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*Newsletter*

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**DEPARTMENT**  
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# Message From the Chair

It has been a busy autumn quarter. After nearly 20 years of being the only dwellers at “Plato’s Place,” we were joined over the summer by the Department of Criminology. Insofar as Plato’s philosophy begins with the trial and death of Socrates, Criminology’s joining us seems fitting. Welcome! I want to thank Regina Robinson, Elizabeth Millán Brusslan, and the graduate student representatives for their work over the summer in organizing our now smaller space and making sure that everyone had an office at the beginning of the term.

We also welcomed Regina as our new department assistant. Regina serves as the department assistant for both Philosophy and Criminology, no small task. I know that I speak for everyone in the department when saying that the department has never run so smoothly as it now does with her managing the day to day life of the department. Welcome, Regina!

And welcome too to our new cohort of graduate students: Tawfeak Ahmed, Chris Chiasera, Zura Gventadze, Nicoleo Matranga, and Bram Nealon. Reports from the fall seminars indicate that everyone is settling in and adding a great deal to the liveliness of the seminars. And I will add to the life of the department!

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# Message From the Chair

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Over the course of the fall quarter, we heard three wonderful lectures in our Visiting Speakers Series: Krisi Sweet, James Martel, and Linda Alcoff. Sujitha Parshi took the lead in organizing a small philosophy film series which I very much hope will become a tradition. Our undergraduate Philosophy Club met several times, and it is great to see many of our undergraduate majors at our lectures and films.

And we now have a new home to gather for dinner after department events: Paula's Kitchen. It has been a joy to gather on Paula's patio to celebrate the beginning of the academic year and to continue conversations with our visiting speakers over delicious Thai food.

Last, but really first, on behalf of the entire department, I want to thank Elizabeth Millán Brusslan for all her tireless work over the past three years in her first term as chair and who is now on a well-deserved sabbatical. As Elizabeth Rottenberg put it so well at our department orientation, Elizabeth will return for Season Two in fall 2025. In the meantime, in a bit of a rerun, I will try to do my best to keep things running until she returns.

Wishing everyone a very restful break and a happy holiday season,

*- Peg*

# Visiting Scholar

## Welcome Visiting Scholar Giulia Valpione

Giulia was awarded a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) fellowship for her project: HOPE - German Romanticism: a History of Political Ecology. She will be with us from October 2024, through August 2026.

Giulia has published widely on early German Romanticism, the philosophy of nature, and the role of women in the post-Kantian period. Giulia is a wonderful addition to our community!



# Visiting Speakers

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**Kristi Sweet**  
Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M

"Kant's 'Supposed Right to Lie'  
Essay Reconsidered: Defending  
Hope in Dark Times"

Friday, September  
Arts & Letters, Ro  
4:00 - 6:00P

Questions?  
Contact Rick Lee  
at RLEET7@depaul.edu

**Non Archism: The  
Power and Promise  
of Continuous  
Political Assembly**

**Friday, October 18**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Arts & Letters, Room 314**

**James Martel**  
Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University

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**The Persistent Power  
of Cultural Racism**

**Linda Martin Alcoff**  
Hunter College, C.U.N.Y.

**Friday, November 8, 2024**  
**Levan 100**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Questions? Contact Rafael  
Vizcaino: r.vizcaino@depaul.edu

