Dear Friends of Philosophy,

It is a pleasure to greet you once again as we begin another academic year, and to report that the Department of Philosophy continues to flourish. You may have seen the article about us, and especially our newest colleagues Colin McGinn, Mark Rowlands and Otávio Bueno, in the Spring 2007 issue of the College’s Arts & Sciences Magazine. (If you missed it, you can find it online at http://www.as.miami.edu/magazine; the article is called “Intellectual Capital.”) Last spring Peter Lewis was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in recognition of his important scholarship in philosophy of physics as well as his excellent teaching. Michael Slote has recently been awarded a prestigious NEH Fellowship (along with Stephen Angle from Wesleyan University) to run a summer seminar for university faculty on “Traditions into Dialogue: Confucianism and Contemporary Virtue Ethics,” to be followed by a major international conference on the topic in Beijing in 2009. In April, the Department will host a major conference, organized by Otávio Bueno, on “New Waves in Philosophy of Mathematics.” And our faculty has produced a remarkable list of recent books, which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter. By any measure, the Department and its faculty are on a roll!

At the undergraduate level, we are about to introduce new ‘tracks’ for our majors and minors who are also pre-med students. Students choosing these tracks will take sequences of philosophy courses, including a new course in ‘Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine,’ co-taught by Professor Bueno and Dr. Jonathan Sosnov from the Medical School, along with existing courses in philosophy of science, biomedical ethics, and other relevant courses, designed to help them think about medicine in a philosophically informed way. Once these tracks are up and running we will turn our attention to the creation of similar tracks for our pre-law students. We hope that these new tracks will both enhance the philosophy educations of existing majors and minors interested in pursuing careers in medicine or law, and attract some of the large numbers of UM pre-med and pre-law undergraduates to our subject.

As always, the department will host many colloquia, lectures, dialogues and speakers on a variety of topics this year, to which you are invited and always welcome. Of particular interest to our Friends are two events in our Appignani Foundation Lecture Series: “Moral Arguments Concerning Embryonic Stem Cell Research” led by Dr. Louis Guenin of the Harvard Medical School on November 20, and “Justice and the Feminization of Global Poverty” led by Dr. Alison Jaggar, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Colorado-Boulder on December 6. Details of these and several other upcoming events can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the accompanying flyers. Please join us for philosophical conversation as often as you can.

We are always happy to hear from you and to receive your comments and suggestions for future activities. You can contact me at (305) 284-5411, or by email at hsiegel@miami.edu; the department office number is (305) 284-4757.) I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

Harvey Siegel
Professor and Chair
Department of Philosophy
University of Miami
**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Dr. Risto Hilpinen was one of four faculty that the University of Miami honored with the Provost's Award for Scholarly Activity. Hilpinen, a professor of philosophy at UM since 1985, applies logical theories and methods to the solution of conceptual and philosophical problems. Professor Hilpinen is currently working on the logic of normative and practical discourse, possible worlds semantics, and the semantics and logic of C. S. Peirce, an American scientist, logician, and philosopher who was noted for his work on the logic of relations and on pragmatism as a method of research.

Dr. Peter Lewis is the recipient of this year’s Scholarly and Creative Activities Recognition Award and was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Dr. Colin McGinn is the recipient of this year’s Cooper Fellow Award. This award will help support his research and teaching activities within the College.

Colin McGinn, Otávio Bueno & Mark Rowlands were featured in the Spring 2007 issue of Arts & Sciences Magazine. The Magazine discusses Colin McGinn’s diverse philosophical explorations and how they include the nature and rewards of philosophy itself, Mark Rowlands and his writings on topics of general interest as well as philosophy of mind, and how Otávio Bueno scrutinizes science and its intersections with other disciplines. For more information on this article please visit the magazine directly at [http://www.as.miami.edu/magazine](http://www.as.miami.edu/magazine).

**RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS**


Mark Rowlands: Everything I Know I Learned from TV: Philosophy for the Unrepentant Couch Potato - Random House, 2006.


FACULTY SEARCHES

The Department is conducting three searches for additional faculty members:

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Ethics of Virtue**, to begin Fall 2008. This fellowship, which lasts for one year and can be held in conjunction with another position, is intended for philosophers with PhD’s who are at the beginning or in an early stage of their careers. Candidates should be interested either in virtue ethics as a specific tradition or in other contemporary or historical ways of understanding virtue and the virtues.

**Associate or Full Professor**, to begin Fall 2008. AOS: Open. AOC: Open and an **Assistant Professor**, tenure track, to begin Fall 2008. AOS: Ethics (broadly conceived) or History of Philosophy. AOC: Open.

