Note from the Chairperson

If you had told me around the time that the last Newsletter appeared I’d be chair starting this year, I’d thought it could not be. One colleague’s response sums up the usual attitude towards assuming this position: ‘congratudolences.’

However that may be, I am honored to do my best at the job. Philosophy – and I’d guess I speak for many who’ll receive this Newsletter – is a field precariously floating between the sub and superhuman. It’s been said often enough but it’s still worth repeating, that when we’re led by superstition, popular opinion, and dogma we forfeit our claim to humanity. When we seek to understand truth, goodness and how to live well, freely and without envy, we become most fully human. How can anyone not be honored to serve a department made up of wonderfully talented philosophical faculty and staff, bright and hard-working philosophy students and loyal alum who share our pursuit. Many thanks for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

Peter Hadreas

MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Alumni and other friends of the Philosophy Department who wish to donate to the Department should make out a check to the “SJSU Foundation” with a note in the memo position that says “Philosophy Fund for Research.” This money will be used to further faculty and student research projects including travel to conferences, visits to libraries, research assistantships, and purchase of books. Send to SJSU Foundation, 1 Washington Square, San Jose, California 95192.

Obituaries

Carolyn Black

Carolyn Crow Black, died November 1, 2010 at Westland House in Monterey, California.

Born in 1936 in Gilroy, California, “she was the daughter of Harold Cornwall Crow and Gwendolyn Thomas Crow. After graduating from local schools, she attended the University of California at Berkeley where she earned both her BA and MA degrees. She continued her studies at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania where she earned her PhD in philosophy in 1967.” Los Altos Town Crier, Nov. 30, 2010.

Carolyn taught at San Jose State for twenty-seven years. I first met her when I arrived in 1983 and she was very helpful with her advice to me as a beginning professor. She was our epistemology specialist with a particular interest in Wittgenstein and published several papers in scholarly journals. Her articles included “Obvious Knowledge,” Synthese, Vol. 56, No. 3, Ludwig Wittgenstein: Proceedings of a Conference Sponsored by the Austrian Institute, New York, Part II (Sep., 1983), 373-385, and “Knowledge Without Belief,” Analysis, Vol. 31, No. 5 (Apr., 1971), 152-158. Carolyn was also a strong feminist and a lover of animals.
After Carolyn retired, my wife Karen and I continued to visit with her from time to time: she liked to go out to movies with us. It is sad to know she is gone.

Tom Leddy

Douglas Edward Henslee

Doug Henslee, former member of the Philosophy Department, died on June 5, 2010 in Kapaa, Hawaii. I knew Doug for several years during the time he taught at San Jose State. He enjoyed philosophical debate and was an avid follower of the ideas of Quine and Davidson. My wife and I sometimes joined Doug, his wife Marilyn, Mike Schmidt, Ruth Manor, Dick Liebendorfer, Steve and Karen Voss, and Mark Olson at Manny's, a beer joint that used to be in the basement of the Fallon House in downtown San Jose. That was back in the 1980s. In the 90s Doug and I met at my place and discussed readings from Davidson and Rorty. He had an incredibly sharp mind (I always needed him to explain analytic philosophers to me) and a nice sense of humor. We also joined up at least once with Joe Waterhouse, Lisa Bernasconi, and some others during the summer philosophy outings Joe organized in Yosemite. Doug and Marilyn called up a couple times after they moved to Hawaii and we were able to talk over old times. Sadly, Marilyn died shortly after Doug. We will miss both of them. Doug published one article that I know of: “Methods and Other Minds,” Southwest Philosophical Studies, vol. 8, (October 1982) 1-8. The abstract reads, “In ‘operationalism and other minds,’ Chihara and Fodor offer interpretation and criticism of Wittgenstein on private language, as well as an independent solution of the problem of other minds. Yet their interpretation is at odds with Wittgenstein's view of philosophical method, and criticism of their proposed solution may be drawn from Wittgenstein's writing. I try to avoid such difficulties by proposing an interpretation in which the problem is dissolved without appeal to theory.”