# DUOS 2024-25

## Doctoral & Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarships

### Derrida, Biology, and Deconstruction's Relationship to Science

Graduate Student: Jack Marchesi

Undergraduate Student: Daniel Kennedy

Faculty: Professor Michael Naas

### Forgetting and History in the Work of Paul Ricœur (Maimonides)

Graduate Student: Kathleen Loftus

Undergraduate Student: Laszlo Katona

Faculty: Professor Elizabeth Millán Brusslan



### On the Idea of Life in Giorgio Agamben

Graduate Student: Katherine Nelson

Undergraduate Student: Paige De Luca

Faculty: Professor Sean Kirkland

### Art's extension into philosophy: what are the properties of a musical logic? (Maimonides)

Graduate Student: Çiçek Yavuz

Undergraduate Student: Heather Ibrahim

Faculty: Professor Kevin Thompson

### Immanent Transcendence Through Community Based Organizing (MAP)

Graduate Student: John Gould

Undergraduate Student: Aidan Tennant

Faculty: Professor Peg Birmingham



### Freud on War and Destruction: Repetition Compulsion and the Death Drive (Maimonides)

Graduate Student: Brett Kaufman

Undergraduate Student: Grace Bane

Faculty: Professor Sean Kirkland

### Adorno on the Psychology of Fascism

Graduate Student: Joseph Bermas-Dawes

Undergraduate Student: Oliver King

Faculty: Professor Peg Birmingham

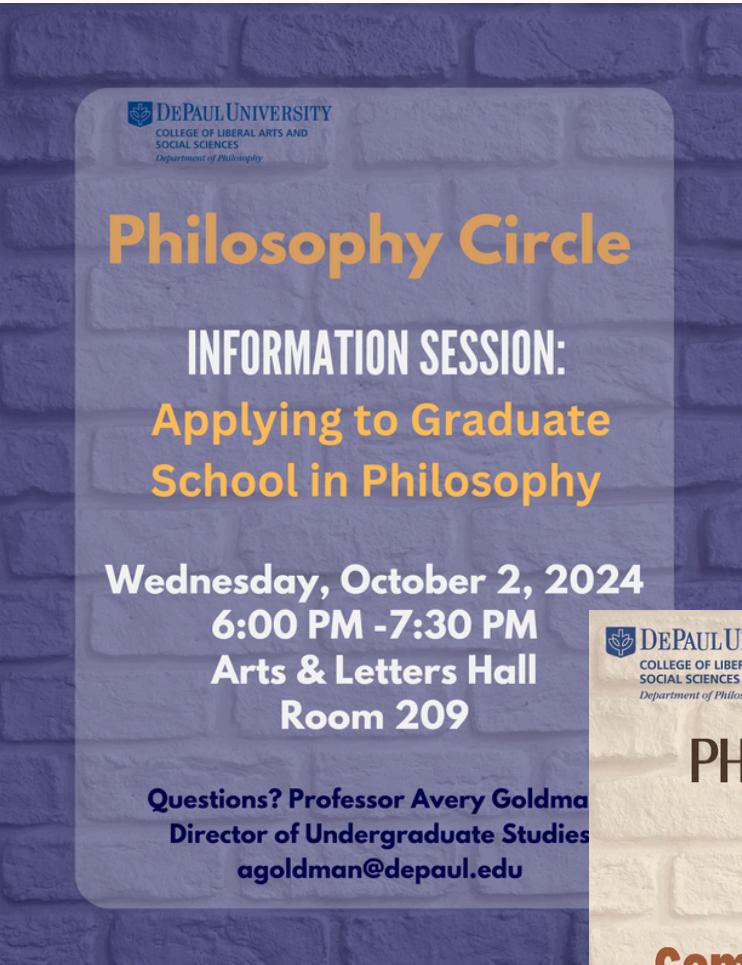
### Adorno and Kant: Morality, Freedom, and a New Categorical Imperative

Graduate Student: Joseph Bermas-Dawes

Undergraduate Student: Clara Cox

Faculty: Professor Avery Goldman

# Philosophy Circle



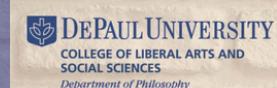
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## Philosophy Circle

### INFORMATION SESSION: Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Arts & Letters Hall**  
**Room 209**

Questions? Professor Avery Goldman  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
[agoldman@depaul.edu](mailto:agoldman@depaul.edu)



## PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE ORIENTATION

**Come learn about what's  
going on in the Philosophy  
Department**

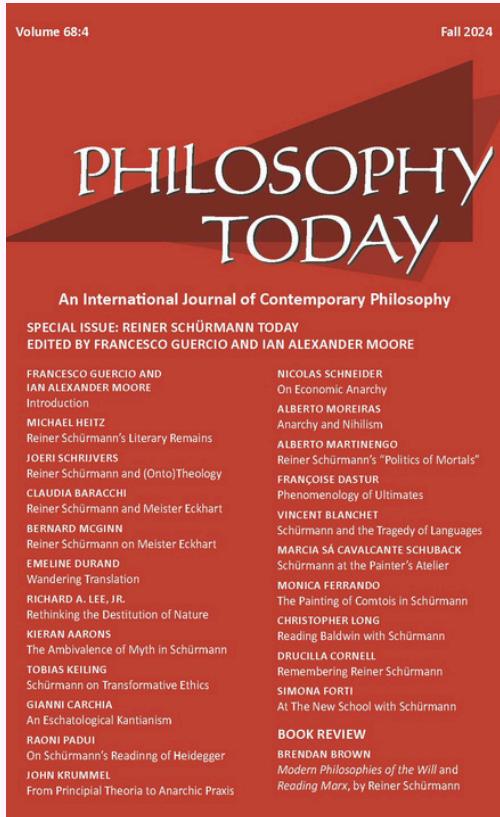
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**ARTS & LETTERS HALL  
ROOM 209**

Questions: Professor Avery Goldman,  
Director of Undergraduate Studies,  
[agoldman@depaul.edu](mailto:agoldman@depaul.edu)

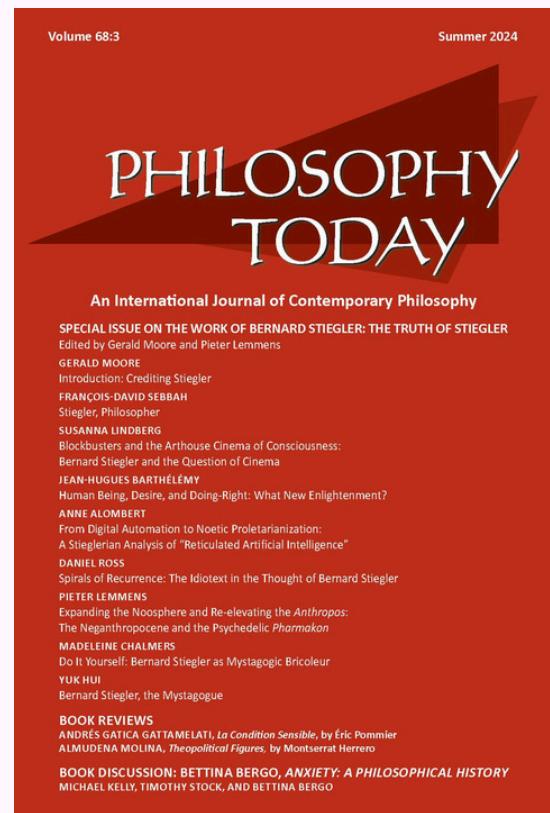
# News From Philosophy Today



In June, *Philosophy Today* said goodbye to Greg Convertito, who served as one of the two editorial assistants for the past two years and welcomed Caroline Loftus as the journal's new editorial assistant, joining Will Cox.

