



April/May 2005 NEWSLETTER FOR PHILOSOPHY

Special points of interest:



- Ryan Lingo, graduating philosophy major, was accepted at Kent State.
- The Philosophy Club has established an undergraduate journal of philosophy called "Parrhesia." Requirements for submission to the journal are that the paper be 8-10 pages double spaced, written on any subject you consider to be your philosophical, moral, social, or political obligation to express and that the subject be about anything that motivates one to think.
- "Parrhesia is an activity in which a speaker expresses his personal relationship to truth"
- —Michel Foucault
- Henrik Hellwig, Andrew Fernandez, and David Stone, all members of the Philosophy Club, traveled to Syracuse University on April 15 to hear a talk by Slavoj Zizek.
- In his quest to revive Lesniewski as an interest in the philosophical community, Henrik Hellwig's paper on Lesniewski's Abstract Class has been accepted for publication in the Spring edition of Geist, a student journal of philosophy out of San Jose State University.

Chair's Corner



I would like to thank everyone—faculty and students alike—for a fruitful and enjoyable academic year. I have been doing exit interviews with the senior majors, and have been privileged to be able to listen to their impressions of how the department has helped them to learn about philosophy. It makes me realize how much good comes out of our day to day musings about philosophical ideas. I'd like to congratulate each of them in a special way, and ask for many blessings on their futures. For the rest of us, I hope for a good summer in which we can take time to read that tome we have been putting off for so long. JIM



Dr. Mariana Ortega's review of Stanley Cavell's book, Cities of Words: Pedagogical Letters on a Register of the Moral Life, was accepted for publication in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*.

Dr. Paul Thomson will be making a presentation on the Carroll Cleveland Philosopher's Program at the Third International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, August 1-5 at Cambridge University in England.

Dr. Dianna Taylor was accepted to be a participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar titled, "Terror and Culture: Revisiting Hannah Arendt's Origins of Totalitarianism." The Seminar meets for six weeks (late July-early August) at Stanford University.

Dr. Taylor is presenting a paper titled, "Eichmann in Jerusalem: Contradiction and Clarification in Arendt and Jaspers," at the

Graduate's Column

Mat Foust ('02), residing in Texas, recently had an essay, "In Cold Blood: James and Wittgenstein on Emotions," published in *The Streams of William James*, Vol. 6, No. 3. Mat's book review is of Cornelis de Waal's "On Pragmatism," and was published in the *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter*, No. 99.

Chris Robichaud ('96) has a year and a half until finishing his Ph.D. in philosophy at MIT. He will most likely go on the job market in December. Chris is working with Stephen Yalbo on issues in the philosophy of mind.

Steve Halady ('03), we are happy to hear, will be working on a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Buffalo in the Fall of 2005.

Brad Kershner ('04), is attending the University of Chicago Divinity School in the fall. He has spent this last year in San Francisco.



KEEPING BUSY

Central Division APA in Chicago. The conference meets April 27-30.

Dr. Taylor will also present a paper titled "Crisis and Responsibility" at the "After Fascism" conference which will be held in Vienna from May 19-21. Dr. Taylor and her husband, Ben, will remain in Europe until May 30 visiting Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, and surrounding areas of Austria and Germany.

Jen McWeeny will attend the Ninth Annual East/West Philosopher's Conference in Honolulu, HI the first week in June where she will present a paper entitled "The Need for Emotional Knowers in a Pluralistic World."

This summer Dr. Thomson will leave for a two week "safari" trip to Kenya, Tanzania, and Zanzibar.



If one man offers
you democracy
and another offers
you a bag of
grain, at what
stage of starvation
will you prefer the
grain to the vote?

Bertrand Russell
--Nobel Prize
Acceptance
Speech