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**Letter from the
Chair, Peter
Hadreas**

During the Fall semester it was difficult not to think about national and state politics. We were told over and over again about the vulnerability of education in California and that we may become xerotic, if not withering, on the vine. This means we had to face the political show that H. L. Mencken captured now almost 100 years ago in *On Being an American*: "Consider, for example, a campaign for the Presidency," he wrote. "I defy any one to match it elsewhere on this earth. In other lands, at worst, there

are at least intelligible issues, coherent ideas, salient personalities. . . . I hold that this elevation of politics to the plane of undiluted comedy is peculiarly American, that no-where else on this disreputable ball has the art of the sham-battle been developed to such fineness." Let's not contest Mencken's lack of patriotism. Perhaps Mencken overstated the matter.

What is clear is that our society cannot survive leaving its political leadership to its own devices. The clear-thinking of the electorate must accompany it and the greater the measure of clear-thinking the better. That's our job, colleagues, beloved philosophy students and alumni. We're the ones that believe that the better argument should apply across the board. Not just in science and law, but in religion and personal beliefs as well. We're serious about that. So as we continue with our vocation -- and I don't think that's too strong a word -- we might pause now and then and remind ourselves of the work that we are doing and how such work, too often unsung, serves the greater good.

Prize Announcement:
The San Jose State University Philosophy Department is pleased to announce the Georgette R. Mikulin Prize for an outstanding paper making a contribution to the study of Ethics in Gambling to be awarded each year in January, to a major or graduate student in philosophy. \$300 award, or \$600 if accepted and

delivered to an academic conference such as the APA.

**MAKE A
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Alumni and other friends of the Philosophy Department who wish to donate to the Department should make out a check to the "SJSU Tower 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.

Obituary

Lucius R. Eastman

The following article is adapted from an obituary by Lou's friend Allen Clark for the *Amherst Magazine*. Lou Eastman died on November 24, 2011. "Lou was born in New York City August 22, 1937, the son of Lucius and Sarah Eastman. He lived most of his childhood in San Antonio, Tex., graduating from Alamo Heights High School, where he was All-Texas Basketball. Lou attended Amherst, graduating in 1958. He majored in American Studies at Amherst and wrote his cum laude honors thesis on Wittgenstein under Bill Kennick, who was the main reason why Lou ended up in the field of philosophy. He gained his PhD in 1969 at the University of Texas in Austin. His dissertation was on "Entailment." Lou began

his teaching career at San Jose State in 1964. He quickly earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher of not only symbolic logic and philosophy, but also American Studies. As his son John wrote in Lou's obituary, he was "pressed into serving as Chair of the Philosophy Department before being granted tenure, and led the department with a steady and fair hand for 12 years, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues across the university." He was named Associate Dean of Humanities and concluded his 46 years of service to SJSU working in the offices of the Academic Vice-President and the Dean of Humanities. Dick Rapson, who found Lou "to be droll, witty and very thoughtful," noted, "He was always fascinating about the kinds of [university] issues with which he had to deal."

Lou was an avid sailor in the Monterey Bay area, following interests started during his childhood vacations in Nantucket. His colleague Jarrett Brock recalled Lou's love affair with the waters off Santa Cruz, where he and Jarrett shared a Cal 27 sloop, "Sunflower," and later with one other partner a Nonsuch 30.

Lou is survived by his wife, Louetta, and former wife, Judy; his children, Terrell Wilson, John Eastman, and Benjamin Eastman; three sisters and four grandchildren.

Lou was a master of irony. He used sarcasm like a surgeon and sometimes

followed it by a kind of guttural laugh that I can still hear." I can concur with Allen on that. I knew Lou mostly from conversations in the Dean's office when I was chair of the philosophy department, although in my early years here he was a frequent attendee at Philosophy Department functions. Lou was always good for genial gossip and loved to reminisce about early years in the Philosophy Department. TL

Last Year's Annual Philosophy Department Conference, May 5, 2011

Our 2011 conference featured papers entirely by alumni of our department who are currently teaching in philosophy. The papers included: Shari Sharoki (Evergreen College) "Nietzsche's Criticism of Dualistic Metaphysics that matters to Iranian Feminists," Scott Stroud (University of Texas, Austin) "Pragmatism and the Challenges of Artful Criticism," John Sullins (Sonoma State) "Deception and Virtue in Robotic and Cyber Warfare," Sara Rettus (Foothill College) "Intimate Friendship as an Authority for Personal Identity," and a panel by all four presenters on professional success in academic Philosophy. Thanks to Janet Giddings for organizing the event.

