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Editor: Tom Leddy

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Obituary:

## Ruth Manor

We will all miss our good friend and colleague, Ruth Manor, who died from an autoimmune disease in November, 2005. She had started teaching at SJSU in 1981. Ruth had gained her Ph.D. in 1971 at the University of Pittsburgh when 27, having studied

under Nicholas Rescher and Nuel Belnap. Her thesis was "Conditional Forms: Assertion, Necessity, Obligation, and Commands." An article she wrote with Rescher gave rise to the Rescher-Manor Mechanism in logic, still used today. Ruth was born in Addis Adiba, Ethiopia. Her father, Prof. Moshe Wolman (after whom was named the Wolman Disease), was Emperor Hallie Sallasie's doctor. Tenured at San José State in 1986, and promoted to Full Professor in 1988, Ruth began to teach also at Tel Aviv University in 1993, spending many of her semesters there. She retired from SJSU in 2004 as a result of her illness, but continued to teach at Tel Aviv.

Towards the end of her life Ruth published a book with her father, *Doctors' Errors and Mistakes of Medicine – Must Health Care Deteriorate?* She also continued her work in logic publishing a chapter "On the Meaning and Use of Semantics and Pragmatics" in Hebrew in *Discourse and Dialogue: Multiperspective Philosophy*, 2003. Ruth published over seventy book chapters and articles mainly in logic but sometimes in such topics as the middle east conflict and philosophical pluralism. (Surprisingly, she once revealed during a candidate's interview that she was first attracted to philosophy through literary existentialism.) She also did consulting work for NASA, Hewlett Packard, IBM, and Stanford University. Ruth served as Acting Chair in the Philosophy Department twice, once in Spring 1988 and once in Fall 1992. We

remember with special fondness animated philosophical conversations with Ruth and several other philosophers at a San José dive named Manny's in the 1980s. Rita Manning writes that "Ruth was the soul of the department –she was smart, funny, incredibly generous and eternally optimistic."

## Ruth Manor Scholarship Fund

We are establishing a special scholarship fund in the area of logic in honor of Ruth Manor. Please contact Professor Manning for details.

Obituary:

**Robert Larsen** died in Campbell on Sep. 17. He was a professor in the Philosophy Department and in the Humanities Department. He leaves behind his wife Virginia Larsen. Her address is 774 Fairlands Ave, Campbell 95008. A memorial will be held Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sept. 30 at 11:00 am.

**Our New  
Philosophy  
Department Web  
Site Address:**  
[sjsu.edu/philosophy/](http://sjsu.edu/philosophy/)

## New Faculty Members

### Carlos Sanchez

is our new tenure-track professor. Carlos received his PhD from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, this past summer and joins us as our new Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Carlos is no stranger to SJSU, having received his Bachelors of Science from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1998 and his Masters in Philosophy in 2000. At the University of New Mexico, Carlos wrote his dissertation on what he calls Husserl's "theory of epistemic justification," an attempt, he says, "to shed light on Husserl's epistemological worries." While still working in the phenomenological tradition, Carlos plans to focus his intellectual super-powers on more contemporary philosophical movements. He is currently working on several papers dealing with late 20<sup>th</sup> Century Mexican philosophy, especially the work of Jorge Portilla, Emilio Uranga, Luis Villoro, and Leopoldo Zea—a group of philosophers known as the "Hiperion Group," thinkers unified in their mission to describe, clarify, and interpret contemporary Mexican, and consequently Mexican-American, reality using the "methods" of structuralism, psychoanalysis, phenomenology, critical theory, and pragmatism.

For the Fall semester, Carlos teaches two sections of Introduction to Philosophy as well as an upper division seminar titled "The Philosophy of History, from Hegel to (Leopoldo) Zea." When not at work, whether teaching or writing, Carlos enjoys watching cartoons, listening to 80s music, and spending time with his very young son Julian and his wife Alicia (who, he admits, does all of the actual "work").

### Phil Williamson

who received an MA from the Philosophy Department last semester has been hired as a lecturer for the first time in Fall 2006.

## OTHER NEWS

### Philosophy Major Wins CSU Student Research Competition

**In a campus-wide competition, Sara Rettus, one of our graduate students,** was selected to represent SJSU at the CSU Student Research Competition, hosted by CSU Channel Islands on May 5 and 6. She also won that contest! Sara and her mentor, Prof. Leddy, were honored at the Annual University Research Forum on April 4.

Sara, who received her MA last Spring, has been admitted to the graduate program in Philosophy, University of California at Santa Cruz .

## Letters to the Editor

Franc Fallico writes that he "Enjoyed very much the article referencing my father, Arturo B. Fallico, who taught at SJS from the beginning of the Dept. to the 1970's. I also went to SJS College, as it was called then, graduating in 1964. My interests were in science and getting into medical school but did take what was called back then the Humanities Program course work for my first 2 years of school to satisfy liberal arts requirements for graduation. The one pure philosophy course I took was in my last year of undergrad school with Herman Shapiro, one of my fathers' best friends and colleague. My memories extend to others in the department, some of whom would visit with our family on social occasions. Your article brought back old memories. My limited liberal arts education at SJSU now gives me great background for much of the work I do as the chief medical examiner for Alaska. Sincerely, Franc G. Fallico, MD Chief ME, Alaska"  
[franc\\_fallico@health.state.ak.us](mailto:franc_fallico@health.state.ak.us)

Sidenote: Franc Fallico played himself in the recent acclaimed documentary by Werner Herzog, *Grizzly Man*. The New York Times movie review, "Exploring One Man's Fate in the Alaskan Wilderness" by Manohla Dargis, Aug. 12, 2005, praises Fallico for his skill as a story-teller.

