Our Philosophy Department Web Site Address:  
http://www.sjsu.edu/philosophy/ For the archives of the old newsletters look at Quick Links on the first page and click on “events and newsletters.” There was no issue for 2015 or 2018.

Obituary


Amnon taught at San Jose State between the 1960s and the 1990s. (We are unable to get accurate information about this.) After he retired he went on to work at Stanford as Adjunct Clinical Professor, Pediatrics - Neonatal and Developmental Medicine, eventually becoming Emeritus there. Amnon’s most important contributions to philosophy were in medical ethics and Bentham studies.


One of Amnon’s most important legacies is the Amnon Goldworth Research Collection at the San Jose State MLK Library. The library site for this says: “The Amnon Goldworth Research Collection represents the research conducted by SJSU Philosophy Professor Amnon Goldworth to produce a single manuscript of the major philosophical works of British philosopher Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832). This collection consists of photocopies from Bentham’s papers, held by the University College in London, as well as Professor Goldworth's research and editorial notes.” In January 2011, a “Guide to the Amnon Goldworth Research Collection” was published by the San Jose State University library. The collection is open to research and is in the SJSU Special Collections &
Joe Waterhouse (emeritus) writes: “Amnon was one of the first people welcoming me to SJSU. [I believe it was SJSC then] He was friendly and indulged my difficulties transitioning from grad student to professor. As time went on he continued to be a friend and mentor. We were office mates [233, I think] for many years.” Tom Leddy, who had Amnon as his first office mate at SJSU in the 1980s, writes that “Amnon was a genial colleague always ready with good advice.”

Bill Shaw writes that “Amnon... was a good guy, with both musical and scholarly talents. I used to share an office with him, and liked him a lot.” In 2015 Amnon donated several boxes of books to the Department of Philosophy and several members coordinated to pick them up from his home in Palo Alto.

Amnon was predeceased by his wife Mary Nicholson Goldworth, a psychologist who was also originator of the oral history project of The Center for Modern Greek Studies, College of Liberal and Creative Arts, San Francisco State University. Amnon and Mary were both contributors to The California Music Center.

Carlos Sánchez: 2018 President’s Scholar

Prof. Sanchez was made President’s Scholar. A write-up by Julia Halpern Jackson is found on the University blog at http://blogs.sjsu.edu/wsq/2017/10/04/carlos-sanchez-2018-presidents-scholar/ and also appeared in Washington Square Magazine. Prof. Sanchez is an alumnus, having received his MA in Philosophy from SJSU in 2000. Those of us who were around then remember him as an enthusiastic and promising young man willing to engage in long office-hour discussions. We are very fortunate to have him on the faculty.


Two Philosophical Poems

Gilles Deleuze
Peter Hadreas
October, 2018

Of philosophers from A to Z
One should pause and regroup at the letter D.
For even more inventive metaphysically than
Whitehead was
Is the French philosopher Gilles Deleuze.

He’s a primo travel and adventure guide
To Humeland, to Proustville and to
Kantianside,
And for just twenty or thirty dollars more
You can journey to Nietzscheberg and to
Bergsonapore.

And, if you want to travel fully de luxe
Follow him to Leibniziana for a few more
bucks.
There a fantasmagoric windowless house he’ll
unfold
Through fealty to Leibniz’s mathematical feats
retold.
Ah Deleuze, Deleuze your work is colossal!
You've argued that one and one is two is a fossil.
It's a human leftover that should be extinct,
Hopelessly too simplified, too stupefied, and
too indistinct.

And this little ditty is only worth the trouble
If some difference it makes in our minuscule bubble.
For you, we are no more than myopic
crisscrossings,
Chaotic interdigitations of twistings and tossings.

The next one is by John Urban [see alumni notes at the end of this newsletter for information on John]

**Four Thoughts On Thinking**
by John Urban from his book *Dusty Days*
Felton: River Sanctuary, 2018.

To think is to plow

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Logic is necessary for Reason,
But not sufficient.

