

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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DUQUESNE GRADUATE PHILOSOPHY NEWS

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OUR INAUGURAL ISSUE

With this issue we are launching a newsletter for and about the Philosophy Department. Our goal is to create two issues of the *Duquesne Graduate Philosophy News* each year and send them to alumni, faculty, students and friends of the Department in order to keep everyone informed about the latest events and accomplishments.

We will need your help with the task of compiling that news, so please let us know about your accomplishments and whereabouts. Send your news to thompson@duq.edu.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

We have had two recent retirements: Drs. Roland Ramirez and Eleanore Holveck. In addition, we have had three new hires: Drs. Jennifer Bates, from the University of Toronto, Patrick Miller, from the University of North Carolina via Duke University, and Michael Harrington, from Boston College via the University of Dallas.

The Philosophy Department, in conjunction with the McAnulty College Dean's Office, is hosting the **47th annual SPEP Conference** this coming October, 15–20, at Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh Marriott. We are planning a gathering of Duquesne alumni at the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center in conjunction with the conference. If you will be attending the conference, please plan to join us. E-Mail Matt Valentine (valentine.matt@gmail.com) to receive details.

Dr. Tom Rockmore has received a McAnulty College Distinguished Professorship. This award is given in recognition of Dr. Rockmore's numerous scholarly achievements.



This year marked the founding of the **Ronald M. Polansky Graduate Student Scholarship Fund**, established by a generous gift from Dr. Polansky. The scholarship will make possible special graduate student projects, particularly language study abroad. Contributions to the fund can be sent directly to the department, with checks made out to the Fund. For more information call 412.396.6572.

SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Jennifer Bates has contracted with SUNY Press to write a monograph on Hegel and Shakespeare.

Dr. Fred Evans' monograph, *The Multi-Voiced Body*, was accepted for publication by Columbia University Press.

Dr. Patrick Miller's monograph, *Becoming God: Pure Reason in Ancient Philosophy*, was accepted for publication by Continuum Press.

Dr. Ron Polansky's, *Aristotle's De Anima: A Commentary* was published by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Daniel Selcer gave a pair of invited lectures on Early Modern Philosophy at the University of California Berkeley in November.

Dr. George Yancy's *Black Bodies/ White Gazes* was accepted for publication by Rowman & Littlefield.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Dr. Fred Evans's CIQR program continues to sponsor talks and promote qualitative research at Duquesne.

Dr. Michael Harrington works extensively in late ancient and early medieval philosophy. He co-authored the entry on pseudo-Dionysius in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

Dr. Ron Polansky's journal, *Ancient Philosophy*, was ranked one of the top five journals in ancient philosophy on a recent internet website site.

Dr. Tom Rockmore has had several speaking engagements as a Fulbright Scholar. In May he gave a series of lectures in Cairo, and in June a series of lectures in Hanoi.

CURRENT FACULTY:

James Swindal, Ph.D., (Chair)

Jennifer Bates, Ph.D.

Thérèse Bonin, Ph.D.

Fred Evans, Ph.D.

Michael Harrington, Ph.D.

C.D. Keyes, Ph.D.

Patrick Miller, Ph.D.

Ronald Polansky, Ph.D.

Tom Rockmore, Ph.D.

Lanei Rodemeyer, Ph.D.

Daniel Selcer, Ph.D.

Wilhelm Wurzer, Ph.D.

George Yancy, Ph.D.

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GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

We had over 120 completed applications for our graduate program this year. Five doctoral students and 11 master's level students have enrolled for the fall semester.

In the fall, we will welcome **Norman Schultz**, an exchange student for the University of Köln, and **Hamad Mohammed**, a Fulbright scholar from Bahrain.

Our graduate program recently completed an extensive external review. The reviewers were **Patrick Byrne** of Boston College and **Fr. Joseph Koterski** of Fordham.

Our graduate student organization (GSIP) sponsored its second annual Graduate Philosophy Conference in March 2008. **John Sallis** of Boston College was the invited speaker, and graduate students from several different universities presented papers at the highly successful conference.



Tom Sparrow received the graduate scholarship award from the McAnulty College. He also received a McAnulty College Dissertation Scholarship award for 2008–2009.

Josh Miller received a McAnulty School Dissertation Scholarship Award for 2007–2008.

During the year, **Taine Duncan** studied abroad with **Dr. Christoph Menke** at the University of Potsdam.

This year, the following graduate students received department grants for language study abroad.

James Bahoh: Goethe Institute, Freiburg am Breisgau

Jacob Graham: Goethe Institute, Dresden

Christine Rawls: University of Minnesota

H.A. Nethery: Universität Köln

OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Jennifer Bates organized a speaker's series in Environmental Philosophy. The first annual event was held in May 2008, with four speakers, and was highly successful.

The Duquesne Women in Philosophy, which sponsors study groups and outside speakers, completed its first full year as an official student organization.

Our Scholar-in-Residence program has developed significantly in the past year. At this point we have the following scholars scheduled to come to campus next year: **Fr. Stephen Okello** (Kenya), **Dr. Zhu Liping** (China), and **Dr. Hapib Türker** (Turkey).

Dr. Patrick Miller has been named a Fellow of the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C. He will be in residence at the center for all of the 2008–2009 academic year.

Dr. Lanei Rodemeyer has received funding to develop a new teaching workshop for graduate students.

The Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center has just hired a new full time director, Jeff McCurry, Ph.D., who has a doctorate in religious studies from Duke University.



ALUMNI NEWS

The following recent graduates of our doctoral program received tenure track jobs this past year:

- Mark Brouwer (Wabash College)
- Michelle Carpenter (Fayetteville State, North Carolina)
- Tony Coumoundouros (Adrian College)
- Clifford Lee (Troy University)
- Patrick Macfarlane (Providence College)
- Wade Roberts (Juniata College)