## **Graduate Student Travels to China**

Graduate Student Krupa Patel received an award that allowed her to travel in China with SJSU engineering students. She writes the following account of her experiences in China and Taiwan, beginning with a quote from a great American thinker (who, by the way, studied philosophy and theology at Boston University – see the next article).

All of life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.  
--*Martin Luther King*

As I walked the steps of my journey through China and Taiwan, I was

searching for what it is that we call globalization. Was it when we went to a manufacturing company and observed the men and women assembling the PCs that may appear on our desks one day? Was it when we went to Taiwan and saw the corporations that supply most of the world's chips? Or was it when we saw KFC at every corner in Shanghai? The program provided us with a wonderful and enriching opportunity to enhance our knowledge of the technological and industrial growth in China and Taiwan. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the GTI program and would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible. The hospitality shown to us by the corporations was heartwarming. The trip became not just a learning experience but a life altering experience. Connecting with the people, eating the delicious food, and visiting historical sites were experiences that words cannot describe. The trip created many opportunities for reflection about human values and the effects of globalization. There

were moments where it was difficult to see people work so hard for low wages. Yet, there were times where all I could do was smile as I saw the passion in people's eyes about the growing opportunities brought about through technology. The political, economical, environmental, and cultural aspects of a nation all play a role in globalization. After this journey, I have come to realize that what we call globalization is itself a journey. It is constantly evolving. It is an evolution of life, yet it includes all lives.

## **Martin Luther King as Philosopher**

In 1955, two years after he married Coretta Scott (who died recently and was much memorialized), Martin Luther King received his PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University. The title of his dissertation was: *A Comparison of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Wiseman*. In 2004 Provost David K. Campbell of BU wrote: "[at BU] he worked with several mentors, including Edgar Brightman, L. Harold DeWolf, and Howard Thurman (Dean of Marsh Chapel), each of whom had tremendous

influence in [his] study of the personalist philosophy. This system, in which “the sacredness of the person is viewed socially” (Walter G. Meulder) reinforced King’s idea that all men are equal and should thus be afforded equal rights. ... [at BU] King also explored the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and became a proponent of his nonviolent strategy against oppression, something that would become a hallmark of King’s leadership in the civil rights movement.”  
<http://www.bu.edu/provost/meet/index.html>

King himself wrote: “I studied philosophy and theology at Boston University under Edgar S. Brightman and L. Harold DeWolf. I did most of my work under Dr. DeWolf, who is a very dear friend of mine, and, of course, I was greatly influenced by him and by Dr. Brightman, whom I had the privilege to study with before he passed on. It was mainly under these teachers that I studied Personalistic philosophy--the theory that the clue to the meaning of ultimate reality is found in personality. This personal idealism remains today my basic philosophical position. Personalism’s insistence that only personality-finite and infinite-is ultimately real strengthened me in two convictions: it gave me metaphysical and philosophical grounding for the idea of a personal God, and it gave me a metaphysical basis for the dignity and worth of all human personality.”

[http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/autobiography/chp\\_4.htm](http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/autobiography/chp_4.htm)

The same year he received his PhD, he was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association and spokesman for the famous boycott (begun by Rosa Parks) at the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. Talk about “applied philosophy”!

Further note: when I was at BU, the Personalist tradition was still evident, although not strong. Other Personalists were Peter Bertocci and John H. Lavelly (both of whom I knew), and Borden Parker Bowne. Bowne founded the Philosophy Department at BU in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Brightman, the most famous Personalist, ran the Philosophy Department for several years. When I was at BU there were portraits of Brightman and Bowne in the main philosophy department seminar room. One of my dissertation advisors, Erazim Kohak (a Czech student of Edmund Husserl), also considered himself a Personalist. He has written a short history of Personalism at BU at <http://www.bu.edu/philo/alumni/kohakessay.htm>

Kohak thinks Alasdair MacIntyre, who also taught at BU when I was there in the 70s and 80s, was also influenced by the Personalists, also MacIntyre denied it. (Professor Schubert taught a seminar here on MacIntyre in the Spring semester.)

I suspect that I too was influenced by the Personalists by way of both Kohak and Marx Wartofsky who, although not a Personalist himself, was a Marxist who was hired by Personalists during the McCarthy era.

Tom Leddy

## **Implementing WEBCT online teaching and creating new learning communities.**

**by Mary Ann Shukait**

One of the Philosophy 186 courses assigned to me for the spring 2006 semester was a jumbo section. (note: we refer to classes of over 70 as “jumbo.”) This was especially challenging to me since I had taught a jumbo section a few years earlier and was not entirely satisfied with how I structured the course. Since I teach this course with approximately 50% discussion and 50% lecture it is very difficult to manage even group discussions let alone having question and answer periods. Therefore, I decided to incorporate online teaching using the SJSU Web CT technology in the jumbo section. I would use this for interactive course

discussions rather than the tradition face-to-face classroom group discussions. It was and is a huge learning curve for me given that I had to learn to negotiate the Web CT environment. However Corey Gin the Academic Coordinator of this program provided constant encouragement as I set up my course. He gave me a one-on-one tutorial as well as coming into my class on the first day and explaining Web CT to my students and answering their questions. My students were both new to web-based education as well as experienced since some of these students had taken other courses within the School of Business that had blended formats. I had many emails afterwards from students indicating how much they preferred the online medium rather than the classroom discussions since the classroom is so large and there is difficulty hearing from front to back and vice-versa. My total enrollment for that course is 109 students and I broke them up into eleven online groups. I did have one class period where I

gave them a group writing assignment so that they could meet personally. Following that class session I instructed them to logon to our course website and find their assigned group and post an introduction as a way of gaining some familiarity with the course website as well getting to know their group members. After that I would post weekly discussion questions from our assigned readings and they would post a response to my question as well as to their other group members. What I learned from this assignment was how quickly I could get to know the students and be able to assess how well they were grasping the course material as well as how quickly the students were forming their own online community. I don't think I could have achieved this level of interaction in the traditional classroom environment given that huge enrollment. Another plus for me with respect to implementing the Web CT has been with the administrative aspects of managing this jumbo course. All email is

managed within my course website. Since all three of my class rosters have been uploaded into the course files I am able to email students all at once or privately. I post assignment dates for midterms, finals, films that I am showing in class and any other notice on a calendar icon of the course homepage. The syllabus as well as the course notes that I usually handout to students is also available on the course homepage. While I still am assessing the integration of web-based education into my course I have found the experience rewarding in terms of creating an exciting learning environment where my students participate more fully in their own learning.