This Year's Annual Philosophy Department Conference, May 4, 2013

This year's conference will be on Saturday, May 4 in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union. The topic is "Aesthetics." Aesthetics in this case will be considered very broadly to include philosophical approaches to fine art, popular art, any of the arts, aesthetic experience, the environment and aesthetics, aesthetics and ethics, aesthetics and post-colonial philosophy, and philosophers' views on some aspect of aesthetics or art (e.g. Mill and aesthetics). We are still putting together the program, so if you would like to submit a 20 minute paper contact Prof. Leddy, tle403@aol.com before March 15.

OTHER CONFERENCES

American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Division, April 3-5

Every year, about forty philosophers meet at the Asilomar Conference Grounds (Pacific Grove) to discuss issues in aesthetics. The meeting is international in scope and many of the leading thinkers in the field attend. Information can be found at

<http://www.aesthetics-online.org/events/> The meeting is sponsored by the American Society for Aesthetics.

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 web site listed above to register online.

In the past, several SJSU students have attended sessions at Asilomar, one even chairing a session. Please contact Prof. Leddy tle403@aol.com for more information.

**American
Philosophical
Association, Pacific
Division, Annual
Meeting
March 27 - 31,
2013, Westin St
Francis, San
Francisco**

For information, go to <http://apa-pacific.org/current/>

Of special interest for our department is a session consisting entirely of SJSU faculty and students:

Dan Williamson "Foucault's Aesthetics: Place, Space, and Ecology," Friday, March 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Chair: Daniel Wagnon (Alumnus, SJSU) Commentator: Kyle Yrigoyen (Student, SJSU)

Rita Manning will be commenting on Daniel Koltonski (Amherst College) "Professional Norms and Institutional Exploitation," 1:00-2:00 pm Wednesday, March 27.

Carlos Sanchez will present "Overcoming a Certain Blindness: Latin Thought as American Liberation Philosophy," for the Radical Philosophy Association, Session 2, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Sat., March 30.

Prof. Leddy's Nietzsche seminar may find these papers interesting: (1) Sat. March 30, 1:00-2:00 Scott Jenkins (University of Kansas) "What Does Eternal Recurrence Weigh On?" Commentator: Babette Babich, (2) Wed. March 27, *North American Nietzsche Society* 6:00-9:00 p.m. Robert Solomon's *Living with Nietzsche: A Ten Year Retrospective* Ivan Soll (University of Wisconsin-Madison) Ariela Tubert (University of Puget Sound), and (3) Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Session 1, Thurs, March 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Jinli He (Trinity University) "Wang Guowei and Nietzsche: The Idea of Tragedy."

Department Prizes

**The Herman Shapiro
Memorial Scholarship
Award winner was
Christopher Barber.**

**The Temple Prize for
Outstanding Paper
went to Stacey Chang.**

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

**The Manor Prize for
Outstanding Logic
Student went to
Andrew Lavin.**

**Philosophy
Club**

Contact Philosophy Club:
[facebook.com/groups/165445374077/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/165445374077/) Weekly discussions are Tues. 5:30-7:00 pm in FOB 104.

**March 9
Conference**

As organized by Andrew Lavin, and with the support of the Philosophy Club and The Center on Ethics, there will be a Student Graduate Symposium on the Theme of 'The Ethics of Belief,' 9 am to 2pm Sat., March 9th, King Library 225-229.

**GEIST:
UNCOMMON
WISDOM**

Geist is an annual graduate and undergraduate journal with a focus on comparative

continental philosophy. Unsolicited book reviews in all areas of continental philosophy are welcomed. Send submissions in triplicate (with a title page and abstract of not more than one hundred words as a cover page, author identification only on a separate page) to William Parkhurst, Attn: Geist, 201 Faculty Office Building, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192.