Tom Leddy

Barbara C. Scholz 1947-2011

Barbara taught for our department in the 1990s until 2005. She was a cheerful presence in the philosophy department always willing to argue for a Darwinian perspective and intensely interested in cognitive psychology and linguistics. Her husband Geoffrey K. Pullman wrote an obituary for her which can be found here: http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/~gpullum/Barbara_C_Scholz.html

An list of her many publications can also be found that site..

OTHER NEWS

New York Times: Philosophy Major and Humanities Majors Praised as Preparation for Business Careers

In “The B-School Blahs” by David Glenn in the New York Times Education section, April 17, 2011, 16-19, Glenn states that, “On average nationally, business students enter the work force with higher starting salaries than humanities and social science majors. By mid-career, however, some… liberal arts majors, including political science and philosophy majors, have closed the gap.” Moreover, the president of Boston College, Leonard A. Schlesinger is quoted as saying that “concrete business skills tend to expire in five years or so as technology and organizations change. History and philosophy, on the other hand, provide the kind of contextual knowledge skills that are indispensable for business students.” The article observes that “According to national surveys, [employers] want to hire 22-year-olds who can write coherently, think creatively and analyze quantitative data, and they're perfectly happy to hire English or biology [or Philosophy] majors.”
Letter to Chairperson
Manning: Practical
Application of
Philosophy to the High
Speed Rail Project

I just wanted to thank the
department for giving me a
first class education. I
definitely want to thank you
for teaching me how to steer
a seminar, without actually
running it. The ethics and
political education I got has
gotten me on a seat with the
Community working group
for the city of San Jose. We
have been tasked with
developing the “guidelines
that direct the Aesthetics of
the High Speed Rail Project”.
The Ideas that I learned in
Leddy's Philosophy of Art
class and Hadreas's
Heidegger seminar came in
real handy. During the
kickoff meeting, last week, I
was able to expand the city's
idea of “aesthetics” and
“public art.” Instead of
focusing on the “look” of the
architecture and train design,
we're considering the entire
impact a resident's
experience – including
whether the train should be in
the foreground or as part of
background. It was good
having the vocabulary to talk
to the artists, architects and
city planners in the group.

Thanks to Hadreas/Heidegger
I was able to raise the
questions concerning
technology. The initial
discussion centered on
utilitarian and financial
concerns. The conversation
changed when I brought up
the idea that the train should
“fit” into the life of the
community, that it should
connect and not divide the
people, that it would tell a
history of the San Jose
people, and [should] be in
tune with the natural
environment.

Tony Nguyen

Villemain Lecture
The 2011 Distinguished
Speaker was Professor
Kenneth Peter, San Jose State
University.

Annual Philosophy
Department
Conference, May 7,
2011

The theme was “The
Responsibilities of
Philosophy.” Speakers, all of
whom were from the
Philosophy Department,
SJSU, were Noam Cook
“Philosophy and Its
Responsibilities: Sustenance,
Progress and the Great
Pathology,” Rita Manning,
“J.S. Mill and Harriet Taylor
as Public Philosophers,”
Anand Vaidya “Thoughts on
philosophical method and
responsibility,” Tom Leddy,
“Superficial and Deep
Artification,” Dan
Williamson, “Fearless
Speech,” Peter Hadreas, Rita
Manning, Noam Cook, Ho
Kim (alumnus) “Without
music, philosophy would be a
mistake: Songs by Nietzsche:
a performance and
commentary,” Janet
Giddings, “Why Philosophy
is Good for Religion, and
Religion is good for
Philosophy.”

Department Prizes

The Herman Shapiro
Memorial Scholarship
Award winner for
Spring 2010 - Albert
Filice
Spring 2011 – Dean
Dominguez

The Temple Prize
Spring 2010 - Kelley
Farris
Spring 2011 – Aaron
Adams

The Lydia A. and
George V. Pinto
Scholarship
2010 - Isabella Shin
2011 – Fiza Najeeb

Manor Prize
Spring 2010 – Andrew
Erickson and
Elizabeth Rard
Spring 2011 - Aron
Garcia

