

# The Philosopher's Forum

Newsletter of the Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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## I. Note from the Department Chair, Dr. George Schedler

Hello to all our alums and retired faculty! The Department has accomplished much this semester and looks forward to next year.

The conference on Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology organized by Justin Bell and Mark Tschaepé was very well attended. It culminated in the Leys Lecture by Professor Garland Allen of the Biology Department at Washington University on ethical issues in the eugenics movement.

The fifteenth Philosophical Collaborations conference was held this month. It was well attended by faculty and graduate and undergraduate students, all of whom engaged in lively discussion with the panelists.

Next year, we expect our graduate students will organize another conference culminating in the Leys Lecture. It is due to the generous efforts of our graduate students that events like these are successful. Indeed, Kinesis, the Agora series, and even this newsletter, reach fruition only because of the tremendous generosity of our graduate students. We owe them a debt of thanks.

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## II. Individual Scholarly Activities

### Faculty

#### **Doug Anderson**

Dr. Anderson is editing a collection of essays entitled *The Drama of Possibility* by John J. McDermott. It will be coming out this summer from Fordham University Press. He gave several lectures on Peirce and Emerson in Brazil last fall. He will be giving a talk on creativity and Hunter Thompson's Fear and Loathing theme at the Central APA for the Society for Creativity organized by SIU graduate Steve Bickham. Some of his forthcoming publications include: "Reading Water: James, Bergson and Soul Surfing" in an anthology on extreme sports and philosophy from Oxford Press; a piece on Peirce and religion for a history of philosophy of religion coming out in Australia; a piece on Emerson coming out in *Cognitio*; and a piece on Emerson in a collection from SUNY Press.

#### **Randall Auxier**

##### PUBLICATIONS

"The Death of Darwinism and the Limits of Evolution," in *Philo*, 9:2 (fall-winter 2006), forthcoming.

"Gordon Kaufman's Astronauts," in *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, January 2008, forthcoming.

"Fourth Generation Boston University Personalism: The Philosophy of Thomas O. Buford," in *Personalism, Science and Theology*, 2008, forthcoming.

"Introduction," *The Pragmatic Idealisms of Josiah Royce and John E. Boodin*, as volume three of *The Cambridge School of Pragmatism*, eds. John R. Shook and André De Tien, 4 vols. (London: Thoemmes-Continuum Books, 2006), ix-xxi.

"Killing Kenny: Our Daily Dose of Death," in *South Park and Philosophy*, ed. Richard Hanley (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2007), 229-240.

"Why Timmy Can't Read: Mr. Hat's Philosophy of Progressive Education," in *South Park and Philosophy*, ed. Richard Hanley (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2007), 199-213.

"Democracy Adrift in *Lifeboat*," in *Alfred Hitchcock and Philosophy*, eds. David Baggett and William A. Drumin (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2007), 159-173.

"A Touch of Grey: Gratefully Dead?" in *The Grateful Dead and Philosophy*, ed. Steve Gimbel (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2007, forthcoming).

Book Review: F. Stuart Gulley's *The Academic President as Moral Leader: James T. Laney, 1977-1993*, in *The Pluralist*, 2:1 (spring 2007), 127-133.

#### PRESENTATIONS

"Killing Kenny: Our Daily Dose of Death," read for the Philosophy Club, Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT, February 7, 2007.

"The Perils of Naturalism," with John Shook; an invited workshop at The Center for Inquiry, Amherst, NY, February 10, 2007.

"Mementos of a Timequake: Whitehead's Radical Empiricism," an invited lecture for the colloquium series at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN, February 15, 2007.

"The Death of Darwinism," at the Conference on Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, February 16-17, 2007.

"Two Types of Pragmatism," for the 31st annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 23-24, 2007.

"Imagination, Spirit and Symbol in Emerson's *Nature*," for Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, March 8-10, 2007.

#### COMMENTARIES

Commentary on Timothy Lord's "R.G. Collingwood's Critique of the Realist Claim that Knowing Makes No Difference to What is Known," at the 31st annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 23-24, 2007.

