy to say that the new website is up, though I'm sure most of you know this by now. There have been some good suggestions that are worth discussing when we get a chance.

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Among them was to make some sort of calendar of events for the department, which could be posted online. Others involved including further links on our site to associations, or resources useful to philosophers. If you have any other ideas, send them my way, and I will mention them to the faculty for consideration. One more thing - if you don't mind having your picture online (grad students) - either email me a picture, or come by sometime.

Eric Weber

3. Announcements

Dewey Reading Group

The Dewey reading group meets every Monday, 12:00 - 1:30, at the department library. Spring semester readings are *The Public and its Problems*, and *Freedom and Culture*.

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