Philosophy
Club
In February the Philosophy
Club met and developed
various goals for the semester
including a student
conference in March, an issue
of Geist, social events, a
movie night in May, a pub
crawl, a bike party, a dinner
party, a discussion group, a
camping trip, and attending
the APA conference in San
Diego (making a road trip out
of it).
ETHICS BOWL
Rita Manning writes: "The Ethics Bowl won first place at the regional competition in Chico California. It was a nailbiter of a day. We won two of our three morning rounds, then we ate a quick lunch across the street, while waiting to see if we'd made it into the semi-finals. I discovered that it’s hard to eat and hold your breath at the same time. All the students got a chance to either present or rebut, but as we approached the final round, Cassandra got more and more nervous because she still hadn't done one. Well, her moment came when she got to present the case about banning coal and she pulled out all the stops. I knew we were in good shape when the other team’s coach leaned over and said "pretty impressive." All of the team did a great job--Hiram was cool, calm and collected. Duy defended the Sea Shepards with firm grace. Aaron stuck to his guns even when it was clear that two out of three judges disagreed with him. Fiza defended pregnant athletes with righteous indignation. James rocked the vote with his case about compulsory voting and clinched the semi-final. All in all, I couldn't be more proud of them. So it's on to the finals in Cincinnati!" This year’s team included philosophy majors Aaron Adams, Hiram Alvarez, Duy Nguyen, and Fiza Najeeb, and political science majors Cassandra Agbayani and James Gold. The students spent the year preparing for competition with assistance from Manning, Philosophy Lecturer Janet Giddings, Senior Assistant Librarian Marci Hunsaker, and volunteer Tim Blackwood, a retired deputy district attorney. (Information taken from SJSU News.)

In Cincinnati, March 3: “The team completed the competition at the Nationals today with a record of one win and two losses. The losses were very close. Everyone did an outstanding job. We are observing the final rounds, as continuing preparation for getting there next year.”

Center for Comparative Philosophy

The 2011 Term SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy Workshop/Conference Series Symposium Daoism and Contemporary Philosophy co-sponsored by SJSU Philosophy Department and the Dr. Chaote Lin Endowment was held on April 18. Speakers included Mario Wenning (University of Macau / University of Frankfurt,) “Heidegger and Zhuang Zi on the Nonhuman: Towards a Transcultural Critique of (Post)humanism,” Chanh Phan (San Jose State University) “Wittgensteinian and Daoist Approaches to Language Games,” Marina Carnogurska (Institute of Oriental Studies, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia) “The Metaphysical Vision in Dao-De-Jing and the Modern Knowledge of the Fundamental Being,” Ava Chung (National Taiwan University, Taiwan, ROC) “Metaphors in Indirect Speech Acts in Dao-De-Jing,” Changfu Xu (Sun Yat-Sen University, China) “Constructive Engagement of Marxist and Daoist Conceptions of Nature.” Todd Gullion (Diablo Valley College) “Zhuang Zi's Account of Carver's Aesthetic Perception and McDowell's Position on Intuition.” Rongjie Lin (Xiamen University, China) “Egalitarian Thought in Dao-De-Jing,” Jensen Chung (San Francisco State University) “How Philosophical Daoism Can Contribute to the Development of Contemporary Theory of Communication,” Bo Mou (San Jose State University) “Lewis, McDowell, and Lao Zi: Naturalism and Normativity”

Other events included 2011 Term of Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy Theme: "Classical Texts and Philosophical Interpretation"
Academic organizer: International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy Host & Co-sponsor: Department of Philosophy, Capital Normal University, Beijing, China (June 3, 2011; Capital Normal University, Beijing, China)

Abe Stone
Department of Philosophy, University of California at Santa Cruz, “That the Objects of Mathematics are Determinate Deconstructions” March 2.
**Tom Leddy**, Professor of Philosophy, San Jose State University “Confucian Aesthetics from a Deweyan Perspective” February 17

**Chung-I Lin**
Professor of Philosophy, National Chengchi University, Taiwan, ROC
Topic: “Knowledge in Practice: Lei in Mo-Bian” January 27

**Alexis Burgess**
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Stanford University, “An Alethic Account of Referential Success” November 16

**SJSU Philosophy Colloquium**
**Rita Manning**
Professor of Philosophy & Chair of Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University, “Juvenile (In)justice” October 26, 2010.

