


# John Carroll University

## Logos

October, 2005

### Special points of interest:

- Dr. Earl Spurgin has been appointed Chair of the Philosophy Department.
- On the first of October, 2005, Fr. Casey Bukala was honored by John Carroll for his many contributions to the University. Father Bukala has touched the hearts and minds of so many alumni, friends and students. In recognition for all that he has been and done the new football field concourse was named "Casey's Concourse".
- The Don Shula Program in Philosophy is cosponsoring along with the Office for Multicultural Affairs and the Africana Studies Concentration two talks by Professor Leonard Harris, professor of philosophy at Purdue University and a fellow of the W.E.B. Dubois Institute for Afro-American Research at Harvard University. On Thursday, November 10, he will speak at 7p.m. at the D.J. Lombardo Student Center Conference Room. His talk will be "Alain Locke and His Place in the Harlem Renaissance Movement." On Friday, November 11, he will speak at 3 p.m. in room AD 258 of the Administration Bldg. on "Alain Locke and His Aesthetics." All are welcome to both events.
- Dr. Sharon Kaye is the winner of the Curtis W. Miles Award for Community Service for 2004-2005. Dr. Kaye works with the John Carroll Amnesty International group and the Carroll-Cleveland Philosopher's program.

### Chair's Corner

It has been a strange semester for all of us, but, perhaps me most of all. I had no idea that by October I would be Chair of the department. I would like to thank Eileen for all of her help in making this transition a smooth one for me. Sometimes I wonder why we don't just make her chair—with proper compensation, of course! My colleagues have been very gracious and helpful as I have taken on this role. I appreciate all of your efforts in working with me on matters such as scheduling and volunteering for events around campus. Every time I have asked for help on one of these matters, at least one person has "stepped up." Special thanks are due to Dr. Pat Mooney who represented the department at a workshop for chairs that I was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict and to Dr. C. Bukala who will represent the department at Fall Visit Day.

Earl Spurgin

### Graduate's Column

Mat Foust is now a Ph.D student at the University of Oregon. He is presenting a paper titled, "Inference as Evidence: Dewey's Contributions to Deviant Logic" at the Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies 2005 Conference, in Tampa, Florida, Nov. 4-5. Anyone interested in talking with Mat may contact him at [mfoust@uoregon.edu](mailto:mfoust@uoregon.edu).

Heinrik Hellwig (05') has started graduate school at Texas A&M and hopes to start an out-of-state chapter of the JCU Philosophy Club. Interested students can contact him at: [hhelwig@philosophy.tamu.edu](mailto:hhelwig@philosophy.tamu.edu)



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### Something to Think About :

The highest good, then, after the attainment of which the whole of rational nature is seeking, which is also called the end of all blessings, is defined by many philosophers as follows: The highest good, they say, is to become as like to God as possible.



Origen  
--De Principiis

If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he lucky?

~Stanislaw J. Lec

## Keeping Busy

The paper Sharon Kaye presented this summer in North Carolina has been accepted for publication in the "Journal of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World".

Dr. Brenda Wirkus presented a paper entitled "Women Warriors: Imperialism and (Anti-)Feminism in Postmodernity" at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 20, 2005.

Dr. Ortega presented a paper

entitled "Beyond False Generosity: Praxical Thinking, Resistance, and Humanization at the Xth LatCrit (Latina and Latino Criticism) meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mariana also chaired the session "From Practices of the Self to Politics: Race, Subjectivity and Friendship" at the 2005 meeting for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Harry Gensler and Dr. Earl Spurgin have contracted

with Scarecrow Press to write "Historical Dictionary of Ethics". The editor of the series approached Dr. Gensler about this project after Dr. Gensler completed his "Historical Dictionary of Logic".