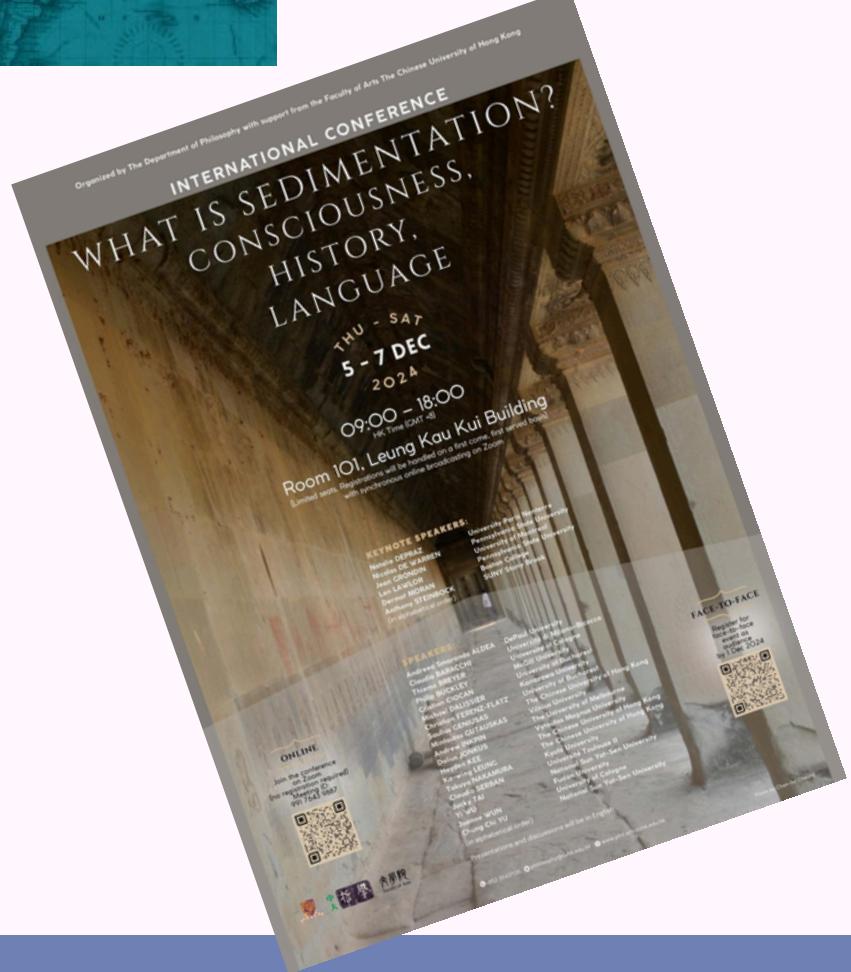
We are both sad to see Greg leave the journal and thrilled to have Caroline join us.

Philosophy Today's summer issue (68:3) is a special issue on Bernard Stiegler, guest edited by Pieter Lemmens and Gerald Moore. The journal's fall issue (68:4) is a special issue, "Reiner Schürmann Today," edited by Francesco Guercio and Ian Alexander Moore.



# Faculty News

Andreea Smaranda  
Aldea



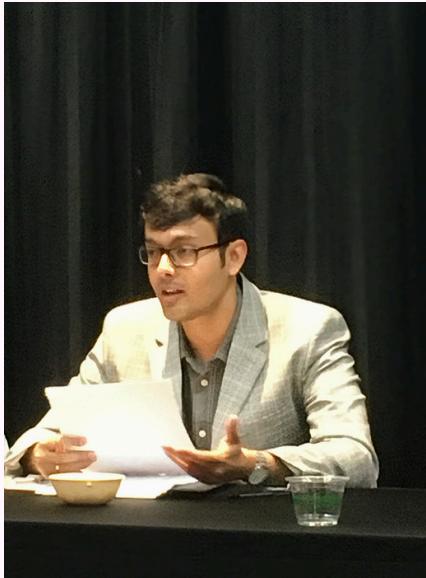
# Tuhin Bhattacharjee

# Faculty News

Tuhin had two essays published this Fall:

“The Silence of Necessity: Logos and the Maternal in Plato’s Myth of Er.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 29, No.1, Fall 2024.

“Being-in-the-Word: Language, Meaning, and Deferral in Plato and Derrida.” Book Chapter in *Śāstreṣu Śabdārthavṛttivimṛṣṭih: Deliberation on Functions of Words and Meanings in Śāstras*. Edited by Soumyajit Sen and Abhijit Mandal. Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, 2024.



Tuhin presented his work on sexual difference in the Sāṃkhya tradition of Indian philosophy at the SPEP Conference held in Rochester, NY.

He also organized and led a reading group called “Entrances and Exits: Erotic Ascent and Descent in Plato’s Symposium” for the Save Ancient Studies Alliance (SASA).

# Faculty News

Philosophy Department  
Nietzsche Documentary Screening and  
Discussion



Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Location: Clifton Suite Room 155

This fall, Sean guided discussion after the screening of a Nietzsche documentary on October 15 in the department (which was organized by our tireless Sujitha Parshi). The screening was organized on the occasion of Nietzsche's 180th birthday.