## **ISREE News**

Institute for Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education participated in the Difficult Dialogues Advisory Board, Peter Hadreas attending.

On Nov. 2 ISREE sponsored a panel with Profs. William Shaw and Rita Manning, moderated by Prof. Peter Hadreas, on poverty in the U.S. working class in connection with Barbara Ehrenreich's book *Nickel and Dimed*. The ISREE also co-sponsored Stephen Young in

a talk on "Moral Capitalism," on Dec. 5.

ISREE also co-sponsored the 2006 National 12P Competition on Social Entrepreneurship at SJSU, March 31, and April 1, 2006.

## Prizes

**The Shapiro Prize winner for Spring 2006 was Phillip Williamson**

**The Lydia A. and George V. Pinto Scholarship for Fall of 2005 went to Michelle Graves**

**The Temple Prize Spring 2006, was awarded to Brenda Hood, for her paper "A Feminist Perspective on Abject Art and the Employment of Aversion."**

## Teaching Associates in Spring 2006:

(Graduate Students who teach their own class.)

Fern Alberts  
Jonathan Brusco  
Kevin Fox  
Janet Giddings  
T.C. Niedzialkowski  
Krupa Patel  
Geoffrey Propheter  
Sara Rettus

## Fall 2006

Fern Alberts  
Tanzeen Doha  
James Gray

## Philosophy Colloquium and Other Talks

**March 8, Victor Pineda: "Reflections on Invalidity: Disabled in Thought and Practice."** Pineda is a disability activist, award-winning independent film producer, and President of the Victor Pineda Foundation (a non-profit disability advocacy organization).

April 12, Prof. Anand Vaidya gave his paper, "Conceptual Analysis and the Perceptual Model of Intuition"

March 15, 2006. The Philosophy Club sponsored a talk by John Sullins, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Sonoma State University, "Friends by Design: A Design Philosophy for Personal Robotics Technology."

## ETHICS BOWL

Prof. Vaidya reports that last Year the Ethics Bowl team did well at

the regional competition. "We won 2, and lost 1. And we did all this with just the power duo Matt [Pffiffner] and Brenda [Hood]. We did not do as well at the national competition: 1 win, 2 losses. But the coach of one of the other teams said we should have won the match because Annie [Bao] had asked very good questions. Newcomer Adrian Jung got his feet wet. And in another match Brenda obliterated the other team with her questions on utilitarianism."

## Socrates Café

continues to meet under the direction of Janet Stemwedel on the third Wednesday of the month beginning Sept. 13 3-4 pm. in the Pacifica Room of the Student Union. Janet writes: "We take a question and spend an hour discussing it with just our wits and the Socratic method to help us. The participants seem to end up getting pretty jazzed about the deep thinking that philosophy involves, and they start asking questions about their assumptions and everyday experiences." [jstemwed@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:jstemwed@email.sjsu.edu)

## Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Club met for the first time in the Fall on Sept. 20. Adrian Jung, President, reports that they intend to have some student speakers and to continue with the film “in the cave” film series.

### SPRING 2006 SJSU PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT ALUMNI CONFERENCE: “Philosophy in a World Context” April 29, 2006

**Dick Schubert**, alumnus and Philosophy, opened the conference with *An Ethical Perspective on Bribery*. He argued that at least one form of bribery is unethical based on Adam Smith’s version of utilitarianism as it leads to destruction of the free market. **George Pinto** replied. **Joyce Scales**, alumnus, gave *The Sound of Pali Parittas: Globalizing Help and Protection of the Buddha*. Joyce argued that not only the content but also the sound of the chants are essential to the teaching of this form of Buddhism. **Krupa Patel**, graduate student, replied. **Derrick Abdul-Hakim**, student, argued for improvements in one argument for the existence of God in *God’s Paradox: A Comment on William Lane Craig’s Kalam Cosmological Argument*. **Janet Giddings**, graduate student, replied. **Matthew Hanley**, alumnus, took on

moral relativism once again in *Common Sense Morality and the Limits of Moral Relativism*. **Sara Rettus**, graduate student, replied. **Michael Katz**, Philosophy, explored the requirement that teachers be morally trustworthy in *Trust, Trustworthiness, Narcissism and Moral Blindness: An Examination of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. **Eric Palferyman**, alumnus, explored issues of scriptural interpretation and contemporary extremism in *The Qur’an, Radical Islam, and The Possibility of a Moderate Exegesis*. **Sharare Sharoki**, graduate student, explained Derrida’s understanding of Nietzsche’s use of “woman” as metaphor and then applied it to a feminist critique of attitudes to virginity in Iran in a paper titled *A Nietzschean Examination of Values in Contemporary Iran*. Afterwards, the Philosophy Department had its annual banquet at Blake’s downtown. At this event the Philosophy Club gave out its annual award for Professor of the Year to **Anand Vaidya**.

## FACULTY NEWS

### Karin Brown

received tenure and a promotion to Associate Professor. Congratulations Karin! Karin is on sabbatical this year. Her recent publications include, “Buddhist Ethics,” *Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society*, SAGE Publications, forthcoming 5/20/07, and “Ethics and Mechanics: Towards a New

Paradigm,” *Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture, and Freedom*, ed. Sonja Servomaa, Renvall Institute, University of Helsinki, 2006.

