

Philosophers' program wins award, continues to make impact

The Carroll Cleveland Philosophers' Program (CCPP) has been awarded the American Philosophical Association/Philosophy Documentation Center Prize for "Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs." The award will be presented at an upcoming meeting of the American Philosophical Association. CCPP was established in 2000 by its director, Dr. Jen Merritt, assistant professor of education. Since that time, the program has undergone tremendous change and growth. Two significant additions to the program are Drs. Sharon Kaye and Paul Thomson of the Department of Philosophy.

Kaye, associate professor of philosophy, received the Curtis Miles Award for Community Service, in part for her work with the CCPP. She recently wrote about her work in the program in the Carroll News. She explained that CCPP will become part of John Carroll's curriculum next fall. One section of PL305, a philosophy of education course, will be offered as part of the CCPP program. John Carroll students who enroll in this section will become teaching assistants for the philosophers' program. "Professors Merritt, Thomson and I are so grateful to be working with JCU undergraduates. Their dedication is an inspiration to everyone involved in the program," said Kaye.

One last development for CCPP; in June representatives of the program, led by Thomson, will give a workshop presentation in Glasgow, Scotland at the 2' International Conference of Philosophical Inquiry and Lifelong Learning, which focuses on philosophy with children. Members of CCPP have also presented in San Francisco and Oxford in recent years.



Kaye (left), Merritt and teaching assistants.