Commentary on Emily Austin's and Eric Brown's "The Fear of Death in Plato's Apology," at the 15th annual Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, March 22-23, 2007.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

I remain president of the Illinois Philosophical Association through the end of this year, and continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the Southwestern Philosophical Society and the Foundation for the Philosophy of Creativity, and on the Executive Committees of the Mid-South Philosophy Conference and the Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought. Perhaps my most exciting activity is the work with the Critical Edition Committee of the Josiah Royce Society, which has taken me to Harvard for a month of research this winter. A week at the Center for Inquiry Transnational in Buffalo, NY, as a Visiting Scholar, was also a good experience.

## **Douglas Berger**

### PUBLICATIONS

“Deconstruction, Aporia and Justice in Nagarjuna's ‘Empty Ethics’.” *Deconstruction and the Ethical in Asian Thought*. Youru Wang, ed. (Routledge, London and New York, 2007), 40-59.

“Indian and Cross-Cultural Philosophy in the Works of Ramakrishna Puligandla: A Review.” *Philosophy East and West*, vol. 57:2, April, 2007, 264-69.

### PRESENTATIONS

“Legacies of a Philosophical Encounter: Schopenhauer, India and Cross-Cultural Methodology.” 40th Annual Conference of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Monterey, CA (forthcoming: June 10-13, 2007).

“Orientalism and the Interpretation of Asian Philosophy.” Asian Religion and Philosophy panel in celebration of Asian American Heritage Month, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, April 12, 2007.

### NOMINATIONS

Dr. Berger was nominated by the SIUC Graduate School and Dept. of Philosophy to receive the 2007 Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities given by the national Council of Graduate Schools. The annual award is offered to scholars who have received their Ph.D.s in the last seven years and who have produced a book of scholarly importance. This year, the fields of competition are Linguistics and Philosophy. The award will be announced in November of this year.

## **Larry Hickman**

### PUBLICATIONS

“Preface.” *The Influence of Darwin on Philosophy and Other Essays in Contemporary Thought by John Dewey: A Critical Edition*, edited by Larry A. Hickman, vii-viii. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2007.

“Socialization, Social Efficiency, and Social Control: Putting Pragmatism to Work.” *John Dewey and Our Educational Prospect*, edited by David T. Hansen, 67-79. Albany: SUNY Press, 2006.

“From Critical Theory to Pragmatism: Feenberg’s Progress.” *Democratizing Technology: Andrew Feenberg’s Critical Theory of Technology*, edited by Tyler J. Veak, 71-81. Albany: SUNY Press, 2006.

“Theism and Naturalism in American Philosophy: An Overview.” *Journal of Korean Religion* 7 (2005): 217-238.

### REVIEWS

den Ouden, Bernard, *Are Freedom and Dignity Possible?*. Dexter, Mich:Thompson-Shore, 2004. [Reviewed in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* N.S. 20, no. 3 (2006): 243-244.]

Verbeek, Peter-Paul, *What Things Do: Philosophical Reflections on Technology, Agency, and Design*. University Park: Penn State University Press, 2005. [Reviewed in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* N.S. 20, no. 1 (2006): 59-62.]

#### PRESENTATIONS

“The Genesis of Democratic Norms: John Dewey and Chantal Mouffe.” The 2007 Brennan Conference—Social Inquiry: Constructing the Political, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 17, 2007.

“‘Laboring with a Big Freight, towards the Light’: Dewey’s Early Years.” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., December 28, 2006.

“Pragmatism, Technology, and Truth in the Work of John Dewey.” Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, November 30, 2006.

“Pragmatism Old and New: Dewey or Rorty.” Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, November 28, 2006.

“Pragmatism, Technology, and Truth in the Work of John Dewey.” Peking University, Beijing, China, November 27, 2006.

“Between Tradition and Reform: The Contemporary Relevance of John Dewey’s Pedagogy.” Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, November 24, 2006.

“Rethinking Democracy, Education, and the Western Philosophical Tradition: John Dewey’s Radical Social Vision.” Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, November 20, 2006.