**FACULTY NEWS**

**Noam Cook** writes “My paper on the debate about what computers can and can’t do has appeared in *Technē* under the rather Victorian title, “Turing, Searle, Wizard of Oz: Life and Custom Among the Automata—or How Ought We to Assess the Attribution of Capacities of Living Systems to Technological Artifacts?” In it I argue (among other things) that neither the Turing Test nor the Chinese Room enables us to conclude anything at all about whether or not computers can be conscious, intelligent, etc. Another paper, “Making the Technological Trustworthy: On Pitt on Technology and Trust,” which is a commentary on Joseph C. Pitt’s treatment of trust and technology, has been published in *Knowledge, Technology and Society*. Two papers co-authored with my colleague Henk Wagenaar from the University of Lyden are about to appear. The first is called “Navigating the Eternally Unfolding Present: Toward an Epistemology of Practice”; the second, which is called “The Push and Pull of the World: How Experience Animates Practice,” develops themes in the first.

Last year, Professor Kazuyuki Kozawa from Aichi Gakuin University in Nagoya, Japan spent a sabbatical year at SJSU working with me on his research interests in the role of artifacts in social change. I’ve written on social change from the perspectives of culture and technology, so it was both challenging and productive to work with someone exploring common interests from a different direction. Through Professor Kozawa, I have been invited to give two presentations in Japan this June, both on issues of knowledge and practice. The first at Aichi Gakuin University, in which I will argue that the problematic Western predilection for seeing knowledge as necessarily prior to and enabling of practice finds a fruitful alternative in the work of the Japanese philosopher Nishida Kitaro, which enables us to treat practice as prior to the self and the world and thus to knowledge. The second is for a conference of the Japanese Society for Information Management (I’m trying to imagine what will happen when I tell them that “knowledge” and “information” are not synonymous).


This is my 14th season as a member of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Reflections on my experience in the chorus have found their way into some of my papers and presentations. Our recent recording of Mahler’s 8th Symphony won Grammy awards for “Best Choral Performance” and “Best Classical Album.”

**Janet Giddings**
Beginning in 2009 and finishing in 2010 Janet is doing a one-year exegetical study of the Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Exercises. Her plan is to write a paper for philosophy of religion on mystical or religious experience. For 2010-2011 she was on the Dominican University Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Board of
Peter Hadreas

Peter’s non-teaching work has centered on two projects. The first of these is an application of group theory to consciousness. He believes he has a cogent group-theoretical account of Descartes’ Cogito Argument and is working at applying group theory to other issues in the philosophy of mind.

His second project centers on Plato’s dialogue, *Hipparchus*. This seldom-read dialogue provides a way out of the social labyrinth of greed. Scholars have doubted its authenticity, although in Hadreas’ opinion, the better Plato scholars have understood its merits and have been hard-pressed to assign its authorship to anyone but Plato. The dialogue is inordinately condensed, but once its arguments are filled out, and its ironies unraveled, it is a remarkable curative.

Peter and his wife, Cathy, had the good fortune this past October to visit Tibet and the Chinese base camp of Mt. Everest. He thinks it is difficult to do justice to those remarkable days spent in Tibet. He wishes that whoever reads this will have the opportunity to visit this singular land and experience why it has been and remains, in spite of its untoward political occupation, a spiritual center of Buddhism.

**Tom Leddy** finished his book *The Extraordinary in the Ordinary: The Aesthetics of Everyday Life* which is scheduled for publication in the Fall. His “The Aesthetics of Junkyards,” was published in a revised form in *Aesthetics: A Reader in Philosophy of the Arts* 3rd ed. David Goldblatt and Lee B. Brown (Prentice Hall, 2011) and he was able to teach it for the first time in his Introduction to Aesthetics class. His “Everyday Aesthetics and the Sublime” appeared in *Aesthetic Pathways*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (June 2011) ed. Arto Haapala and Christopher Stevens, 26-46. Tom gave a talk - “The Aesthetics of Confucius from a Pragmatist Perspective,” in the Philosophy Department colloquium series on Feb. 17, and another on Aquarium Aesthetics at the American Society for Aesthetics conference at Asilomar in March. Much of his academic time Spring semester was devoted to studying and teaching the American Pragmatists and he enjoyed having a small but dedicated group of students to join him in that. Tom also wrote an art review of a show by his wife, Karen Haas, which was published in the online journal Artshiftsanjose.com, followed by another on Hanna Hannah. He plans to do further reviews for that journal. He has completed a revision of his online article on John Dewey’s aesthetics (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy) and hopes to see it published soon. He also continues to be a Board Member for the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association.