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Reason is creative, but few think.

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Reason runs everywhere.

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**Department Prizes**

**For 2016-17**

- **The Herman Shapiro Memorial Scholarship** went to
  - Bhardvaj Patel

- **The Temple Prize for Outstanding Paper** went to
  - Duncan Keller

- **The Lydia A. and George V. Pinto Scholarship** (for commitment to Social Justice, Service to Community, and Love of Philosophy) went to
  - Vladimir Salcedo Nateras

- **The Manor Prize for Outstanding Logic Student** went to
  - Bryan Nocera

- **The Arthur Ordaz Award** went to
  - Keith Burnett, Daniel Guzman, Sal Curcio and Omar Alattas
for 2017-18

The Herman Shapiro Memorial Scholarship went to
Adam Long

The Temple Prize for Outstanding Paper went to
Hannah Southerland

The Lydia A. and George V. Pinto Scholarship (for commitment to Social Justice, Service to Community, and Love of Philosophy) went to
John Hermann

The Manor Prize for Outstanding Logic Student went to
Elena Korjavina and Cuc Phan

The Arthur Ordaz Award went to
Katherine Krause, Ryan Steburg and Daniel Taborga

The Rick Tieszen Memorial Scholarship
Mark Stratton

Famous Philosophical Saying: “What Goes Around Comes Around.” If you received an award from the Philosophy Department when you were a student here, perhaps it is time to “pass it on,” as another saying has it.

Different prizes have different addresses:
> Temple Prize
> Herman Shapiro Scholarship
> George V & Lydia Pinto Scholarship
Mail personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, Attn: Scholarship Coordinator, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0036. Make checks payable to San Jose State University or simply, SJSU.

> Ruth Manor Award
> Arthur Ordaz Award
Mail personal checks, cashier’s checks or money orders to Tower Foundation - San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0256. Make checks payable to the Tower Foundation of San Jose State University

Daniel Susser Leaves for Penn State.

Our colleague Prof. Daniel Susser has been appointed Assistant Professor in the College of Information Sciences and Technology and Research Associate at the Rock Ethics Institute at the Pennsylvania State University, a joint position which he will start in August. Good luck and bon voyage Daniel!


Upcoming Local Conferences and Events

Philosophy Talks at Stanford

Feb 1 Colloquium: David Enoch
3:30PM | BUILDING 90, ROOM 92Q, False Consciousness for Liberals, Part I: Consent, Autonomy, and Adaptive Preferences

Feb 7 Should You Lie to a Person with Dementia? 7:00PM | CUBBERLEY AUDITORIUM,
Should you be honest to the person about painful truths — their parents are dead, they will never leave this nursing home — or should you lie to keep...

Feb 8 Adam Crager Colloquium
3:30PM | BUILDING 90, ROOM 92Q, MAP

Mar. 1 Jane Friedman Colloquium
3:30PM | BUILDING 90, ROOM 92Q, MAP

See https://philosophy.stanford.edu/
For other events at Stanford.

American Philosophical Association

2019 Pacific Division Meeting
Will be 4/17/2019 » 4/20/2019
In Vancouver, British Columbia. 
https://www.apaonline.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=800535&group=

American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Division Spring 2019, Berkeley, CA

Mar 22 at 9 AM – Mar 23 at 6 PM
Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley, California 94704
Please email the meeting organizers, Anthony Cross and Shelby Moser, at asapacific2019@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to comment on a paper or chair a session.

Special Rates for Students. Registration for the full conference for all students is at the nominal fee of $15. Society members actually charge themselves more in order to defray expenses associated with allowing students to attend at such a low cost. Simply go to the ASA web site http://aesthetics-online.org/ to register online.

In the past, several SJSU students have attended sessions, one even giving a paper. Please contact Prof. Leddy Thomas.leddy@sjsu.edu for more information.