“John Dewey’s Educational Philosophy.” Ninth International Meeting on Pragmatism, São Paulo, Brazil, November 10, 2006.

“Some Strange Things They Say about Pragmatism: Robert Brandom on the Pragmatists’ ‘Semantic Mistake.’” Ninth International Meeting on Pragmatism, São Paulo, Brazil, November 7, 2006.

“The Impact that Editions Have Exerted on (Other) Scholarship.” Meeting of the Association for Documentary Editing, Quincy, MA, October 21, 2006.

#### GRANTS RECEIVED (On Behalf of the Center for Dewey Studies):

The John Dewey Foundation: \$50,000

Private Donor: \$67,082

#### SELECTED CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, John Dewey Society

Federal Policy Committee, Association for Documentary Editing

Editorial Board, *American Philosophical Quarterly*

Advisory Board, BRC Education Fellows Program of the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century (Chair)

Board of Directors, International Pragmatism Society

Board of Directors, Dewey-Center Köln, University of Köln, Germany Advisory Board, Center for Studies of Dewey and American Philosophy at Fudan University, Shanghai, China

### **George Schedler**

I will be presenting my paper “Can White Americans Apologize for Slavery?” American Society for Value Inquiry, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 21, 2007.

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## **Graduate Students**

### **Anupa Batra**

Anupa presented her paper, “Deleuze’s Ethics: An Interpretation Through His Reading of Spinoza,” at the 68th annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society in November 2007.

### **Justin Bell**

This spring I had the privilege of co-organizing the Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology Colloquium. Tibor Solymosi joins me in starting the organization process for a similar colloquium for next year on pragmatism and democratic citizenship. More details will be made public as they become available. Please email me if you have any ideas or have any questions: Belldar@siu.edu. Additionally, this semester I gave a paper entitled “Veblen, Dewey, and The Price System: Corporate Sabotage and the Democratic Engineer” at the Columbia, SC meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

### **Kelly Booth**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

“It’s the Organism: Linking First-person Experience to Third-person Cognitive Theory.” New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, Austin, TX, April 2007.

“Organism, Experience and Animal Cognition.” Mid-south Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 2007.

“G. H. Mead and the Evolutionary Biology of Language.” Colloquium on Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, February, 2007

“No-Mind as Animal Mind: Daoist and Zen Contributions to Comparative Cognition.” The Association of Chinese Philosophers in America panel on Chinese Philosophy and Cognition at the Eastern APA, Washington, DC, December 2006.

**Tommy J. Curry**  
PUBLICATIONS

Curry, Tommy J. "Breaking up the Klan: An Anti-Humanist Guide to African thought in America—the Culturalogical Standard." (*Journal of Black Studies*) (accepted)

Curry, Tommy J. Forthcoming 2007. Hip-Hop Tactics: A Culturalogic expression of the African Aesthetic's role in determining the basis of creativity on 64 squares of Warfare. In *Chess and Philosophy*, ed. Benjamin Hale. Chicago: Open Court Press.

An encyclopedia entry coming out:

Curry, Tommy J. Forthcoming 2007. "African American Philosophy." In *The Encyclopedia of American Philosophy*, ed. John Lachs and Robert Talisse. New York: Routledge.

Curry, Tommy J. "Black Thought: "Recollection," Black identity and "knowledge formation" through Culturalogical Methodology. (*Journal of Black and Diaspora Studies*. Eds. Sandra Jackson, Abede Zegeye, and Fassil Demissie) (under review).

Curry, Tommy J. "Please Don't Make Me Touch 'Em: Toward a Critical Race Fanonianism as a Possible Justification for Violence against Whiteness" (*Radical Philosophy Review*) (under review)

Curry, Tommy J. Shut your Mouth When You're Talking to Me: Silencing the Idealist School of Critical Race Theory through a Culturalogical Turn in Jurisprudence. (Boston College's Third World Law Journal) (under review)

Curry, Tommy J. Who K(new): Toward a Culturalogical Justification for a theory of Nation-ism as Pan-African political thought. *Journal of Pan-African Studies*. Ed. Babacar M'Baye. (Invited submission due April 30th, 2007).