**Tommy Lott** reports the following research activity:

**Conferences**.


**Rita Manning** writes “I am currently working on two projects: incarceration and immigration detention; a second edition of my book (co-authored with Scott Stroud, one of our MAs who now teaches in the Communication Dept at UT Austin), Practical Ethics. Here are recent talks:


**Bo Mou**


**Carlos Sanchez**

Carlos has been busy over the past year. He was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor this past academic year—he thought that was a big deal! He published a number of papers dealing with themes in Mexican philosophy, phenomenology, and immigration and a book (a reworked version of his Dissertation). He assumed the role of Co-Editor of the American Philosophical Association’s Newsletter on Hispanic Issues in Philosophy, and presented at a number of conferences. He also finished a book manuscript on Mexican phenomenology, which is currently under review with SUNY Press, and is hard at work on a new monograph on the philosophy of immigration. He plans to finish that in the summer when his boys go on vacation!” Carlos wrote that in the Spring – hope it worked!

**Bill Shaw** has been spending the academic year as a Fellow at the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, doing research and participating in an on-going seminar on the ethics of war. Not quite ready to return to San Jose State, Bill will spend next academic year as a Fulbright fellow in Hong Kong, where he will be involved with the development of general education at the city’s universities as they make the transition from a three-year to a four-year undergraduate system.

**Janet Stemwedel** Janet’s incredible blog *Adventures in Ethics and Science* is to be found at [http://scienceblogs.com/ethicsandscience/](http://scienceblogs.com/ethicsandscience/) In addition (and this is quite an honor!) *Scientific American* has selected her “Doing Good Science” blog for its new network.


I was one of the three commentators on Charles Parsons’ *Mathematical Thought and Its Objects* at an "Author Meets Critics Session" of the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting in San Francisco last April. In November I gave a talk on monads and mathematics at the Institut d’histoire et de philosophie des sciences et des techniques (IHPST/CNRS) in Paris. During this trip to Paris I participated, as an international consultant, in a three-day workshop that is part of an Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) project to transcribe and edit Gödel’s unpublished philosophical notebooks.

I gave a talk on phenomenology and the philosophy of time at the 10th Annual SJSU Philosophy Department Conference last May 2010, and another talk on "The Place of Science in Analytic and Continental Philosophy" in the April 2010 SJSU Center for Comparative Philosophy Symposium: *Constructive Engagement of Analytic and Continental Approaches in Philosophy*. At the moment, I’m working mostly on the philosophy of time. I hope to publish at least a paper or two in this area. One of the topics that interests me most is the relation of ‘psychological’ or subjective temporality to time as it is understood in physics.

My classes this term (Spring 2011) are going well. The metaphysics and epistemology class, Phil. 149, is especially interesting.


**Dan Williamson** writes “I continue to pursue interests in the application of Foucault’s later lectures on what he called ‘biopolitics.’” As it turns out, Foucault’s remarks on this and related themes in recently published lectures given in the late 70s are altogether prescient of current political and social issues. Some of those insights directly apply to higher education in California, especially in this economically challenging time.” He gave a talk for the Institute for Social Responsibility and the First Annual Seminar in the Humanities on what Sir Michael Barber calls “Deliverology.” This neologism is devoted to rendering higher education a privatized “quasi-market” designed for the student consumer, what Foucault calls in the lectures on “biopolitics” *homo oeconomicus*. I gave a talk on Foucault’s later lectures for the annual Philosophy Conference. *Parrhesia* is roughly fearless/free speech, and its relevance to contemporary philosophy.

As I may have mentioned last time, I would like to get back to some basic metaphysics (Spinoza), continue my interests in ontology and do some work with Hannah Arendt, a philosopher that deserves far more attention at this time than she gets. A tall order indeed.