Student News

Rita Manning notes that “Alum Elizabeth Rard was accepted into the PhD program at UC Davis and Santa Cruz. Rick Morris was accepted at UC Davis. June Brown was accepted into the PhD program at Boston College. They are awaiting other schools, but this is a great start!”

Teaching Associates

Several graduate students are teaching their own classes as TAs this year. They are Andrew Soto, Andrew Lavin, Kyle Yrigoyen, Will Parkhurst and Nicholas Marston.

ETHICS BOWL

The San José State Ethics Bowl Team 2012-13

The Philosophy Department at San José State has sponsored an Ethics Bowl team for the past seventeen years. Each year our team

competes at the regional Ethics Bowl competition and, when we qualify, at the National Ethics Bowl competition

What is the Ethics Bowl?

The Ethics Bowl is a national program sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (www.indiana.edu/~appe/ethicsbowl.html), which is composed of academics and professionals from a wide variety of fields who are committed to taking ethics seriously. Each year the national competition hosts approximately 40 student teams from colleges around the country. Modeled on television’s College Bowl, the Ethics Bowl requires students to analyze difficult ethical problems drawn from practical and professional contexts. Past year’s cases included cases in Business Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Military Ethics, Library Ethics, Legal Ethics, International Law, Health Care Ethics, Ethics in Education, and Ethics in Policing. Students present and defend their solutions to these problems in a format that closely resembles a debate. They are judged on their understanding of the issues, the cogency of their solutions, and the strength of their oral presentations. Throughout the year the team works with faculty coaches from the Philosophy Department, community volunteers and our reference librarian. The competition organizers provide the cases and students begin by preparing a lengthy case analysis, then work on polishing their presentations

of the cases for the competitions.

What Team Members Learn

Participation on the Ethics Bowl Team enhances the students' educational experience as they develop research skills, skills in philosophical, political, financial and legal analysis, and communication skills. More importantly, participation in the Ethics Bowl hones their leadership skills as they confront and develop constructive solutions to ethical issues in practical and professional life.

This Year’s Team

This year’s team includes ten students from Philosophy, History and Political Science. Nick Becker, June Brown, Stacey Chang, Aaron Fiorucci, Mallory Hughes, Riley King, Melissa Montenegro, Lucien Pino, Dan Searles, and Kevin York. They are coached by Philosophy Professor Rita Manning, graduate student Will Parkhurst, and two volunteers par excellence Timothy Blackwood J.D., and Dean Dominguez, MA. The Team raised over \$4000 toward this years’ expenses, none of which would have been possible without the generous assistance of Philosophy Prof and fundraising marvel, Janet Giddings.

The Regional Competition 2013: We Won Third Place!

The Ethics Bowl Team won third place at the regional competition at UCSC December 1, 2012. We

competed against eleven teams from all over California.

The National Championships!

The finals will take place in San Antonio on February 28, 2013. We got the cases in early January and are hard at work prepping cases.

Our Generous Donors

So far we have raised \$5000 toward our expenses this year. We would like to thank all our donors, in particular Timothy Blackwood, J.D. who was our biggest donor with a contribution of over \$1000. In the \$500 category, we would like to thank Glenn J. Hovemann and Muffy Weaver, Janet and Peter Giddings, Belina C Dominguez and Dean Paul Dominguez. In the \$100-\$300 category, we are very grateful to Todd Becker, Ann Tremain, Gerald and Joanne Fiorucci, John Henry Giddings, Heather Kim, Saadia S. Ahmed, David Searles, Wendy Chang, Ellen M. Silverman, Ellsworth and Carolyn Tulberg and Emily Bogs. Rounding out our list of generous donors, we have Bruce R. and Carol Malnor, Toby and Ric Moorhouse, Julie Wendlberger, Elyse Warner, Michael Deranja, Richard and Katherine Ann Rodrigue, Joshua Schisser, Dianne F. DeCurtis, Ann R. Hyatt-Smith and Gerald D. Chan, OD. We still have many pledges so thank you to all who contributed after the newsletter went to press.