Curry, Tommy J. The Pragmatic Anthropology of Antenor Firmin as the answer to Rousseau's Problem in the Discourse of the Origins of Inequality. *C.L.R. James Journal*. [Special Edition: Creolizing Rousseau]. (Eds.) Jane Gordon and Neil Roberts. (invited submission due April 20th, 2007).

Currently, I am preparing a manuscript entitled: "Keeping it Real, Real: Extricating the white man's Nigga from the modern concept of Ownership through Bell's Racial Realist account" for review.

REVIEWS

Curry, Tommy J. (Forthcoming 2007) "I spit fire from my lips": A book review of Tommie Shelby's Hip-Hop and Philosophy. *Kinesis*.

Curry, Tommy J. (Forthcoming 2007) "Lewis R. Gordon's Disciplinary Decadence." *Journal of Black Studies*.

Curry, Tommy J. November 2006. "And they said this was Critical Race Theory: Reflections on Revealing Whiteness by Shannon Sullivan." *SAAP Newsletter*, No. 105. 43-47.

#### PRESENTATIONS

"Keeping it Real, Real: Extricating the white man's Nigga from the modern concept of Ownership through Bell's Racial Realist account." 13th Annual CPC Africana Studies, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, March 30-31st 2007. (Peer reviewed)

"Shut your Mouth When You're Talking to Me: Silencing the Idealist School of Critical Race Theory through a Culturalogical Turn in Jurisprudence." 31st Annual National Conference of Black Studies, San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, CA, March 14-17, 2007. (Peer reviewed)

"Real-Talk'" is Race a Social Construct?" A Rountable between Dr. Azibo, Dr. Cokley and Prof. Tommy J. Curry. Submitted to 31st Annual National Conference of Black Studies, San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego, CA, March 14-17, 2007 (Peer reviewed)

"Check yo' self Fool: The Theoretical Resurrection of Intersectionality Theory in Light of Kwan's Cosynthesis Theory; Breaking the back of post-intersectional thought and liking it," *Blacker than Thou: Authenticity and Identity in the Diaspora*. African American Studies and Research Center's 22nd Annual Symposium, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, December 7-9, 2006. (Peer reviewed)

"Touch: The Critical Race Fanonianism of Second Amendment Jurisprudence as a Possible Justification for Violence against Whiteness," Seventh Biennial RPA International/National Conference: Reclaiming Democracy: Visions and Practices from the Radical Left, Radical Philosophy Association, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, November 2-5, 2006. (Peer reviewed)

"Breaking up the Klan, or "The Culturalogical Standard": Writing African thought as philosophical response." *Philosophical Collaborations: Memory and Culture*. Joint presentation with Dr. Ken Stickers (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) and commentary by Dr. Lucius Outlaw (Vanderbilt). SIUC Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, March 23-24, 2007.

"Stop Frontin": An adaptation to: "Shut your mouth when you're talking to me": Eradicating Methodological Mentacide and European Thoughts about Africana Subjectivity through Culturalogical Jurisprudence. 3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference, Perspectives on Otherness: Transformative Possibilities for Contemporary Society, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 16-17, 2007.

"Real Talk: Understanding the "Race Construct." Graduate Student Colloquium. Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, February 16th, 2007.

“Ride R Die—The Use of Second Amendment Jurisprudence in the verse of Black Male Hip-Hop Artists,” History Graduate Student Association Conference on Contested Landscapes and Mental Geographies, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, April 7-8, 2006.

“Please Don’t Make Me Touch ’Em: The Critical Race Fanonianism of Second Amendment Jurisprudence as a Possible Justification for Violence against Whiteness.” Empowerment through Knowledge, Impact through Scholarship. 11th Annual Northwestern University Black Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, IL, April 28th, 2007.

“Shut Your Mouth when You’re Talking to Me: Silencing the Idealist School of Critical Race Theory through a Culturalogical Turn in Jurisprudence.” Eyes on the Mosaic. 14th Annual Black Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 21st, 2007.