On the more amusing side, the graduate student who once wrote a thesis on Heidegger and the dangers of technology is now, happily, using a computer in class for occasional power-point and has a web page in Faculty Pages where I now dish out all of my assignments and links. Regarding the former, the students were complaining that they couldn’t read my handwriting. Well, that’s the way it goes, I guess. At least I know when to turn it off. I have published “An American Foucault,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 26. 2 (Apr 2009): 189-207.
The editor is eager to publish materials about alumni: please send to tle403@aol.com or Tom Leddy, Department of Philosophy, 1 Washington Square, San Jose State University, San Jose, 95192 -0096

Tamer Abuelata is Co-Founder at MobileDx (medical devices) and a Software Architect at PolyCore Software.

Richard C. Baldwin (B.A.,1970) received his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern School of Law in 1975 and has been Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge from 2001 to present.

Bob Bishop B.A., Philosophy/Religious Studies, 1979, is a motivational speaker, magician, and educator. He has taught the Gifted and Talented students in the Boise School District for twelve years. He is also known as Idaho’s Math Magician.”

Melissa Burchard is Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, University of North Carolina, Asheville.

Jonathan Brusco teaches Grade 6 and Social Studies at The Harker School and says on his web site: “A third-degree black belt in Taekwondo, Mr. Brusco competed in that martial art at the national level. He also enjoys cycling, playing the piano, reading and writing; he has written one novel and is working on his second. Mr. Brusco has ambitions to one day run for political office.”

Christopher Cloos got accepted to the PhD program at U.C. Santa Barbara. He writes “I look forward to this opportunity, and I'm thankful for my time at SJSU. The program allowed me to find my way and grow philosophically. Much of my success in the UCSB program will be a direct result of my time at SJSU.” Thanks Christopher!

Jennifer Connor B.A. received a Ph.D. in Social/Environmental Psychology from Claremont Graduate School and now teaches at Washington Institute of Technology.

William Cornwell who we reported on in the last issue is now chair of the Philosophy Department at Salem State University.


Daniel Ehrlich M.A. is a second-year student at UC Riverside. He is interested in 19th and 20th century continental philosophy.

Andrew Erickson co-authored Logic and Critical Reasoning with Prof. Vaidya through Kendall Hunt in 2011.

Elle Falahat, B.A., has been candidate for District Attorney Contra Costa County California, and is an Attorney in Danville.

Albert Filice III taught as an adjunct faculty member at Mesa Community College in Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Timothy Fitzgerald published A Diamond in the Rough a book on the recession that began in July 1981 in which unemployment went to 10.8 percent. This is the second volume in a trilogy memoir about his involvement in left political activism in San Jose. The first volume was The Wawona Brotherhood: The San Jose State Campus Revolt, and was about his experience at San Jose State in the 60s and 70s.

Noah Friedman-Biglin is studying Philosophy at St. Andrews in Scotland. His thesis is on Philosophy of Mathematics, Foundations of Mathematics.


Greg Garcia received an MA, Education, University of Phoenix, in 2008, and teaches at LPS, San Jose.
Ronald Grant is a therapist who does counseling and psychotherapy in Los Gatos.

Daniel A. Guich B.A. Philosophy-Psychology, has been in the Department of Psychology, Mission College since 1990.

Craig A. Hansen (B.A., Philosophy, 1996) works as an Associate for Beck, Ross, Bismonte & Finley, LLP. He was admitted to the bar in 2000, and received a J.D., University of San Diego, 2000.

Nancy Teryl Harcourt is Student Scheduling Advisor at the Fort Collins campus Institute of Business and Medical Careers (as of 2009).

Noel Hendrickson is, according to his web site “on the faculty of James Madison University, where he developed and now teaches a series of four courses on advanced reasoning methods for intelligence analysis (Hypothesis Testing, Causal Analysis, Counterfactual Reasoning, and Strategy Assessment). These courses serve as the “critical thinking” component of JMU’s Information Analysis major, which is designed to educate future intelligence analysts.” Noel’s graduate work was done at the University of Wisconsin where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Philosophy.

Joel Hunt, M.A. 2004, is a philosophy graduate student at University of Nebraska Lincoln. From his website: “Prior to coming to UNL Joel taught graduate level theology courses for five years. Joel’s primary philosophical interest is philosophical theology. Joel’s other philosophical interests include hermeneutics, the philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, ethics and political philosophy.”


Michael Jordan, M.A. 2000, has been at “National Hispanic University since the fall of 2000 and is currently the acting Chair of the General Studies Department. He is the faculty advisor for the Philosophy Club and the coach for NHU’s debate team.”