Center for Comparative Philosophy

Events in 2012 (also see the CCP website

<http://www.sjsu.edu/centercomphil>)

(1) 2012 Term of CCP's Workshop/Conference series is a small sized workshop on the theme "Comparative Epistemology", which consists of the following three talks: <1> Purushottama Bilimoria (Melbourne University, Australia), "The Logical Illumination of Nyaya (to Navyanyaya)" (11 April 2012); <2> Wen-Sheng Wang (National Chengchi University, Taiwan, ROC), "How Can We Express What is Implied in our Life" (11 April 2012); <3> Bo Mou (SJSU), "Quine's Naturalized Epistemology, Liberal Naturalism, and Daoist Naturalism" (12 April 2012).

(2) CCP co-sponsored the 2012 term of ISCWP's "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy" (Peking University, 22 June 2012), a half-day workshop on the theme "Philosophical Methodology: From the Vantage Point of Comparative Philosophy". It explores how the vantage point and methodology of comparative philosophy can effectively serve as one general methodological approach in philosophy for the sake of development of contemporary philosophy. Its participants/discussants include our SJSU colleagues Bill Shaw and Bo Mou. Prof. Shaw also gave a colloquium

talk on utilitarianism at Department of Philosophy, Peking University, on 21 June 2012.

(3) In 2012, CCP co-published two issues (Volume 3, No.1 and No.2) of peer-reviewed open-access international journal *Comparative Philosophy* (for its contents and other details, see the journal website <http://www.comparativephilosophy.org>).

Upcoming CCP events (in the order of their timelines)

(1) 2013 term of CCP's Workshop/Conference series (4 April 2013)
Symposium: *Yi-Jing Philosophy and Contemporary Philosophy & Society*
(Co-Sponsors by SJSU Philosophy Department & Dr. Chaote Lin Endowment)
Time: 4th April 2013, Thursday, 10:00-16:00
Place: Conference Room 255, King Library, SJSU.

The 2013 term of the CCP Workshop/Conference Series is a small-sized symposium. It will explore two closely related fronts on the theme: (1) how philosophical thoughts and resources of the *Yi-Jing* philosophy [as delivered in the *Yi-Jing (I Ching)* text] can contribute (jointly with relevant resources from other philosophical traditions and from contemporary society) to our understanding and treatment of a range of issues or topics in philosophy and other intellectual inquiries in contemporary society through constructive engagement; (2) how relevant resources in contemporary philosophy and

in contemporary society can help and enhance our understanding and elaboration of philosophical points and implications of the *Yi-Jing* philosophy through philosophical interpretation. The speakers and their talk title are these (a tentative list):

Allinson, Robert (Philosophy Program, Soka University of America): "The Change of Opposites in the *Yi-Jing* and Hegelian Dialectic"

Hadreas, Peter (Philosophy Dept, SJSU): "Plato's *Chora* and Lao Zi's *Dao*: from the vantage point of the *Yi-Jing* method"

Jochim, Christian (Humanities Dept, SJSU): "Western Philosophical Critique of Modernity: with help from the *Yi-Jing* and *Dao-De-Jing*"

Mou, Bo (Philosophy Dept, SJSU): "A Reflection on the Nature of Ideographic Language in the *Yi-Jing*: Engaging the Lockean Approach to the Nature of Language and the Fregean approach to the Issue of Reference"

Phan, Chanh (Humanities Dept, SJSU): "Building Blocks of Reality: A Comparative Dialogue between the *Yi-Jing* and Western Views"

(2) CCP will co-sponsor the 2013 term of ISCWP's "Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy" (Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, 8-9 June 2013), a two-day symposium on the theme "Philosophical Issues Concerning Chinese Language and Development of Contemporary Philosophy of Language". It is to explore how reflective elaboration of some features of Chinese language can bear on and

promote the development of philosophy of language and deepen our understanding and treatment of some issues of the philosophy of language, and how relevant resources in contemporary philosophy of language can contribute to our philosophical elaborations of reflectively interesting issues concerning Chinese language. Bo Mou is academic coordinator of this event on behalf of ISCWP and CCP.

(3) Peter Hadreas will organize a roundtable workshop on behalf of CCP on the theme "Doing Philosophy Comparatively" at the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy (Athens, Greece, 4-10 August 2013). The participants/discussants include Peter Hadreas (USA), Chung-I Lin (Taiwan, ROC), Henrique Schneider (Austria), Xia Chen (China), and Marianne Benetatou (Greece). The roundtable will further explore how the vantage point and methodology of comparative philosophy can effectively serve as one general methodological approach in philosophy for the sake of development of contemporary philosophy in the global context.

