



LOGOS

JANUARY, 2005 NEWSLETTER FOR PHILOSOPHY

Special points of interest:

- A student from a local high school who is interested in pursuing a career in philosophy will be shadowing Sharon Kaye this spring.
- Dr. Earl Spurgin received a Grauel Award for the spring semester, 2005. He joined Fr. Gensler who has a year's leave.
- Dr. Paul Thomson was asked to be a member of the The Board of the American Association of Colleges and Universities.



Chair's Corner



Our intrepid Philosophy Club is already out of the blocks quickly this semester! They have planned reading groups, movie nights, and even a mini conference of papers of their own. This is terrific. Moreover, they even have a website of their own at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JCUPhilosophyClub>. I really appreciate all of the work that both students and faculty alike are doing with this. For specific information on this, contact Henrik Hellwig at hhellwig04@jcu.edu.

Henrik and Tom Weidel will

again be our tutors this semester. They will post their hours soon.

Have a great semester.
Jim

Graduate's Column

Paul VanRooy (03) is at Boston College studying towards a Master's in Philosophy. He has had classes with Jim Bernauer, Bill Richardson and David Rasmussen, all of which he states, "were amazing." After graduation Paul plans on staying in Boston and start applying to Ph.D. programs in the fall.

"Life must be lived forward, but can only be understood backward."

Soren Kierkegaard

—The Journals of Kierkegaard



Drs. Kaye and Thomson will be bringing five JCU undergraduate students to the Pacific Division meeting in March. Together they will make a panel presentation for the American Association of Philosophy Teachers concerning their work with the Carroll-Cleveland Philosopher's Program. They will make a similar presentation at JCU's Celebration of Scholarship.

Dr. Earl Spurgin will be a judge at the Eleventh Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl will be held in conjunction with the 14th Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in San Antonio, Texas, in February.

At last, the 2005 Senegal Summer Institute is ready to go. Thanks to Tamba Nlandu, Pam Mason and others who helped to shape the program. The

final student cost for the 6 credit hour program is \$5,700. The cost is high but includes a lot: JCU's \$500 administrative fee for summer institutes, roundtrip airfare between Cleveland and Dakar, accommodation and 3 meals a day for the 3 weeks in Senegal, all ground transportation there, all required program materials and activities, and at least one meal a day during the JCU portions of the Institute. The Senegal Summer Institute can accommodate 8-12 students.

Dr. Mariana Ortega's paper, "This Thin Edge of Barbwire: Selves from the Land in the Middle" has been published in Latino Studies, December 2004, Vol. 2, Issue 3.

Dr. Brenda Wirkus, Chair of The Don Shula Program in Philosophy is please to announce that John McCumber, Professor of Germanic Languages at UCLA,

will be at John Carroll on March 10 and 11 for two lectures. His first talk will take place on Thursday evening, March 10 (exact time and place to be announced). Tentative title is "Back in the Thick of It: The American Philosophical Community since 9/11." This will include reflections from his recent *Time in the Ditch: American Philosophy During and After the McCarthy Era*. On Friday, March 11, McCumber will keynote our afternoon philosophy colloquium at 3 p.m. He indicates that the Friday talk will be "more properly philosophical," and he has given that one the provisional title "A New Job for Philosophy: Dialectics and Deconstruction in Defense of the Enlightenment." That talk will include reflections from his forthcoming *Reshaping Reason: Toward a New Philosophy*. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

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May 15-June 28, 2005

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African Worldviews: Philosophy and Religion/
Ethics and Health Issues in Contemporary Context

Topics Include:

- African philosophy as Cultural Enquiry
- African Perspectives: Islam, Christianity, and Tradition
- Ethics, Global Health Issues, and Development
- Medicine as Socio-cultural Practice

Highlights in Senegal:

- Cultural orientation in Dakar
- Academic presentations by Senegalese experts
- Visit clinics, cultural centers, churches, mosques, and schools
- Excursions to Thiès, Niassène, Touba, Touba, and Pèr
- Three days at the Center for Traditional Medicine in M'bour
- Two-day visit to the Sine Saloum region
- 12 hours of Wolof language and Senegalese cooking class

2005 Program cost is \$5,700:

Includes: all required program materials and activities; group meals during Cleveland part of program; roundtrip airfare between Cleveland and Dakar; all group transfers and ground transportation in Senegal; accommodation and three meals per day in Senegal; JCU administrative fee. Does not include: any required inoculations; required International Student Identification Card (ISIC); personal expenses including laundry, cell phone, etc.; any expenses not expressly included above.

More information