### Noam Cook is

receiving released time to be the director of an on-campus institute devoted to bio-nanotechnology. Recent research:

“Design and Responsibility: Socio-Technical Systems in the 21st Century.”

*Philosophy and Design: from Engineering to Architecture*, Vermaas, Kroes, Light, and Moore (eds.), Springer: 2006 (in press).

“Joy and Bones: Moral Reflections on Handling Fragments from Beethoven’s Skull.” *Beethoven Journal*. Volume 20, Numbers 1 & 2, Summer and Winter, 2005.

“Technology, Tradition and Craft: Part of What a Flute Is.” in *Technologies and Traditions: Essay on the Philosophy of Local Material Culture*. Andrew Light and Edrie Sobstyl (eds.). Roman & Littlefield, (in press).

“That Which Governs Best: Ethics, Leadership and Human Systems” (in *The Quest for Moral Leaders: Essays in Leadership Ethics*, J.B. Ciulla, T.L. Price, and S.E. Murphy, (Eds.).

Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2005.).

### Sandra

### Dreisbach

an alumnus, taught here last year. She is currently in the PhD program in Philosophy at UC Santa Cruz. She gave a paper “The Good Metaphor” BSD (Berkeley,

Stanford and Davis) Graduate Student Conference, April 23, 2005.

## **Peter Hadreas**

His paper "Husserlian Self-Awareness and SSRIs," wherein he tries to dispel some myths about happiness and psychotropic drugs, such as Prozac, is forthcoming in *Philosophy, Psychiatry & Psychology*. The book that he has been working on for several years, *A Phenomenology of Love and Hate*, has been accepted for publication. The main thesis of this book is that varieties of love and hate as they develop, like a vine growing upon a trellis, increasingly manifest characteristic logical forms.

He still has aspirations of trying to convey philosophical themes through a quasi-dramatic format. His present brainchild involves a meeting between Franz Liszt and Ludwig Wittgenstein. Both the musician and the philosopher did become strangely, and for some people confusedly, occupied with the transcendent and the transcendental. Hadreas imagines that what may not be able to be said might possibly be enacted.

**Michael Katz** has been elected President of the Philosophy of Education Society of North America. He has been a member and contributor to that organization for 31 years.

**Tom Leddy** spent the summer researching and writing a couple articles on

John Dewey's aesthetics. One will appear in the on-line Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Since the last newsletter he published two book reviews: Arnold Berleant. *Re-Thinking Aesthetics: Rogue Essays on Aesthetics and the Arts* *Philosophy in Review* 26:3 155-157, and Linda L. Williams *Nietzsche's Mirror: The World as Will to Power in The Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 31 Spring 2006 66-68.

**Rita Manning** After a semester off for research in the Spring Rita is back on board as Chairperson of the Philosophy Department. Last year she gave the following papers: "comments on 'Premature Autopsies' by Olufemi Taiwo and 'The New G.A. Cohen, Marxism, and Socialism' by Rodney Peffer," Society for the Philosophical Study of Marxism, American Philosophical Association, March 2006 (to be published online in the Proceedings of Society for the Philosophical Study of Marxism), and three papers for the Ethics Center, Lock Haven University, October 2005: "Toward a Global Politics of Care", "Care, Rights and Katrina", and "Care and Informed Consent." Rita also gave a paper, "Care and the Foundation of Morality" Bay Area Feminist Philosophy, at USF, October 2005.

**Bo Mou** Published academic works during 2005-2006 year: "How Constructive Engagement of Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy is

Possible: A Theme Introduction," in *Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement* (The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006), pp. 1-33. "Truth Pursuit and *Dao* Pursuit: From Davidson's Approach to Classical Daoist Approach in View of the Thesis of Truth as Strategic Normative Goal," in *Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement* (The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006), pp. 309-349. "Analytic Movement in Modern Chinese Philosophy and Its Constructive Engagement with Traditional Chinese Philosophy," in the special column "Philosophical Studies in China in View of Constructive Engagement" *APA Newsletter* (on international cooperation) Vol. 5, No. 2 (Spring 2006), pp. 22-26. "Chinese Philosophy: Language and Logic," commissioned essay (about 10,000 words) for *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (second edition) (Macmillan Reference USA, 2006), pp. 202-215. "Gongsun Long," article for *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (second edition) (Macmillan Reference USA, 2006), pp. 148-149. "Hui Shi," article for *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (second edition) (Macmillan Reference USA, 2006), pp. 472-473. (2) Edited works: edited and wrote the theme introduction and contributed one essay to the anthology volume *Davidson's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement* (The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006). edited,

wrote introduction and contributed one article to the special column "Philosophical Studies in China in View of Constructive Engagement," in *APA Newsletter* (on international cooperation) Vol. 5, No. 2 (Spring 2006), pp. 14-31. Forthcoming: "Concept of Truth and Multiple Facets of the Speech-act Equivalence Thesis," in *Truth and Speech Acts: Studies in the Philosophy of Language*, edited by Dirk Greimann and Geo Siegwart (London: Routledge).

**Dick Schubert** will be doing a directed reading course on Wittgenstein this semester. Dick has become the faculty advisor for a new student club, the Disk Golf Society.

**Bill Shaw** writes "I've been teaching philosophy of law and serving as pre-law advisor, I've been active in the CSU Academic Council on International Programs, and will be one of two professors leading the SJSU study-abroad program in Bath for spring semester 200. I've recently published three essays: "Contemporary Criticisms of Utilitarianism: A Response," in Henry West, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Mill's Utilitarianism* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006); "The Consequentialist Perspective," in James Dreier, ed., *Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006); and "Justice, Incentives, and Executive Compensation," in Robert W. Kolb, ed., *The*

*Ethics of Executive Compensation* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006).