Student Accomplishments

Baltazar Lopez when working for The County of Santa Clara, was instrumental in securing $10 million for public art projects and an additional $650,000 per year for Silicon Valley Creates (https://www.svcreates.org/), for them to distribute as grants. Baltazar has sought to use ideas learned in the Seminar on Aesthetics to public arts issues. He also reports that he “just started a new job with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's district office in Palo Alto. He hopes he can continue applying philosophy in the real world and with the great professors SJSU has to offer, I think we can.”

ETHICS BOWL

Michael Jordan reports: “This year we took two teams (11 students) to San Diego to compete in the CA IEB regional competition. Both teams did well but neither team qualified for Nationals. Although we did not qualify, we took ten students to Chicago to watch the IEB national Championships. Not only did the students watch each match, they also participated in the running of the bowl by acting as runners in between rounds. Kyle Yrigoyen and I both judged the event and I was given the honor of judging the final round. Santa Clara University won the event.

I am currently on the steering committee for the Bioethics Bowl and we are working on moving the event back to a state where CA can participate. Currently Alabama is supposed to host again next year, but I hope this will change [as this state is among those that is being officially boycotted by the CSU system for reasons of discrimination against the LGTB community.]

I will be judging the High school invitational ethics bowl in May and the SJSU EB team will help coach and mentor a local high school team next fall. My students are excited about this and it is great outreach to the local high schools.

Next year the CA regional event will be held at Santa Clara University and the National IEB will be held in Baltimore.

I am also working with a number of other coaches to organize and run a possible event that would be for the teams that do not qualify for nationals. I am trying to find ways to expand the number of events so students can have more debating experience.” Michael hopes that SJSU can host a debate event next Spring.

Santa Clara University Conference Feb. 9, 2019

Aesthetics, Art, and Life
8:30am - 5:00pm
Williman Room, Benson Memorial Center

To reserve a place at the conference contact:
Janis Davis
408-554-4093
jldavis@scu.edu

2019 Austin J. Fagothey, S.J. Philosophy Conference Schedule:
8:30 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 - 10:15 Gregg Horowitz (Pratt Institute)
The Aesthetics of Hoarding
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:45 Sondra Bacharach (Victoria University of Wellington)
Finding Your Voice in the Streets: Street Art and Epistemic Justice
11:45 - 1:00 Break for Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 Shen-yi Liao (University of Puget Sound)
Bittersweet Food
2:15 - 2:30 Break
2:30 - 3:45 Julianne Chung (University of Louisville)
Exemplars, Personal Ideals, and the Epistemic Value of Art
3:45 - 5:00 Panel Discussion with Q&A
Co-sponsored by the SCU Department of Art & Art History.

$20 (includes refreshments/coffee)
Students with valid ID: Free
SCU Students, Faculty and Staff: Free

Center for Comparative Philosophy
http://www.sjsu.edu/centercomp phil/

The Center Co-Sponsors the journal:

COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY An International Journal of Constructive Engagement of Distinct Approaches toward World Philosophy
http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/comparativephilosophy/


A second part of the issue includes three constructive engagement dialogues.

CONSTRUCTIVE-ENGAGEMENT DIALOGUE (1)
HONGLADAROM, Soraj / How to Understand the Identity of an Object of Study in Comparative Philosophy
SUN, Wei / Pragmatic Approach or Constructive-Engagement Strategy? —A Methodology in Comparing Chinese and Western Philosophy
MOU, Bo / A Further Look at Explanatory Potency of Constructive Engagement Strategy: Replies to Hongladarom and Sun

CONSTRUCTIVE-ENGAGEMENT DIALOGUE (2)
PEREDA, Carlos / On Mexican Philosophy, For Example
VARGAS, Manuel / Disagreement and Convergence on the Case of Latin American Philosophy, For Example: Replies to Carlos Pereda and Robert Sanchez