### **Charlie Hobbs**

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Pragmatism, Radical Empiricism, and Mounce’s Account of William James.” Forthcoming in *William James Studies*.

“Peirce’s Tychism and the Epicurean Swerve.” Forthcoming in *Southwest Philosophical Studies*.

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

“Peirce’s Tychism and the Epicurean Swerve.” 58th Annual Conference of the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, Austin, TX, March 31, 2007.

Comments on Michael Hoffmann’s “Abduction and Diagrammatic Reasoning in a Theory of Scientific Discovery” and Scott Mayberry’s “Clarifying the Process of Abduction and Understanding ‘Inductive’ Generalization”, 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Columbia, SC, March 8, 2007.

#### **OTHER**

I defended the prospectus for my dissertation (“Consequences of Beliefs about Death: A Pragmatic Examination”), December 7, 2006.

I am humbled to have been selected as the recipient of the Hubert Griggs Alexander Memorial Award (2007) from the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society.

### **Sean Lipham**

I presented my paper, “The Universe as Thou, William James’s Religious Personalism,” at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, hosted by University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, March 10, 2007.

### **Tibor Solymosi**

Tibor is finishing his first year in the PhD program. In February, at the Mid-south Philosophy Conference at the University of Memphis, he presented a paper, entitled “Moral First Aid: Games, Emotions, and Benselfishness.” In March, Tibor presented at the 29th annual graduate student conference at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. This opportunity was

particularly exciting as his paper, "Deweying Dennett: The Evolution of Freedom, Science, and Democracy," was moderated by Daniel Dennett himself, with whom Tibor had the opportunity to spend significant time before the presentation itself. Moreover Dennett's enthusiastic reception of Tibor's paper was very encouraging. Finally, Tibor will participate on a panel on evolutionary biology and pragmatism at the biannual meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology at the University of Exeter in the UK this summer.

### **Mark Dietrich Tschaepe**

Mark has been offered and has accepted an invitation from the History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine group at Washington University to present his research on neuromodulation and culture. His presentation, entitled "The Effects of Neuromodulation: An instrumental approach to understanding learning and culture," will be presented on September 19th, 2007, at Washington University, St. Louis. This will be followed by a dinner with faculty and graduate students, hosted by the university.

In addition, Mark has organized a panel on pragmatism and evolutionary biology, accepted for this summer's biannual International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) conference in Exeter (UK). Aside from being the organizer and chair of the panel, he will also be presenting his paper, "Gospel of Greed: Peirce's Misreading of Darwin."

For 2006-2007, Mark has been acting as the graduate representative on the COLA council dean search committee, which is proving to be an invaluable experience.

### **Dwayne Tunstall**

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Review of Gabriel Marcel's *La Métaphysique de Royce, avec un appendice de texts, publiée et préfacée par Miklos Vetö*, in *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy* 42.4 (Fall 2006): 582-585.

"Concerning the God that is Only a Concept: A Marcellian Critique of Royce's God," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy* 42.3 (Summer 2006): 394-416.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Cornel West's Non-Deweyan Prophetic Pragmatism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 34th Annual Conference, hosted by University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, March 10, 2007.

"Why Violence Can be Viewed as a Legitimate Means of Combating White Supremacy for Some African Americans," Seventh Biennial Radical Philosophy Association International/National Conference, held at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, November 4, 2006.

**Seth Vanatta**

## PRESENTATIONS

“Radical Empiricism in Brightman’s Personalism and Husserl’s Phenomenology,” Graduate Student Agora, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, February 2, 2007.

“Humanism or Anti-Humanism? The Historical and Social Individual in Marx’s Grundrisse,” Brennan Graduate Conference, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 16, 2007.

“The Role of Sex in Freedom and Oppression,” Battleground States: Intersections of Poetics and Politics, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, OH, March 30, 2007.

“Radical Empiricism and Husserlian Metaphysics: A Conversation between Brightman’s Personalism and Husserl’s Phenomenology,” APA Pacific Division, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Graduate Student Session, San Francisco, CA, April 7, 2007.