**Elizabeth Sonnier**, who is also a San Jose city librarian, got a grant from Target to buy a puppet stage and puppets for children to perform their own puppet shows in the library. "I write the plays and rehearse the kids."

**Janet Stemwedel** <http://www.xanga.com/stemwedel> Janet continues to run the campus Socrates Café. Janet writes: Since last year, I traveled to the University of Stockholm to present a paper in a workshop on the explanatory work done by the concept of the chemical bond; to the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at Purdue University to present a paper on the epistemic challenges of having extremely good lab technique; to IBM Almaden to lead a session on research ethics for undergraduate research interns; and to the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center to give a talk on what the Evolution-Intelligent Design debate shows about gaps in communication between scientists and non-scientists. Also, I was invited to bring my weblog "Adventures in Ethics and Science" (<http://scienceblogs.com/ethicsandscience/>) to be part of Seed Media's ScienceBlogs network, which was launched in January.

**Rick Tieszen** is on leave for Fall and Spring semesters.

## Anand Vaidya

published "The Metaphysical Foundation of Logic," *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, Nov. 2005, and the following book review: James Sterba "Terrorism and International Justice," in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, April, 2006, vol. 3, 103-105. Also, forthcoming, are book reviews on Ruth M. J. Byrne, "The Rational Imagination," in *Philosophical Psychology*, and Cynthia Macdonald, *Varieties of Things in The Review of Metaphysics*. He is working on two anthologies, one on Business and Professional Ethics, and one in Readings in the History of Philosophy.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Fern Alberts** was nominated by the Dean of Humanities and Arts for Outstanding Student Researcher.

**Tanzeen Doha** is now a proud father of Assasta Rashed Doha, born Aug. 2, 2006.

**Bhawana Kamil**, is listed as a speaker in the Muslim American Society, Bay Area Chapter, [masbayarea.org/speakersNet.asp](http://masbayarea.org/speakersNet.asp)

**Nick Rotsko** was selected as one of the recipients of the Bertha Kalm Scholarship Award for 2005-2006 academic year. The

award is restricted to first year candidates for master's degree at SJSU.

## Graduating MA Students

**Spring 05**

**Thach Duong**

**Trung Le**

**Gary Steinbach**

**Dec. 05**

**Josh Bronson**

**Jonathan Brusco**

**Alfred Frankowski**

**May 2006**

**Paul Bashaw**

**Billy Gear**

**Krupa Patel**

**Sara Rettus**

**Sharare Sharoki**

**Phillip Williamson**

## Graduating BA Students

**Spring 05**

**Vincent Brengman**

**Scott Cunningham**

**Alexander Phillips**

**Christina Smith**

**Erika Voelker**

**Aug. 05**

**Gregory Garcia**

**Nicolas J. Rotsko, Cum Laude**

**Dec. 05**

**Karl Fotovat, Cum Laude**

**Loren White, Cum Laude**

**Josh Bronson**

**Jonathan Brusco**

**Alfred Frankowski**

**May. 06**

**Christopher Catral**

**Tina Chen**

**Stephen Click**

**Sarah Fields, Magna Cum Laude**

**Myles Forman**

**Jacob Hodgdon, Cum Laude**

**Francisco Juarez-Cahue**

**Stacy Kreutzer**

**Javier Millan, Magna Cum Laude**

## Alumni News

The editor is eager to publish materials about alumni: please send to [tle403@aol.com](mailto:tle403@aol.com) or Tom Leddy, Department of Philosophy, 1 Washington Square, San Jose State University, San Jose, 95192 -0096

### **Richard C. Baldwin**

(BA. 1970) was appointed to the Multnomah County Oregon Circuit Court, in 2001. He received his J. D.

degree from Northwestern School in 1976. "Baldwin has served as Executive Director of the Oregon Law Center for the past five years. He has been Chair of the Access to Justice for All Committee since 1998 and a Member of the Board of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon since 1993. Baldwin has just completed a term with the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar." [http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/governors/Kitzhaber/web\\_pages/governor/press/p010306a.htm](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/governors/Kitzhaber/web_pages/governor/press/p010306a.htm)

### **Nicolas Barry, (MA)**

thanks for giving me the opportunity to teach the intro to philosophy class at SJSU a couple of years back. That was my first step in becoming a teacher; after finishing the MA program I substituted at high schools, junior highs, then elementary schools, and now I'm a second grade bilingual teacher at Olinger Elementary, just down the street from State. Teaching is the best job in the world, as you already know. Thanks again for the opportunity to teach the intro to philosophy class, and the positive feedback you gave me from your observation.

### **Todd Bodner, (BA)**

Philosophy and Psychology) received his PhD at Harvard University in 2000 and is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Portland State University. He is interested in quantitative methods and applied statistics, meta-analysis, missing data, exploring new technologies for psychological science

**Kenn Chase**, (BA) works for Cardiovascular Associates of Marin and San Francisco Medical Group. He is a stress management consultant, is a certified Feldenkrais practitioner. “He first studied Tai Chi Chuan with the noted Master Choy Kam Man of China and has taught Tai Chi and Stress Management techniques for 30 years throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Instructing at Esalen Institute since 1969, Kenn has incorporated a variety of mind/body healing techniques into his teachings. He has taught for hospitals, corporations, cardiac rehabilitation programs, universities and privately. He is founder and co-director of MindBody technologies.” [camsf.com/tam\\_staff.html](http://camsf.com/tam_staff.html)