FACULTY

Karin Brown

Karin's "Adam Smith, moral motivation and business ethics," has been published in the online journal *Éthique et économique/Ethics and Economics*. <http://ethique-economique.net/> Vol 10, Issue 1, 2013.

S. D. Noam Cook

published with Hendrik Wagenaar "Navigating the Eternally Unfolding Present Toward an Epistemology of Practice" in *The American Review of Public Administration* (January 2012) vol. 42 no. 1, 3-38.

Tom Leddy

Reports: my book *The Extraordinary in the Ordinary: The Aesthetics of Everyday Life* was published by Broadview Press (2012.) A highpoint of my career was an author-meets-critics session at the American Society for Aesthetics national meeting in St. Louis in October, 2012. Three critics had at me and I got to respond. I posted one of my critics' comments and my response on my blog: *Aesthetics Today*. <http://aestheticstoday.blogspot.com/>

I also published "Defending Everyday Aesthetics and The Concept of Pretty," *Contemporary Aesthetics* Vol 10 (2012) [online journal], "Dunlevie's Deconstructive Collage," in *Kathryn Dunlevie: Cover Versions* (Palto Alto: Waverly Press, 2012) 11-13., "Aesthetization, Artification, and Aquariums," *Contemporary Aesthetics*,/ special volume *Artification*, April 5, 2012. [online], "John Dewey," *Aesthetics: The Key Thinkers*, ed Alessandro Giovannelli (New York: Continuum, 2012), "Dewey's Aesthetics," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, revised entry, 2011 [online].

I gave two papers: "Pretty and Nice," American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Spring 2012 and "Everyday aesthetics and Photography," Oct. 28, 2011, American Society for Aesthetics, National Meeting, Tampa, Florida.

This semester I am once again giving a seminar on Nietzsche and look forward to many great discussions.

Tommy Lott

Professor Lott has a lecture on the web titled "Race, Panethnic Identity, and Group Solidarity" from a lecture in March, 2011. <http://vimeo.com/20711631>

Tommy published "Comparative Aspects of Africana Philosophy and the Continental/Analytic Divide," *Comparative Philosophy* Volume 2, No. 1 (2011): 25-37 www.comparativephilosophy.org, and "Film noir, realism, and the ghetto-centric film." *Film and Philosophy*, 16, (2012) 148-161.

Rita Manning

Research:
"Immigration Detention and the Right to Health Care," *Bioethics and Culture*, Wanda Teays and Michael Boylan eds., Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2013
"Punishing the Innocent: Children of Incarcerated and Detained Parents," *Criminal Justice Ethics* (2012)

Activities:
I am currently serving as the University Prelaw Advisor and am available to counsel current students, alums, and

majors as well as students from other majors. Please visit us at www.sjsu.edu/prelaw

Rita also serves as the Ethics Bowl Coach. Material on this appears in the article on the Ethics Bowl.

Bo Mou

One major research project completed in 2012 is an anthology volume which I co-edited with Richard Tieszen, *Constructive Engagement of Analytic and Continental Approaches in Philosophy: From the Vantage Point of Comparative Philosophy*. Exploration of the relation between analytic and "Continental" approaches in philosophy is not new. What distinguishes this book from the previous work is its vantage point of comparative philosophy and its goal of cross-tradition constructive engagement, as highlighted in its title. The contributing authors to this collective research project include: Christian Beyer, Lajos L. Brons, Tommy Lott, A.P. Martinich, Todd May, Bo Mou, Søren Overgaard, David Woodruff Smith, Graham Priest, Richard Tieszen, Mary Tiles, Sandra A. Wawrytko, Mario Wenning, Marshall D. Willman. My own contribution essay to the volume is "On Daoist Approach to the Issue of Being in Engaging Quinean and Heideggerian Approaches". The book (Leiden & Boston: Brill) is forthcoming in early 2013.