**Eric Thomas Weber**

This has been an incredibly busy year for me. I’ve applied to over 100 tenure-track jobs, and have been lucky to receive varying levels of interest from 13 schools. I’ve had four on-campus interviews and have some Central APA interviews coming soon. I decided to hold back on paper submissions until I had my dissertation completed and (ideally) a job offer. These two goals demanded quite a bit of work. Things look good on the job front, though, and I’ve completed a draft of my dissertation. I hope to have some good news to send to the “Alumni” section of the newsletter next year. My defense is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in the department library. Last, but most important, is the fact that Annie and I are expecting a baby girl at the end of July. We couldn’t be happier. Annie is doing wonderfully and has had great success recently. She received a substantial scholarship to enroll in an executive Ed.D. program in higher education at Vanderbilt University. She will travel on a certain number of weekends each month to Nashville for classes.

## PRESENTATION

“Small World, Big Education: The Importance of Liberal Arts in Times of Globalization.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April, 2007.

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### III. Conference Report

#### Colloquium on Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology

Over the course of this school year, Mark Tschaepé and I have organized a colloquium of invited professional speakers from fields within and outside of philosophy. Our goal was to bring together the considerable wealth of knowledge and talents our department has to offer with the most recent empirical researches in a specific field. As pragmatists, Mark and I share the belief that our philosophic work is only possible in dialogue with actual and current inquiries and problems. In the spirit of interdisciplinary collaboration and dialogue, we decided to bring together a group of researchers in biology to discuss current scientific inquiries from a philosophic perspective.

It is a pleasure to report that the Pragmatism and Evolutionary Biology Colloquium, which occurred on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, was a greater success than Mark or myself had anticipated even in our wildest moments of fancy. All of our invited speakers drew large audiences. Even our early Saturday morning sessions were well attended! We extend our heart-felt thanks to our invited speakers. Our speakers were: Pete Gunter (Philosophy, University of North Texas), Mike Ventimiglia (Philosophy, Sacred Heart University), Hugh McDonald (Philosophy, New York Technical College, CUNY), and Randy Auxier (Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale). Panels consisting of undergraduate and graduate student papers were also presented. Finally, the Leys lecture was given by Gar Allen, a biologist from Washington University. The Museum Auditorium was filled to capacity for this lecture.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors. It was by their generous support that we could have such a colloquium. Our sponsors were: the SIUC Philosophy Department, the College of Science, the College of Liberal Arts, the Center for John Dewey Studies, and the Leys Lecture Series.

Tibor Solymosi is joining with me to organize a similar colloquium for next year. We are planning a colloquium for early in the spring semester of 2008 on pragmatism and democratic citizenship. If you would like any information or have any suggestions, please email me at [Belldar@siu.edu](mailto:Belldar@siu.edu).

Justin Bell

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## IV. Department News

### Library of Living Philosophers

We eagerly await the appearance of *The Philosophy of Michael Dummett*, which has been at the printer for some time now. Due to health concerns with Professor Rorty, we have stepped up work on *The Philosophy of Richard Rorty*, and we expect to submit the final manuscript this summer.

### The Pluralist

*The Pluralist* has completed its first volume and its second volume has seen one issue appear, while the second, a special issue of Royce's ethics, is in page proofs. The website for *The Personalist Forum* has been finalized as an archive, thanks to the work of Matthew Morgan. All are invited to visit the new website: <http://www.siu.edu/~tpf/> You may link to the website for *The Pluralist* from there. We hope everyone will subscribe to *The Pluralist*. Its health as a journal depends upon this support, and it makes for pretty good reading too.

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## V. Announcements

### Call for Submissions to the Newsletter

If you have items of interest for the newsletter, we'd love to hear what you've been doing! Where are you now, and what are you up to? If you're in academia, tell us about your publications, research projects, grants, conferences, or any other news. Please submit items for the next newsletter to [philosophersforum@gmail.com](mailto:philosophersforum@gmail.com).

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