**William Cornwell**, (BA 1990) is completing his first year in a tenure-track position at Salem State College, MA. William had taught previously at The United States Military Academy, West Point, Mary Washington College (now University of Mary Washington) in Fredericksburg, Drew University, and the University of Connecticut in Storrs, where he received his PhD in 2003. His dissertation title was “Knowledge Without Justification.” His publications include “The Burden of Autonomy: Non-combatant Immunity and Humanitarian Intervention.” *Ethical Perspectives* 12.3 (September 2005): 341-355. “Where Ethics and Epistemology Meet: Michael R. DePaul’s *Balance and*

*Refinement.*” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 31.3 (September 1997): 399-406. “Epistemological Holism and Semantic Holism.” In *Perspectives on Coherentism*, ed. Yves Bouchard (Aylmer: Éditions du Scribe, 2002). “Is Perception Inferential?” In *Experience and Analysis: Papers of the 27<sup>th</sup> International Wittgenstein Symposium: August 8-14, 2004: Kirchberg am Wechsel*, ed. Johann Christian Marek and Maria Elisabeth Reicher (Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria: Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, 2004

**Sweet Davis**, (BA) received an MA in Critical and Creative thinking from UMASS Boston, and now teaches as Adjunct Faculty at Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts.

**Sarah Fields**, (BA) is at New York University studying film and philosophy: she writes: “I’ve been in NY for about 2 and a half weeks and have had one week of classes (although since Monday was a holiday I still have one class yet to go to). So far I am really liking the school. I am taking three classes: film form/film sense, film history/historiography, and American Cinema.”

**Karl Fotovat** (BA) who graduated in 2006 will attend the Continuing MA Program in the New School for Social Research in the Fall. He is excited about taking a class from Kristeva. Karl was also nominated by the Dean of Humanities and

Arts for Outstanding Student Researcher in Spring 2006

**Christopher N. Gandy** (MA) is instructor in the Philosophy, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division of Wake Technical Community College.

**Roger Hall** (MA) “joined the West Valley College Philosophy faculty in 2000. He teaches Logic, Critical Thinking and Introduction to Philosophy. He holds ... a B.S. in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Nebraska. He also did three years of post graduate work in philosophy at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In addition to having taught philosophy at other local colleges, Mr. Hall has worked as both a physicist at General Electric’s nuclear reactor facilities and a technical writer at the Regis McKenna Company.”

**Michelle Graves** is going to U.C. Irvine to pursue a Ph.D. in criminology.

**Terry Hickman** (BA) is Senior Account Manager at Extractable. “Over the last eight years, Terry has produced world-class web applications for clients ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500 multi-nationals. Terry has led large, multi-location, multi-function teams through the entire web development life cycle. He has been through the entire life cycle on over 30 web site

builds and launches; leading teams of engineers, designers, content providers and project managers. Before joining Extractable, Terry led project teams at an executive level for AtreNet, Lucent Technologies, QuinStreet, and ISL Consulting.”  
extractable.com/about\_us

**Sr. Miriam Hogan,** O.C.D., is a member of the Carmelite Monastery in Eldridge, IA. She was raised in New England and studied in California where she received her graduate degree in Philosophy from San Jose State. Her thesis was on Edith Stein. Sr. Miriam enjoys studying and writing about the Carmelite saints. She wrote *St. Therese: Formative relationships, for Spiritual Life*, Fall, 1998.

**Lawrence Kohl,** (MA) is founding Music director of the Pacific Chamber Symphony. “He was the Music Director of the Ohlone College Symphony Orchestra for fifteen years, Conductor for the KAMSA youth orchestra for three years, and he was a founding member of Walnut Creek's Sierra Chamber Ensemble. While doing his doctoral studies in Systematic Musicology at UCLA he was Samuel Krachmalnick's Teaching Associate and together they re-instituted and co-conducted the UCLA Contemporary Ensemble... A consummate clarinetist, Kohl has performed and toured with the San Francisco Symphony. He was awarded a full fellowship at the Aspen Music Festival, was the first Chancellor's Fellow at UCLA

and a National Art Association prizewinner... He has taught both music and philosophy at several Bay Area colleges. Maestro Kohl makes his home in Orinda, California with his wife Isabelle and toddler daughter Sofia.”  
pacificchambersymphony.org

**Eric Kovach,** (BA) “has been in the IT services industry for nine years and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) for both Windows NT 4.0 and Windows 2000. Eric is a contributing writer for the Sams Publishing book *Windows Server 2003 Unleashed* along with a co-author of the Microsoft published 64-bit *Windows Evaluation Guide*. Eric has helped many medium and large corporations with the design, migration, and maintenance of their networks.”[informit.com/authors/bio](http://informit.com/authors/bio)

**Sydney S. Leung** (BA) is Attorney at Law at Illuren. Sydney graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, cum laude in 1999. He also earned an Architectural Engineering degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, State University.  
[iluren.com/about/index.html](http://iluren.com/about/index.html)

**Trung Le** (MA, 2005) began teaching at Diablo Valley College in the Fall of 2006. “Trung continues his education in the field of Political Science at San Jose State University and at the University of California at Berkeley. Trung's ultimate

goals in life is to make people more aware of the social and political problems and to promote positive change. He wants to promote social justice, equality, and human rights. He strongly believes that the best way of solving problems is to do so at the root cause. In addition to his political goals, Trung also enjoys encouraging and helping other people to examine their own lives to achieve psychological and spiritual growth.”  
<http://dvc.edu/hp/faculty/le.html>

**Henry Nguyen Huu Liem,** (MA 1998) is Philosophy Instructor at San Jose City College. In 2001 he received a Rockefeller grant to work on two chapters of his book *"The Prescriptive Language of New Identities: A Philosophical Investigation."* Henry was recently quoted in an article on Thich Nhat Hanh, "Monk returns home, one pagoda at a time" by Ben Stocking ("San Jose Mercury," March 31, 2005)

**James Nguyen,** (BA) is Founder and President of Odyssey Spacelines also runs MovieLand Pictures LLC producer of independent films about Space Tourism. See [www.OdysseySpacelines.com](http://www.OdysseySpacelines.com) for more information about this unusual project.