Bhawana Kamil according to the Muslim American Society web site is president of their Bay Area chapter. She has given public talks on such topics as ‘An Introduction to Islam,’ ‘Women in Islam,’ ‘Challenges Facing Muslim Youth in the West,’ ‘Geography of the Muslim World,’ 'Islam and the Environment,' 'Muslim-American Identity,' and 'Understanding Shariah.' She serves on the Interfaith Council for Economics and Justice (ICEJ) for the County of Santa Clara and is a member of the Speakers Bureau for California Interfaith Power and Light, an interfaith environmental advocacy group."


Chris Kinney writes that he has been teaching as an adjunct philosophy instructor at Gavilan College and also for DeVry University.

Anthony Korsund was a chairperson and participant at the American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division Meeting, Pacific Grove, California in April 2010.

Tim Kunke was accepted into the PhD program in Philosophy at University of Edinburgh.

José López is at Texas A&M and writes on his web site “My research interest in philosophy is the juncture between Pragmatism, Post-
structuralism, and Latin American philosophy.”

**Trung Le** is College Admission Consultant at Bay Area College Consulting.

**Arturo Pacheco**, B.A. 1965, Ph.D., Philosophy and Education, 1976, Stanford, teaches at University of Texas, El Paso.

**Geoffrey Propheter** writes on his web page that he is “a PhD student in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy. In addition, I am a research assistant on the Significant Features of Property Tax project. My concentration is in state and local public finance with a particular focus on consumption tax policy.”

**Laura Purdy** M.A. 1971, teaches at Wells College and has published many articles on bioethics, ethics, and feminism.

**Karl T. Pflocka** on his web site says he is “cum laude graduate of San José State University (BA, philosophy and political science, 1964)” and that he “served in reserve components of the Marine Corps and Air Force (1960-66) and with the Central Intelligence Agency (1966-72). He and his wife Mary Martinek reside in Placitas, New Mexico.” He is also a UFO researcher.

**Jesus Ramirez** was recently accepted into the University of South Florida’s PhD program in Philosophy for Fall 2011.

**Sara Rettus** received a Ph.D. from UCSC in Summer, 2010. Her dissertation was "A Groundwork for the Ethical and Social Implications of Intimacy"

**Carolyn Robbins** is a graduate student at Emory. She gave “On Laws and Ladies: The Domestic Angel in Hegel and Nietzsche” at the annual meeting for the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Arlington, Virginia, October 29-31, 2009.

**Tanya Rodriguez** has been at John Jay College, CUNY, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, since Fall 2007. She received her Ph.D. from University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

**Ruben Rutledge** is a Ph.D. candidate at the California Institute of Integral Studies. He is associated with Synchronized Chaos Magazine and specializes in Comparative Religions Studies.


**Amber Simons** is a copy editor and opinion editor at the Spartan Daily.

**Michael P. Sipiora** B.A. and M.A.. His website says he also has an M.A. and a Ph.D. “in phenomenological psychology with a concentration in literature at the University of Dallas. He is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Duquesne University. Areas of teaching and publication include: the phenomenology of Heidegger, Hillman’s archetypal psychology, classical rhetoric and psychotherapy, and cultural psychology. He has published work in *The Humanistic Psychologist and Philosophy Today*. He also has an essay in the recently published *Pathways into the Jungian World: Phenomenology and Analytic Psychology*, edited by Roger Brooke.


**John Sullins** is an assistant professor at Sonoma State University who specializes in roboethics. According to John, by 2030, barring some global economic or climatic disaster, household robots are likely to be as ubiquitous as personal...
computers were by the 1990's. He published “When is a Robot a Moral Agent” in Machine Ethics ed. Michael Anderson and Susan Leigh Anderson, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

**Sumser, John Robert**  
B.A. 1978, M.A. 1979, Ph.D. Sociology, SUNY, 1989, Professor Department of Communication Studies, California State University, Turlock, CA received a Fulbright Grant to the Czech Republic in 2010.

**Gary S. Rose** B.A. 1972, has been a member of the bar in Los Gatos for more than 20 years.

**Benjamin L Ten Cate** is a Computer Systems Maintenance Technician at Cabrillo College.

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