We seek promising scholars who will pursue a vigorous research program, teach at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and take full part in the normal activities of the department. For information on applying, visit us online at: http://www.miami.edu/phi/

ETHICS PROGRAM

UM’s Summer Ethics Internship Program marked its 11th year with a suite of research projects by philosophy students and others and an unprecedented collaboration among the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Medicine, School of Law and College of Nursing and Health Studies.

The program – jointly sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and UM Ethics Programs, among others – offers students an opportunity to work on projects with the goal of publication or dissertation enhancement. Students apply and awards are made for the best proposals; interns receive a modest stipend.

The summer of 2007 saw a record of five Philosophy students joined by students from the College of Nursing and Health Studies and the Department of Religious Studies. This was also the first year nursing students participated and received stipends from their Dean. Philanthropist and philosopher Marvin Schiller Esq. also sponsored one intern. The Law School has committed to provide support in 2008. Here’s a list of our philosophy students and their summer 2007 projects:

♦ **Noel Alphonse**, “The Case Against Preventive War: An Analysis of the Prudential and Moral Dimensions of Contemporary American Foreign Policy”
♦ **Daniel Cohen**, “Beliefs and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: Explanation, Treatment, Understanding”
♦ **David Michael Hurlburt**, “The Ethical Value of Attitudes Toward Evil Fictional Events”
♦ **Brian Mondy**, “Funniness and Normativity”
♦ **Shane Oakley**, “Typology of Causes in Medical Malpractice”

This summer’s interns were mentored by Dr. Otávio Bueno (Philosophy), Prof. Mary Coombs (Law), Dr. Ray Ownby (Psychiatry), Dr. Jonathan Sosnov (Medicine) and Dr. Raul de Velasco (Philosophy and Medicine). Dr. Kenneth Goodman, co-director of UM’s Ethics Programs, coordinates the internships. For more information about the internship program, email Kenneth Goodman at kgoodman@miami.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

The Undergraduate Philosophy Club continues to be active and is planning to have a number of talks during this semester and next. In addition to talks concerning God, consciousness and ethics, there will be a series of interdepartmental colloquia. The Philosophy Club also holds bi-monthly film nights in which a philosophically themed movie is viewed and discussed. This year’s officers include Navied Mahdavian (President), Joseph Waseman (Vice President), Jessica Szydlowski (Secretary) and Jessica Shraybman (Treasurer).
GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS! The Department of Philosophy is delighted to announce the arrival of a terrific new class of entering graduate students. Please join us in welcoming them to Miami, and wishing them all the best for successful philosophical careers here and beyond!

♦ Jane Casillo received her B.A. in Philosophy in 2006 from our own University of Miami. Her philosophical interests include philosophy of mind, philosophy of literature and philosophical theories of language.

♦ Daniel Hampikian comes to us from Georgia State University, where he completed his B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) in Philosophy in 2006. He wrote an Honors Thesis on Confucius and Aristotle, and his current interests have moved to the contemporary scene, particularly to philosophy of science and philosophy of mind.

♦ Robin Neiman received her M.A. in Philosophy from the University of British Columbia in 2006. Her philosophical interests include causation, rationality, and practical reasoning. She has recently presented a paper on conceptual relativity at the Miami Forum.

♦ Jeffrey Filla comes to us from Texas Tech University, where in 2006 he received his M.A. in Philosophy. His philosophical interests include philosophy of mind and aesthetics, as well as the connections between them.

♦ Nick Wiltsher arrives from the UK, where in 2006 he concluded his M.A. in Philosophy at the University of Sheffield. His main philosophical interest is in aesthetics, and in particular on the way in which theories of imagination can inform how we appreciate a painting, a piece of literature or a play. He is also interested in Sartre's theory of imagination.

ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE IN EPISTEMOLOGY

The fourth annual University of Miami Graduate Student Conference in Epistemology was held on January 12th & 13th, 2007. It was organized by Ryan Lake, along with co-organizers Kristin Borgwald and Noel Alphonse, and with assistance from a number of other graduate students. We were very pleased to have Jason Stanley of Rutgers University deliver the keynote address, and to have our own Otávio Bueno as the closing speaker. As with last year’s conference, we invited seven graduate students from other institutions to speak who were selected competitively from an even larger pool of submissions than we’ve received in past years. As a testament to the growing reputation of the conference, our speakers came from a number of top philosophy graduate programs, including Rutgers University, The University of Pittsburgh, The University of Massachusetts, Columbia University, and The University of Arizona. As always, the conference was filled with lively and vigorous philosophical discussions, and the participants also had an enjoyable time socializing over dinners and experiencing some of the sights Miami has to offer. The success of this conference would not have been possible without the enthusiastic effort of the graduate students and the support (financial and otherwise) of the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Timothy Williamson will be the keynote speaker for the fifth annual Graduate Student Conference in Epistemology scheduled for January 2008. Dr. Williamson is the author of Identity and Discrimination (Blackwell 1990), Vagueness (Routledge 1994), Knowledge and its Limits (Oxford 2000), The Philosophy of Philosophy (Blackwell 2007) and over 120 articles. Dr. Williamson has been the Wykeham Professor of Logic at Oxford since 2000. His main research interests are in philosophical logic, epistemology, metaphysics and philosophy of language. Along with Dr. Williamson's keynote address, the conference will feature the presentation and discussion of papers selected from student submissions. The Graduate Student Conference in Epistemology has been a highly successful forum for the exchange of ideas among graduate students and leading figures in contemporary epistemology and we look forward to welcoming Dr. Williamson and the visiting graduate student presenters. As in past years, our own graduate students will comment on their presentations.