Carlos Sanchez

published *The Suspension of Seriousness* (SUNY Press, 2012). This book [quoting from the publisher's blurb "engages the Mexican philosopher Jorge Portilla (1919–1963), taking note of Portilla's philosophical methodology, insights, and contributions to our understanding of value, being, and subjectivity. Portilla lived a short, troubled life and never held a teaching appointment, but his works, though few in number, were nevertheless philosophically penetrating. He is a legendary character in the Mexican popular imagination of the 1940s and '50s, but little has been written about him or his philosophy. His posthumously published *Fenomenología del relajo* is a phenomenological analysis of what Portilla calls "relajo" or the state we assume when we do not want to do what is *seriously* being asked of us—what is *demande*d of us. It is, Portilla says, "the suspension of seriousness." Carlos uses Portilla's *Fenomenología del relajo* as a point of departure to consider the dangers both of our uncritical adherence to values as well as our urge to reject values altogether. He argues that Portilla provides a framework in which to situate the modern condition, ourselves, and our future. The first authorized English translation of Portilla's *Fenomenología del relajo* is included."

Carlos also published "Philosophy and the post-immigrant fear," *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, 18(1), (2011). 31-42, and "On the documents and subjectivity: The formation and de-formation of the

immigrant identity,” *Radical Philosophy Review*, 14(2) (2011) 197-205.

Bill Shaw reports that he is happy to be back home at San Jose State after having been away for two years—at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and at the University of Hong Kong. “Although completely different institutions, both are exciting and enjoyable places for visiting academics,” he says. Bill’s recent publications include: [1] “Utilitarianism and Recourse to War,” *Utilitas*, vol. 23, no. 4 (December 2011); [2] “Justice, Rights, and Rules in Mill’s Utilitarianism” in Leonard Kahn, ed., *Mill on Justice* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012); [3] “In Defense of Corporate Social Responsibility,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 3 (July 2012); and [4] “Business Ethics and Military Ethics: A Study in Comparative Applied Ethics,” *Journal of Applied Ethics and Philosophy* (Japan), vol. 4 (August 2012). Bill is currently working on utilitarianism and the ethics of war.

Janet Stemwedel

continues to write a blog for Scientific American *Doing Good Science* <http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/doing-good-science/> Her latest entry is on “Jonah Lehrer’s \$20,000 ‘mea culpa.’” Feb. 13, 2013.

Janet has been designated the new Director of the Center of Ethics (formerly the Institute for Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education, or

ISREE). The Center’s web site says: “The Center on Ethics at San Jose State University is committed to the comprehensive exploration, both scholarly and applied, of ethical and socially responsible practices represented on the campus of San Jose State University and within Bay Area educational, business, professional and civic communities.”

Rick Tieszen

reports: I published an entry “Logic” in the *Routledge Companion to Phenomenology*. I was invited to speak at a conference last October -- the DagfinnFest -- celebrating the retirement of Dagfinn Føllesdal from Stanford University. My talk was on “Monads and Mathematics.” I was also invited to give a talk in the philosophy colloquium at UC Irvine in February. My talk was on Gödel, Carnap and Husserl.

Published, “Review of *Against the Current: Selected Philosophical Papers*, by G. Rosado Haddock,” published online at *Notre Dame Online Philosophy Reviews*.

A book co-edited with Bo Mou [see Bo Mou entry for details].

A paperback edition of my book *After Gödel: Platonism and Rationalism in Mathematics and Logic* will be published in May.

I have accepted invitations to speak at a three-day Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) conference on Gödel in France in July, and at a

conference in Israel at the end of the calendar year on the work of Charles Parsons.

In connection with my interest in the topic of consciousness in comparative philosophy, I’ll give a talk titled “Rediscovering Consciousness in the West” at a local Buddhist center in late February.

Several invited papers are in the works: “Rational Intuition and Evidence in Mathematics”, “Kant and Husserl on Mathematics”, “Intuition, Genetic Analysis and Structuralism”, and a paper on Gödel and Husserl.

Anand Vaidya

since 2011 Dr. Vaidya has been working on three papers. In the philosophy of mind he has been working on perception from a comparative philosophical approach that includes analytical, phenomenological, neuroscientific, and classical Indian and Buddhist philosophy. In critical thinking he has been working on the question of why non-experts should engage in critical thinking about public policy in the face expert disagreement. In epistemology he has been working on empirical and phenomenological approaches to knowledge of necessity and essence.

