



# LOGOS

## October/November, 2004 NEWSLETTER FOR THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

### Special points of interest:



- Dr. Thomson and his wife Robin are making plans to travel to Myanmar (formerly Burma) in January to travel up the Irawaddy river from Rangoon.
- On October 10th. Dr. Earl Spurgin went for an 86 mile bike ride called the "Tour de Bob" in honor of Dr. Bob Kolesar (MT) who organizes the ride. The ride meanders through the metroparks and has a support van with lots of food that is driven by Dr. Kolesar's daughter.
- Dr. Jonathan Gunderson leads weekly meetings of the philosophy club's reading group on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.
- Dr. Earl Spurgin is taking a team of 4 business ethics students to compete in the Dalhousie Business Ethics Case Competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 11-13.



### Chair's Corner

Last month John Carroll once again hosted the Northeast Ohio Philosophy Conference. Once again, Dr. Mooney made the arrangements and made sure things ran smoothly. We are grateful also for the financial support arranged through the Shula Chair, and Dr. Wirkus. The keynote speaker was Dr. Martin Tweedale, of the University of Calgary, who spoke on Averroes. Final thanks goes to Dr. Kaye for making arrangements for Dr. Tweedale's talk.



### Philosophical Quotes

If you would be a real seeker after truth, you must at least once in your life doubt, as far as possible, all things.

Rene Descartes

-Discourse on Method

For him she is sex—absolute sex no less. She is defined and differentiated with reference to man and not he with reference to her; she is the incidental, the inessential as opposed to the essential. He is the Absolute— she is the Other.

Simone de Bourvoir

—Second Sex

### Graduate's Column

Brett Smith('99) is engaged to be married to Kelin Fulkerson (a Psychology and Deaf & Sign double-major at Eastern Kentucky University). Brett and Kelin met at the UK library where he eventually proposed to her. An October wedding is planned.

Chad Miller ('00) is in the middle of his second and last year of his Masters in Education and Teaching at the University of Hawaii! He tells us that School is going great and he is actually applying to get a doctorate in education.



Dr. Thomson is just back from a conference on Student Learning Outcomes Assessment in Indianapolis.

Dr. Thomson has been named editor of the Proceedings for the First Global Conference on Philosophy for Children that he and Dr. Kaye attended in September. Dr. Kaye was also appointed to the steering committee of the group that organized the conference in order to plan for the conference in 2005.

Dr. Earl Spurgin will present his "Abercrombie & Fitch: Exploiter of Teens or Victim of a Misguided Culture?" at the Eleventh Annual International Business Ethics Conference in Chicago, October 21-23. The conference is hosted by DePaul's Institute for Business and Professional Ethics and is sponsored by the U.S. Vincentian University, State, March, 2004. This paper

Sharon Kaye's summer research article "Was There No Evolution Theory in the Middle Ages?: The Case of William of Ockham" will be published in *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.

Drs. Kaye and Thomson's book, *On Augustine*, was translated into Slovak and published in Poland on August 31, 2004.

Dr. Jonathan Gunderson gave a paper at the NEOPC entitled "Multiple Realization, Physicalism, and the Structure of Action Explanation." He also gave a modified version of this paper at the department colloquia.

Dr. Marianna Ortega presented a paper titled "Being Lovingly, Knowingly Ignorant: Feminism and Women of Color" at the Epistemologies and Ethics of Ignorance Conference, Penn

was also excepted for publication in *Hypatia*. Dr. Ortega presented a paper "On the Phenomenology of World-traveling: How to be a good Mestiza" at the Roundtable for the Philosophy of Race, San Francisco, Sept. 2004. She also presented "Being in the World, *das Man* and the *New Mestiza*," at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, Oct. 2004. Dr. Ortega's paper "This Line of Barbwire: Selves from the Land in the Middle" has been excepted for publication in *Latino Studies*. Also to be published in the *Journal of International Philosophical Studies* is her paper "When Conscience Calls, Will Dasein Answer: Heideggerian Authenticity and the Possibility of Ethics."