CONSTRUCTIVE-ENGAGEMENT DIALOGUE (3)
MONTEMAYOR, Carlos & FAIRWEATHER, Abrol / Review of Attention, Not Self by Jonardon Ganeri
GANERI, Jonardon / Reply to Montemayor & Fairweather

FACULTY NEWS

Peter Hadreas
Semi-retired, I have the leisure to study philosophers whose books I had otherwise barely cracked. So recently I have read a great deal of the writings of Emmanuel Levinas and Gilles Deleuze. I was invited to read a paper I wrote titled “Levinas and Causality with a look toward Plotinus” at a conference held at Seattle University, November 9-11. Unfortunately the number of people who are studied both in Levinas and Plotinus are few and as far as I could...
tell and none of them were in Seattle at the
time. Hopefully having nothing to do with that
demographic fact, I remain convinced that my
thesis is a worthy one and would make a serious
contribution not only to Levinasian scholarship
but to fairly longstanding lacunae in theories of
causality as applied to philosophy of mind. I
have also asked Tom to append to this
newsletter some verse about Deleuze.

Tom Leddy
I have had the good fortune to have been able to
teach some pretty exciting classes recently:
Philosophy 106 with a special emphasis on
world aesthetics, Phil 107 Philosophy of Film,
Phil 292 Aesthetics with a focus on Dewey and
also on Saito’s Everyday Aesthetics, and finally
Phil 290 a seminar on Plato with emphasis on
Beauty, Love, Art and Creativity. Since the last
newsletter I published “A Dialectical Approach
to Berleant’s Concept of Engagement” Espes 6
(2):72-78 (2017). I have a long book review
dealing with contemporary aesthetics and also an
article on Dewey and studio arts coming out in the
Journal of Aesthetic Education. Three
papers I gave were one for a conference at
University of Pennsylvania: “Making and
Materiality: Studio Arts in a Liberal Arts
17, 2018. The conference was titled. “Dewey:
The Liberal Arts and the Visual Arts.” I also
gave “The Dilemma of Everyday Aesthetics
Resolved in a Pluralist Way.” at the American
Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Division,
Asilomar, 2017, April 5. In the Spring, 2018 I
gave a paper at Asilomar ASA on Richard
Eldridge, Romanticism and Herzog. In the Fall
of 2017 I organized a panel in New Orleans on
art and ritual and gave a paper on that topic.

This semester I am on sabbatical working on my
second book, this one on Dewey and Aesthetics.

George Pinto
George takes Applied Philosophy very
seriously, spending his spare time in areas of
public concern and justice. He is currently on
the Board of the Gbowee Peace Foundation
Africa-USA and works closely with 2011
Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee to
“unlock the wisdom of girls and inspire a new
generation of girls to be global leaders, peace
builders, and community advocates” (the
mission of the foundation). George also

supports his friend, 2014 Nobel Peace Prize
winner, Kailash Satyarthi, in his fight against
child slavery, child labor, children sex
trafficking and other injustices against
children. In March 2018, George was invited
by the Prince of Jordan and attended a
Children’s rights conference which hosted 10
Nobel Peace Prize winners and global
supporters. This summer George intends to
attend the Lindau (Germany) Nobel
Laureate meeting of approximately 30 Nobel
Prize winners in Physics and Chemistry along
with 500-600 young scientists from around the
world. George supports one of the aims of the
conference which is to foster, mentor, and
courage women in Science.

In 2018, George worked with three other
SJSU Lecturers to start the SJSU Chapter of the
California Faculty Association for
Lecturers to work on issues Lecturers face on
campus. The Council promotes Lecturers’
rights and offers an opportunity for Lecturers
to share both experiences and best practices.
George continues to volunteer with Goa
Sudharop, a non-profit he co-founded in 2000.
Recently he visited remote villages in India to
further the rights of women and empower
them (economic independence) by obtaining
paid work. The non-profit is also working on
encouraging girls (ages 10-11) consider STEM
subjects in college and in 2018, the non-profit
held workshops in Oakland and in Goa
(India). George is a Board member of the
Joseph Naik Vaz Institute based in California,
which among other aims, work on issues of
justice in a religious context.