**Ginny Lin,** (MA) is writing a dissertation on the Tao of Lao Tze and Sub-particle Physics. Ginny recently funded a grant to be shared by the departments of Philosophy and Humanities

in Asian Philosophy and Religion.

**John McCarthy**, who received a BA in Psychology/Philosophy in 1963, went on to get a PhD in Sociology at University of Oregon in 1968. He is now Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University.

### **Erik Palfreyman**

(MA) writes, "I now work as a Marketing Manager at Perot Systems Corporation, and still live in McKinney, TX. I married in September of 2005 (six months ago). My wife has six children and I have four, so between us, we have ten children. I am an Associate Faculty member in the philosophy department at Collin County Community College and teach one night class per semester. It is one of my favorite activities.

I'm currently writing a book (seeking a contract) that examines Ray Bradbury's philosophical and religious views in his fiction and poetry. I met with him in his home for over two hours talking with him about this. When I get a contract, he has agreed to give me an exclusive interview on his religious views. Sam Weller (the author of his authorized biography) has agreed to write an introductory essay.

I recently ended my term as Chairperson of the City of McKinney Library Advisory Board, reporting in to the city council.

**Laura M. Purdy**, (MA 1971), received a PhD from Stanford in 1974, and currently teaches at Wells College. Two of her many publications are the books *Violence Against Women: Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. (with Stanley French and Wanda Teays), Cornell University Press, 1998. 5. *Embodying Bioethics: Feminist Advances*, ed. (with Anne Donchin), Rowman & Littlefield, 1999

### **Gary S. Rose**

(BA. 1973) "is an attorney with offices in Los Gatos, California . His practice emphasizes insurance coverage and insurance bad faith litigation, exclusively on behalf of policyholders. He has litigated property, casualty, life, health, disability, long-term care and Medicare supplement disputes, as well as major litigation arising out of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, and the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm. Mr. Rose has also prosecuted, as well as defended, personal injury claims, employment-related torts, and construction defects claims. Mr. Rose graduated in 1978 from the University of Santa Clara School of Law, with honors. Mr. Rose serves as an arbitrator and judge pro tem for the Santa Clara Superior Court, and is a book consultant and panelist for the California Continuing Education of the Bar. Mr. Rose has also participated as a speaker on insurance law at a number of programs, including those sponsored by the American Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Law Section."

[http://pview.findlaw.com/view/223790\\_1](http://pview.findlaw.com/view/223790_1)

**Judy Saltzman** (BA 1963.) is now Professor Emeritus at Cal Poly. She received her MA in Philosophy from UC

Berkeley and her PhD in Religious Studies from UC Santa Barbara. Her interests include Asian religions, Indian philosophy, Vedanta, and modern German philosophy.

**Joyce Scales** writes: "I headed off to UC Berkeley after graduating in Dec 2003 to attend the Goldman School of Public Policy. Two years later, I am graduating next month, May 2006, with a Masters in Public Policy. It is a little premature to declare what I'm going to be doing after graduation, however, my policy focus is in the areas where the public and private interests intersect."

### **Sharare Sharoke**

(MA) is teaching Philosophy at Cabrillo College.

### **Michael P. Sipiora**

**Ph.D.** "is an Associate Professor of Psychology in Duquesne University's McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, and teaches in the University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement. He holds graduate degrees in both psychology (Ph.D., MA, University of Dallas) and philosophy (MA, San Jose State University). His doctoral studies included concentrations in Literature and Rhetoric.

Michael has received several awards for teaching excellence and specializes in narrative psychology, social psychology, and organizational behavior. He is a member of Duquesne's Psychology Department

whose Human Science approach to the discipline has been internationally recognized for over three decades. Michael's academic publications are in the areas of phenomenology, and archetypal psychology.

Dr. Sipiora is a licensed psychologist who has practiced in both private and community mental health settings.  
“<http://www.psychoguys.com/about2.htm>”

### **Kathleen M.**

**Squadrito** (BA 1968) is Associate Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University Purdue University at Forth Wayne. She received an MA and a PhD in Philosophy from Washington University, St. Louis, 1972 and 1973. Her specialization is History of Modern Philosophy.

### **Robert N. Stephens**

(BA Philosophy and Psychology, 1966) is on the board of directors of Finisar Corporation. Finisar “is a technology leader for fiber optic subsystems and network performance test systems. These products enable high-speed data communications for networking and storage applications.” (Info taken from finisar.com.) Stephens had been CEO of Adaptec, another “storage solutions” company, and had retired from that company in 2005.

### **Scott Stroud**, (MA)

who was one of the finalists for our position in Contemporary American

Philosophy, has accepted a position in the Department of Communication at University of Texas, Austin. He will be teaching two courses he designed: “Pragmatist Aesthetics and Communication,” and “Pragmatism and Democracy.”

### **Kathleen Sullivan**

(BA) received an MA at St. Louis University in 2001 and has taught as adjunct faculty at Webster University Philosophy Department.

### **Jean-Paul Vessel**,

(studied philosophy at San Jose State 1989-1991 and received his BA from New Mexico State University in 1993) received a PhD from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 2003 and is now an Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University. He published “Counterfactuals for Consequentialists” *Philosophical Studies* 112 (2003): 103-125.