Sean D. Kirkland



"The Roundtable Perspective" Interview with Dr. Sean D. Kirkland airing on Lakeshore PBS, Friday, September 20, 2024, 7:00 pm; Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:00 am

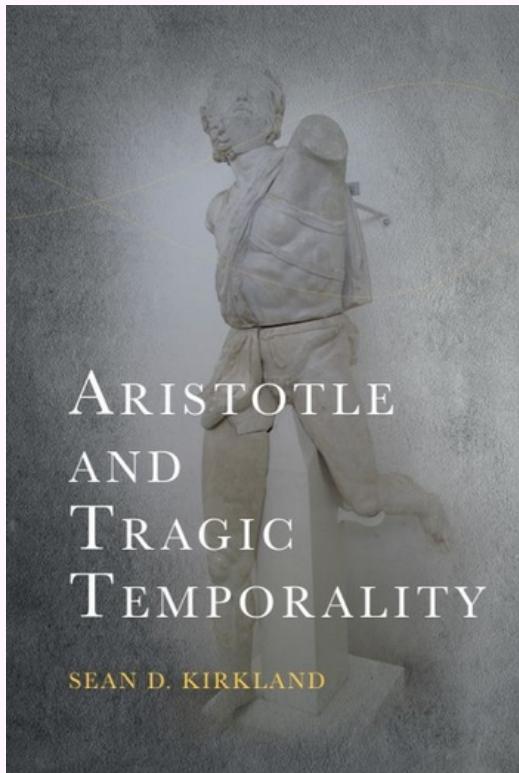
Dr. Sean D. Kirkland was interviewed for an episode of "The Roundtable Perspective" where he discussed tragedy and Nietzsche. The episode will air on Lakeshore PBS.



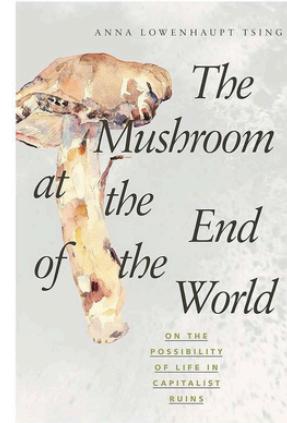
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## Sean D. Kirkland

Sean spoke at DePaul's Institute for Nature and Culture book discussion on October 24. This event announced the return of events organized by DePaul's Institute for Nature and Culture, its Book Club meetings. The first book was Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing's fabulous *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins* (Princeton University Press, 2021). Sean is the co-director of INC.



Sean will have a new book coming out in February 2025 (Cycles, Edinburgh University Press). *Aristotle and Tragic Temporality* treats a theme that has drawn scholarly attention for millennia: Aristotle on time and our experience of it. It does so, however, in a wholly unprecedented way, grounding its interpretation in his *Poetics* and *Ethics*, rather than the natural philosophy of the *Physics*. For more information: <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-aristotle-and-tragic-temporality.html>



*The Institute for Nature and Culture*

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

Please join us in the return of INC's Book Discussion Series, 2024-2025 edition. We will be discussing Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing's fabulous book, *Mushroom at the End of the World*, which should make for a great conversation. We hope to see many of you there!

Date: Oct 24th  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Where: McGowan South Conference Room, 204 (1110 W. Belden Ave, Chicago)  
Book: *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins* by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing (2021)

# Daryl Koehn

# Faculty News

Daryl presented the following papers at conferences:

**“Technē versus Technology: A Virtue Ethics Perspective on Technological Threats to the Ethically Good Self,”** Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 10, 2024.

**“Thinking the Future: Coping with Foreseeable and Unforeseeable Consequences in the Present,”** German National Philosophy Conference, Münster, Germany, September 23, 2024.

**“Ethical Failure, Or Why Aristotelian Virtue Ethics May Have Limited Applicability Today in the Modern Workplace,”** International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference, Niagara University (virtual), October 25, 2024.

**“Technē versus Technology: A Virtue Ethics Perspective on Technological Threats to the Ethically Good Self,”** IVBEC, Niagara University (virtual), October 25, 2024.

**Commentary on Samuel Hage, “Slavish by Nature,”** American Catholic Philosophy Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 16, 2024.