Carlos Sánchez
See the announcement of President’s Scholar on
page 1. Carlos co-edited with Robert Eli
Sanchez, Jr. Mexican Philosophy in the 20th
Century: Essential Readings (Oxford New

Janet Stemwedel appeared in
Episode 43 – of Sci Phi Podcast
“Nick chats with Janet Stemwedel, Professor and
Chair in Philosophy at San Jose State University,
about how within two weeks of defending her
dissertation in physical chemistry at Stanford she
realized that the questions that really kept her up
at night were philosophical questions about
science rather than scientific questions, why
scientific knowledge-building needs ethics, the transmission of "best practices" in the community of science, how engaging in several online academic communities through blog writing and Twitter has helped her philosophical work, and her decision to speak out about sexual assault within the #MeToo Movement.”

Anand Vaidya

EMERITUS NEWS

Phil Davis will publish his book The Logic of Obligation, Choice and Action on Feb. 28, Austin McCauley.

Alumni News

The editor is eager to publish materials about alumni: please send to Thomas.leddy@sjsu.edu or Tom Leddy, Department of Philosophy.

Are you an alum interested in work outside of academia? Here is a useful website: Phil Skills http://www.philskills.com/resources

Brian T. Prosser (M.A.) is a Subject Matter Expert and Content Developer in Critical Thinking & Philosophy Ponte Vedra, Florida Higher Education and a (Contractor) for Lumina Datamatics/Cengage Learning/Aplia, Inc.

William Parkhurst is a PhD candidate University of South Florida.

Rocio Alvarez is in the Philosophy Department working on her PhD at Texas A&M.

Timothy Blackwood although not an alumnus deserves recognition as a Volunteer Ethics Bowl debate coach for our teams since 2010. Timothy has a J.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1972. Master’s degree, History and Philosophy of Science Indiana University Bloomington, 1967.

James Gray (M.A., 2008) has, since 2014, been a Card Game Designer & Publisher, Recoculous. James received a second M.A. from U.C. Santa Cruz in 2016.

Maribeth Hendrickson (B.A. 1967, MA 1969) Ph.D., Philosophy Stanford University in 1978 and a J.D., Law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1981. She taught Philosophy at Foothill College Professor of Philosophy from 1874-2006 when she retired. She was also an Attorney. She currently provides assistance with writing, research, editing, college applications, presentations, academic papers.


Nick Rotsko, (BA in Phil and Econ, 2005; UT Law in 2010) made partner at Phillips Lytle, Buffalo NY.
John Urban, (BA Physics, Minor in Philosophy, 1966, John was also in the MA program in the 1980s) published a book of poems, many of them philosophical, titled Dusty Days: Poems (Felton CA, River Sanctuary: 2018). He previously published Three Songs for Children: Poems (Felton CA, River Sanctuary 2016), John Urban was born at Fort Jefferson, a.k.a. Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He attended schools in Alaska, Wyoming, and California, graduating from San Jose State College, San Jose, California with a degree in Physics, minors in Philosophy and Creative Writing. He presently lives in San Jose. His Poems have been published in the Common Ground Review, New Vision, Jet Fuel Review, The Mobius Strip, The Rolling Stone, Sound and Literary Art Book Issue 13 and The Broad River Review. Three Songs for Children is his first collection of Poems. He considers his work to be in the Romantic Tradition of Emily Dickinson, Hart Crane and Wallace Stevens, but distinguishes it as Transcendental Romanticism. His interests and influences include Classical Metaphysics and Modern Spirituality.

Dale Andrade (M.A. 2011)
Financial Institutions Group Risk and Control Consultant at Wells Fargo
Fremont, California