RECENT JOB PLACEMENT

Dr. Nenad Popovic (Lecturer)
Southern Methodist University
AWARDS

Jeffrey Oakley was the recipient of the Gerritt and Edith Schipper Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Philosophy. Kristin Borgwald was the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for the Department of Philosophy. Mirlene Leyva was the recipient of the Ramon M. Lemos Excellence in Philosophy Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior in Philosophy. Peter Gauthier was the recipient of the Phi Sigma Tau Award and Christopher Hall received the Gerritt and Edith Schipper Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy.

RECENT GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS


Kristin Borgwald presented a paper entitled “A Defense of Victim Impact Statements” at the annual meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division, at the University of South Florida in December 2006. She also presented a paper entitled “Women, Self-Trust and Epistemic Solidarity: Creating Real Opportunities for Women’s Knowledge” at the fall meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy, Pacific Division held at California State University, Sacramento in October 2007.

In November 2007, at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, the following graduate students will be making presentations:

Jeremy Morris will be presenting a paper entitled “Knowing What Someone Else Knows Versus Knowing That Someone Else Knows.”

Brian Mondy will be presenting a paper entitled “Realism and Distinguished Structure.”

Kristjan Laasik will be presenting a paper entitled “The Ambassadors and the Ambulatory View of Knowledge.”

Michael Hurlburt will be presenting a paper entitled “Is it Evil to Enjoy Imaginary Evil Acts?”

Noel Alphonse will be presenting a paper entitled “Inquiry in the Limit: Cursed Worlds, Fallible Knowers and the Subjective/Objective Paradox of Epistemic Justification.”

Do you have a story to tell? Let us know! E-mail us at philosophy@miami.edu or fill out the form below.

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Raymond Angelo Belliotti was born at a young age. A poor but honest barber's son, he yearned to play shortstop for the New York Yankees. When it became clear after high school that he was not going to replace Phil Rizzuto, he turned to other pursuits. Summers spent working on construction crews and toiling in nursery fields convinced him that there was no percentage in hard labor. Seeking an undemanding, frivolous, yet exciting career, he stumbled onto philosophy. After completing his B.A. at Union College, he was conscripted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. No experience was needed to understand this was not a percentage move. Instead of submitting to the draft, Belliotti enlisted and was placed into a military intelligence career specialty. His “career” lasted three years, after which he earned M.A. and Ph.D degrees at the University of Miami. He taught at Florida International University and Virginia Commonwealth University, but decided he was still too young to be gainfully employed. He enrolled at Harvard University as a law student and teaching fellow. After three years, despite his protests, he was forcibly removed from Harvard under the absurd theory that he had completed his J.D. degree.

Belliotti then practiced law for almost three years at a Wall Street firm in New York City. Having discharged his educational debts, he decided to return to college teaching. In 1984, after spurning offers from institutions of higher learning located in warm, desirable climates, he joined the faculty at SUNY Fredonia. That pretty much ends his story. He ran some marathons, got married, wrote some books, sired two children, coached a lot of baseball, lost most of his hair, and sulked as the remaining strands turned gray.

“While at Miami, I took most of my courses from Leonard Carrier, Ramon Lemos, and Jim Rachels, three professors whose political commitments, personal styles, and philosophical positions were quite dissimilar. They were united, though, in that their keen intelligence, good humor, and personal warmth always shone brightly. I was deeply saddened and diminished when I heard about the deaths of Ramon and Jim. They were admirable men at all levels. I had an especially rewarding set of experiences with Fred Westphal, from whom I rented a room for over a year. Fred’s good cheer and refusal to take himself or philosophy too seriously contributed greatly to my graduate education.