Dan Williamson

Writes “As always, it has been a busy year, balancing philosophical interests with teaching duties. But sometimes the two will meet in interesting and unexpected

ways. I had the opportunity to teach Introduction to Aesthetics in the Spring of 2012. Teaching that class gave me some fresh perspectives and ideas that have helped create a paper I will give at the APA Western Division this Spring, titled: "Foucault's Aesthetics: Space, Place and Ecology." I have also taught a seminar on Hannah Arendt this Fall that has been very challenging. Inevitably, some of the ideas from that course have found their way into the paper as well as augmenting some long-standing projects that are tied together under the heading of "bio-politics."

Emeritus

Amnon Goldworth

In January 2011, a "Guide to the Amnon Goldworth Research Collection" was published by the San Jose State University library. The collection represents research conducted by Prof. 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 1983, Goldworth published *The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham: Deontology Together with the Springs of Action and the Article of Utilitarianism*, (Oxford University Press), which represents the culmination of Goldworth's efforts to edit and transliterate the collected works

of Bentham into a single volume." The collection is open to research and is in the SJSU Special Collections & Archives

Alumni News

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

Richard Albertson (BA) got his MA in Interdisciplinary Studies at Marylhurst University and is working there now in the Department of Religious Studies. Richard is working on a doctorate at the University of Oregon in Eugene

Tarun Arora (BA) joined Inventus Law in August 2010. "His practice focuses on formation, general corporate governance and counseling of emerging technology and internet companies." Tarun got his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law.

Albert Filice (M.A. 2010) is now a philosophy faculty associate in the School of Letters and Sciences at the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus. He currently teaches introductory courses in philosophy and logic at ASU as well as at Mesa Community College.

Alfred Frankowski (M.A.): writes "I have successfully defended my dissertation *The Cassandra Complex: On Violence,*

Racism, and Mourning to the Philosophy faculty at University of Oregon. Professor Toadvine called the work "serious beyond the usual graduate work" and Naomi called the work "quite profound and original." As my advisors have suggested, I will send the manuscript to publishers very soon and have already sent a sample chapter, table of contents, and extended abstract to Temple University Press--so, we may also see this work in print sooner rather than later. As you may also know, I have also accepted a tenure track job at Northeastern Illinois University. They were impressed by my range of philosophical interests from Husserl to contemporary issues and I am certain that this was due to the influence that [Rick Tieszen and Rita Manning] had on me."

Todd Madigan, who received a BA in Philosophy at SJSU completed his PhD in Sociology at Yale University. This description of his work is on his web site at Yale "Todd Madigan is studying the various meanings of voluntary human suffering, particularly when this suffering is adopted in response to the misery of others. He is also developing the concept of ambiguous social performance and inquiring after its place within the framework of cultural pragmatics. In both these research areas he is interested in deploying the interpretive insights of philosophical hermeneutics, narratology, and performativity."

Denise Meda writes that she is working at Mount Saint Mary College right now, teaching Critical Thinking under Dr. [Wanda] Teays. So far, it's great. The MSMC community has been positively different than any experience I've had thus far. I'm also teaching a class, Ethical Systems, at a nearby private school, Woodbury University. I greatly enjoy teaching!

Krupa Patel is working on a PhD at the University of New Mexico.

Eddie Weems wrote Prof. Manning in January of 2012 saying that he has decided to "get involved in an ABA approved Paralegal Studies program at San Francisco State University.... I know that the work I did at San Jose State, with you and your faculty, will be very helpful as I pursue this new

professional/academic objective. I asked the director of the program if she has had many students with backgrounds in Philosophy participate in the program, and whether or not they tend to excel. She said that students who have BA's in Philosophy tend to do well because their skill sets mesh well with the skills needed to excel in the study of law. She noted Philosophy students' high reading level, their ability to consume and process large amounts of information, analytical reasoning, background in research, clarity and conciseness of verbal and written communication, being detail oriented, and problem discovery and solving as important skills facilitated by the study of Philosophy.

I chose to study Philosophy at the University for markedly different reasons

than preparation for the study of law (much of which is terribly difficult to try to convey...) but it pleases me that while I was embarking on that journey (Not that it is over!!) I was developing and honing a skill set that will enable me to have a noticeable and legitimate advantage over those whom I will be learning with."



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