### **Brent Walters** is

director of the Centre of Early Christian Studies and curator of the Ante/Nicene Archive (the largest private library in the country on the first 3 centuries AD). An article about him appeared in the Los Gatos Weekly and is available at <http://www.svcn.com/archives/1gwt/01.31.01/cover-0105.html>

### **Angie Cornwell**

**(Wang)** married William Cornwell shortly after

graduation. She now is finishing work on her M.A. in biology and should receive her degree from SUNY New Paltz in May. She is an instructor at North Shore Community College (NSCC), where she is teaching Anatomy and Physiology I and II. NSCC has two campuses near Salem.

### **Rafael Ulate**, (MA '98)

is Director of Admission, Electrical Engineering, Stanford University.

### **Wayne Yuen** (MA) has

a tenure-track job in Philosophy at Ohlone College. He gave a paper at CSU East Bay, April 6, "The Bloody Connection between Vampires and Vegetarianism."

### **Jeffry Young** (BA)

went on to receive an MA in Psychology from San Jose State, and then a Ph.D. in Social/Environmental Psychology, Claremont Graduate School. He did a postdoctoral internship in the Behavioral Science Services Section of the Los Angeles Police Department. He is professor at North Central University. His many other activities are listed at <http://www.ncu.edu/info.asp?i=37>

## **Emeritus Faculty and other Former Teachers**

**Philip E. Davis**, former chair of the department, now retired, published "William James and a New Way of Thinking about Logic," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2005) vol. 43. 337-353. Davis received his PhD from Yale and his AB from Harvard and studied under C. I. Lewis and W.V.O. Quine.

**Mark Olson**, who taught part-time in the department in the 1980s, is now a litigation partner in Winston & Strawn's San Francisco office. He has represented many business clients in state and federal court. He has been a faculty member for the past four years on management and financial fraud for the Practising Law Institute's program titled "Basics of Accounting and Finance: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know."

## Local Conferences and Philosophy Talks

### ASA Pacific Division Annual Meeting:

**March 28-30, 2007,  
Pacific Grove,  
California**

The Pacific Division of the American Society for Aesthetics invites papers and/or panel proposals for its annual conference. Submissions from persons in all arts-related disciplines, including graduate students, are welcome. Paper

submissions and panel proposals may be on any area of interest related to aesthetics and the philosophy of art. Suggested topics include the concept of artistic genres, the concept of a medium, the individuation of works in non-central or non-standard art forms, the status of feminist aesthetics, morality and art, the status of interpretation.

Paper submissions should be accompanied by 100-word abstracts and must not exceed 3000 words in length (20 minutes in presentation time). Those interested in organizing a panel should send a detailed proposal, including the names and affiliations of all participants and abstracts of the papers.

The author of the best graduate student essay submitted will be awarded \$200. Submissions from graduate students, therefore, should be clearly marked as such. Volunteers to serve as commentators and/or chairs of panels are also welcome. Electronic submissions are highly preferred, but hard-copy submissions are also acceptable. **Submission deadline: November 15, 2006**

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## STANFORD

All talks are Fridays at 3:15 in Building 90, room 92Q

unless otherwise noted. A public reception will follow the talks. <http://www-philosophy.stanford.edu/> (650)723-2547

### October 6

**John Campbell**, UC-Berkeley, "Causation in Psychology"

### October 13

**Matthew Kramer**, University of Cambridge, "Dimensions of Objectivity in Law"  
Principal Sponsor: Ethics in Society

### October 25-27, Immanuel Kant Lectures, Tyler Burge

"Origins of Objectivity"  
Lecture 1, October 25, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Building 260, Room 113

Lecture 2, October 26, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Building 260, Room 113

Discussion Seminar, October 27, 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM, Building 90, Room 92Q

**November 17, Agustin Rayo**, MIT, "On Specifying Content"

**December 1, Peter Hylton**, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Talk on Quine, (Exact title forthcoming)

## Santa Clara University

**2007 Austin J. Fagothey, S.J.  
Philosophy Conference**

**"Heidegger and  
Death"**

**Saturday, April 28, 2007,  
8:15 am – 5:00 pm Arts and  
Science Building, Wiegand  
Room.**

**CONFERENCE**

**SPEAKERS:** Hubert  
Dreyfus (UC Berkeley);  
William Blattner  
(Georgetown University);  
John Haugeland (University  
of Chicago); Daniel  
Dahlstrom (Boston  
University); Charles Guignon  
(University of South Florida)

**American  
Philosophical  
Association**

December 37-30, 2006,  
Eastern Division,  
Washington, D.C., Marriott  
Wardman Hotel

April 3-8, 2007, Pacific  
Division, San Francisco,  
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April 18-21, 2007, Central  
Division Chicago, Palmer  
House Hilton Hotel

**Selected Courses at  
SJSU to be offered  
Spring 2007**

**Phil 107 Philosophy and  
Literature - Stemwedel**  
**Phil 112 American  
Philosophy – Leddy**  
**Phil 114 Postmodern  
Philosophy – D. Williamson**  
**Phil 118 Latin American  
Philosophy – Sanchez**  
**Phil 122 Social Justice –  
Lott**  
**Phil 126 Philosophical  
Values and the  
Environment – Lindahl**  
**Phil 133 Ethics in Science –  
Stemwedel**  
**Phil 149 Knowledge and  
Reality - Vaidya**  
**Phil 158 Philosophy of  
Language – Mou**  
**Phil 190 Kant – Hadreas**

**Phil 290 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
Moral Philosophers -  
Brown**  
**Phil 292 Moral  
Sentimentalism - Manning**

**Two Upcoming Talks**

Oct. 11, 2006, Patrick  
Dooley, St. Bonaventure  
University, “A Shared  
Phenomenology of Memory:  
William James's The  
Principles of Psychology and  
Willa Cather's Death Comes  
to the Archbishop” 4:30 pm  
Faculty Office Building 104

Nov. 15, 2006, Peter  
Hadreas, “The Logic of ‘Us-  
Them’ Hatred” 4:30 pm  
Faculty Office Building 104