“Where else but in Miami could I have met the Eddie Stanky and Billy Martin of philosophy: Ed Erwin and Slick Goldman, respectively? Or walked on the wild side of philosophy and life with Eddy Zemach? Or encountered the most exotic, exciting, and loving group of colleagues I have yet joined: George Bailey, Ingrid Bekhuis, Jorge Cossio, Dale Hendrix, Victor Herston, Eleanor Hosmer, Bill Kahn, Tommie Kushner, Joe McClusky, Alice Perrin, Greg Rich, and Kevin Saunders? I think about them often, always fondly. Sadly, we have lost Eleanor and Bill.

“Fairness requires, though, that I do not give a one-sided and overly sentimental reminiscence of my Miami experience. There was an annoying downside. I have not forgotten Lemos’s tortured renditions of Blake’s Little Black Boy . . . Erwin’s penchant for calling cheap fouls on the basketball court . . . Slick Goldman, while engaged in a “friendly” game of stickball, instructing his pitcher-son Michael to “stick one in Belliotti’s ear” . . . Howard Pospesel bluffing me out of hands in hold-em poker . . . Rachel’s fatally flawed analysis of Citizen Kane . . . the sartorial disaster that was Fred Westphal . . . Carrier’s obstinate and irrational refusal to admit his success was due totally to his Italian genes . . .

“Mostly, I will remember Miami as the place where for the first time in my life people outside my immediate family and relatives, seeing aspects of my personality that had eluded introspection, believed in me and encouraged me to excel. It is these people who infused my study of philosophical abstraction with passion, zest, and joy and who became an inextricable part of my life, people who I will never forget and for whom I will always be grateful.”
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Alan Carter
University of Glasgow
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Louis Guenin
Harvard University
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Anjan Chakravartty
Catholic University
November 30, 2007

Alison Jaggar
University of Colorado
December 6 & 7, 2007

Kendall Walton
University of Michigan
December 9, 2007

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Timothy Williamson
Oxford University
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Stephen Neale
City University of New York
January 21—25, 2008

Jaakko Hintikka
Boston University
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April 24—26, 2008

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May 6, 2008

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Tuesday, November 20, 2007

“Moral Arguments Concerning Embryonic Stem Cell Research”

Louis Guenin
Harvard University

Louis M. Guenin is Lecturer on Ethics in Science in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Harvard Medical School. His research lies mainly in distributive justice, the ethics of research, and the philosophy of science. He has served as a consultant to the federal government on research ethics, and as cochair of the Ethics Committee, International Society for Stem Cell Research. He edited and contributed to a recent issue of Synthese on candor in science, and is the author of The Morality of Embryo Use (Cambridge University Press, in press).

Thursday December 6, 2007

“Justice and the Feminization of Global Poverty”

Alison Jaggar
University of Colorado

Dr Alison Jaggar received her Ph.D. in 1970 and is the Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair of the Philosophy Department at University of Colorado, Boulder, and holds a joint appointment with the Women and Gender Studies Program. She works on contemporary social, moral and political philosophy, often from a feminist perspective. She is also interested in moral epistemology, especially in how to justify social criticism in contexts of inequality and cultural difference. More recently, she has been working on some gendered aspects of global justice. Forthcoming books include: Just Methodologies: An Interdisciplinary Feminist Reader, Boulder, CO: Paradigm Press, 2007; Abortion: Three Perspectives, with Michael Tooley, Philip E. Devine and Celia Wolf-Devine, Oxford University Press, 2008; and Pogge and his Critics, Polity 2008 or 2009. She is also planning a co-authored book on Ethics Across Borders and a single-authored book on Global Gender Justice.

Abstract

Women comprise a disproportionate share of the world’s poor and hungry people. This disproportion cannot be attributed exclusively to the “backwardness” of local cultures. It is also evidence of gendered injustice in the global economic order, an order that tends disproportionately to benefit men while burdening women. Although gender injustice on the global level probably touches the lives of most people in the world, it has been largely ignored by philosophers. I argue that women’s disproportionate impoverishment should be viewed as central rather than peripheral to concerns about global economic justice and I offer some directions in which this work might proceed.

Both discussions will begin at 7PM in Learning Center Room 140*

Refreshments will be served following the discussion.

This event is open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Sunday, December 9, 2007
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Refreshments will follow.

Dr. Kendall Walton
Charles L. Stevenson Collegiate Professor of Philosophy,
University of Michigan

Much of Professor Walton’s work consists in exploring connections between theoretical questions about the arts and issues of philosophy of mind, metaphysics, and philosophy of language. His book *Mimesis as Make Believe: On the Foundations of the Representational Arts*, develops a theory of make-believe and uses it to understand the nature and varieties of representation in the arts. He has written extensively on pictorial representation, fiction and the emotions, the ontological status of fictional entities, the aesthetics of music, metaphor, and aesthetic value. He has held fellowships from the NEH, the ACLS, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Stanford Humanities Center. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and past president of the American Society for Aesthetics.

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