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Scholars In Residence

Duquesne Philosophy is glad to announce our scholars in residence for the 2018 calendar year, listed as follows:

- Dr. Junbo Wang from the University of Science and Technology located in Nanjing, China.
- Dr. Changfei Xie from Northeast Normal University located in Changchun, China.
- Dr. Yonghu Li from the International Studies University of Shaanxi Province, located in Xi’an, China.
- Hu Bai from the Philosophy program, Nanjing University, located in Nanjing, China.

Undergraduate News

Kristian Sheeley, an Honors Scholar philosophy major, received the McAnulty College General Excellence Award and will speak at graduation in May. Both the English and Philosophy departments at Duquesne nominated Kristian for this award. Kristian plans to continue his academic career after graduation and is entering a fully funded PhD program in philosophy at the University of Kentucky in the coming year.

Each year, the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center holds a Symposium on a specific theme, featuring internationally renowned scholars in philosophy. This year, the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center was delighted to welcome Professor Dr. Thomas Fuchs to Duquesne University for a two-day seminar on phenomenology and psychiatry.

Professor Fuchs is the Karl Jaspers Professor for Philosophical Foundations of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. He stands out as a prominent philosopher, medical doctor, and professor of psychiatry. His work is at the forefront of the growing contemporary interdisciplinary dialogue between phenomenological philosophy, psychology and psychiatry. His interests and expertise span across issues of memory and embodiment, phenomena of guilt, shame, and grief, and matters of intersubjectivity, empathy, and questions of virtuality and reality.

News From Alumni

We would welcome any news from alumni! Contact us at thompson@duq.edu.

For news on other events, see our website: www.duq.edu/philosophy.
Graduate News

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Dissertation Defenses

Dr. Boram Jeong defended in July 2017 her dissertation, “Theory of Subjectification in Gilles Deleuze: A Study of the Temporality in Capitalism.” It was directed by Dr. Fred Evans and Dr. Eric Alliez. Boram is currently a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado, Denver.

Dr. Andrew Jussaume defended in November 2017 his dissertation, "Schelling’s Ages of the World: The Beginning of the Beginning." It was directed by Dr. James Swindal. Andrew’s initial job search is currently underway.

Dr. Norman Schultz defended in January 2018 his dissertation, “Semantic Realism and Historicity: Brandon, Habermas, and Hegel.” It was directed by Dr. James Swindal. Norman’s initial job search is currently underway.

Dr. Daniel Selcer. Matt is currently a visiting Assistant Professor at Hobart & William Smith.

Dr. Matt Lovett defended in March 2018 his dissertation, “Logic of Sexuation in Deleuze and Lacan.” It was directed by Dr. Daniel Selcer. Matt is currently a visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh in the Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies Program.

Father Micheal Mburu defended in March 2018 his dissertation, “Henry Odera Oruku and the Right to a Human Minimum: A Socratic-Ethical Quest for Global Justice.” It was directed by Dr. Ronald Polansky. Father Micheal will continue his research in the upcoming year.

Dr. Karim Barahat defended in April 2018 his dissertation, “On Hypothetical Contracts.” It was directed by Dr. Daniel Selcer. Karim’s initial job search is underway.

Dr. Andrew Blough (France) 
Dr. Robin Boddie (France)
Dr. Brennan Van Spankeren (France)
Dr. Andrew Blough (France)
Dr. William Cox (Catholic University of America, Greece)

Polansky Scholarship Funds

We are pleased to be in the tenth year of the Ronald M. Polansky Graduate Student Scholarship awards. Recipients for summer 2018 will be:

Mine Sak (France)
Magda Figiel (Germany)
Zach Slocum (France)
Brennan Van Spankeren (France)
Robin Boddie (France)
Andrew Blough (France)
William Cox (Catholic University of America, Greece)

Any contributions to the Polansky Fund can be made directly to the department's Chair of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA 15282.

Graduate Colloquia - April 20


March 19

- Jacob Smith, “Happiness Among Cavesmen: Against the Egoist Reading of Ennade 14.”

February 12

- Colin Bodayle, “Kant and Hegel on Logical Duality.”
- Aaron Higgins-Brake, “Kant on the Unity of the World.”

February 2

- Paul Zipfle, “The Originality and Directness of Consciousness in Husserl's Phenomenology.”
- Mackenzie Lefoster, “Food Choice and Epicureans: Which Diet Provides the Most Pleasant Life.”

October 27

- Jacob Smith, “Plato’s Theory of Evil in the Timaeus.”
- Marty Fitzgerald, “The Metaphysical Implications of Max Ernst’s Method.”

September 29

- Colin Bodayle, “The Constitution of Material Corporeality in Husserl’s Ideas II.”
- Roland Carspecken, “Illusion and Self-consciousness in Hegel.”

September 8

- Jeff Lambert, “Understanding Folds and Complexions in Leibniz.”
- Daniel Cook, “Sovereignty, Death, and Burial: Bodily Vulnerability in Heidegger and Adorno’s Odysseys.”

Graduate Student Publications

Duquesne Philosophy is dedicated to being actively involved in contemporary academic conversations, and we encourage our students to publish and present on a range of topics relating to philosophy at both national and international conferences. During the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 we have had graduate students present at multiple conferences, which are listed as follows:

Aaron Higgins Brake


- “We Too Are Kings: Plotinus on the Self and God,” Wisdom Belongs To God Colloquium, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, June 18-21, 2017.


- “‘On the Unity of the World’” at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA, May 2017.


Speaker Series

Duquesne Philosophy Department is proud to continue our speaker series, inviting scholars from across the country to present talks to our graduates and create a forum for academic discussion and progression. Our speakers for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters are listed as follows.

2017-2018

Christopher MOORE (Penn State University). “The Origin of the Word ‘Philosopher’ (Philosophos).” September 15.

Amy ALLEN (Penn State). “Foucault and the Problem of Psychoanalysis.” October 3.


Claire COLEBROOK (Penn State). “All Life is Artificial Life.” March 2.