Daryl published the following articles:

**“Narrative Business Ethics Versus Narratives Within Business Ethics: Problems and Possibilities From an Aristotelian Virtue Ethics Perspective.”** *Journal of Business Ethics* 189(4): 763–779.

**“Some Modest Proposals for Improving Business Ethics from Primarily an Aristotelian Perspective,** *Journal of Human Values* 30(1).

**“Drawing upon Aristotle to Ground and Limit Political Corporate Social Responsibility (PCSR),”** *Philosophy Today* 68(2): 341-361.

**“Is Next Stage Capitalism an Ethically Sound Development or a Pipe Dream-Nightmare?”** In Moses Pava (ed.), *Justifying Next Stage Capitalism*, Springer 2024.

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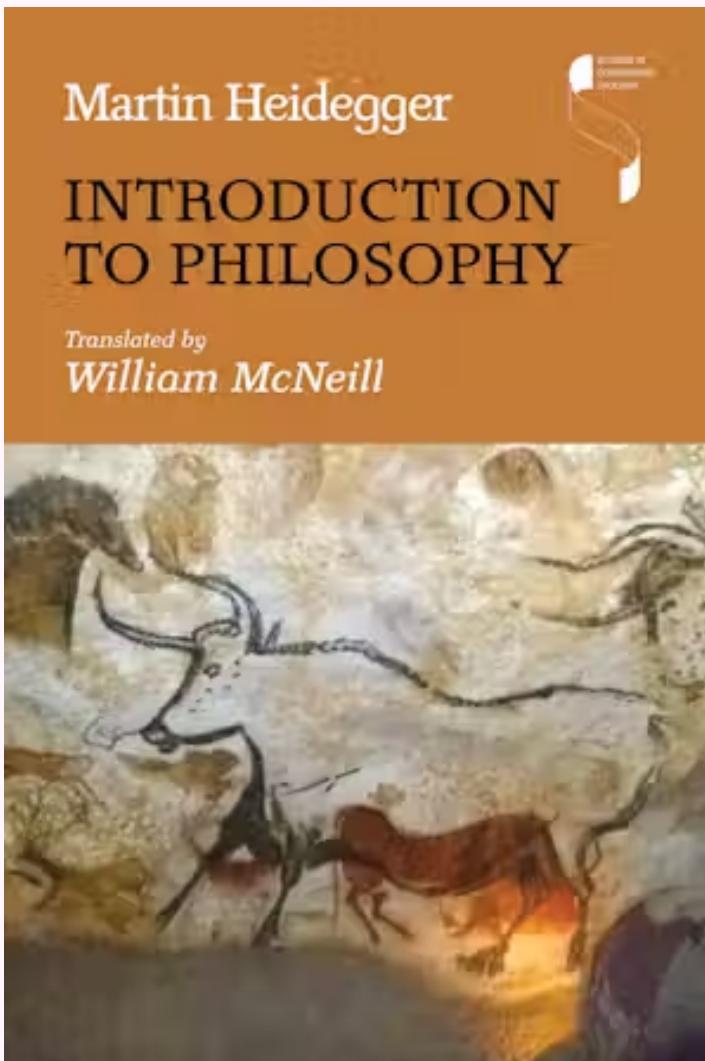
Mary Jeanne  
Larrabee

**Mary Jeanne attended the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition (P.A.C.T) held on October 3 at Loyola Marymount Los Angeles and gave a paper, “Husserl on Time, in Conversation with Decoloniality Theories: An Invitation to Begin.” It was good to see our alum, Sarah Simms, a Postdoctoral Scholar of Philosophy at LMU.**

**Mary Jeanne had a paper accepted for publication in a special issue of the Journal of Contemplative Studies, “The Revolutionary Pause of Experiential Focusing and Transformation through Listening-into-Silence.”**

# Faculty News

Will McNeill



Martin Heidegger's *Introduction to Philosophy*, has been translated into English for the first time by Will.

*Introduction to Philosophy* (volume 27 of Heidegger's Complete Works) presents Heidegger's lecture course delivered in the winter semester of 1928–1929 at the University of Freiburg.

For more information:  
<https://iupress.org/9780253069207/introduction-to-philosophy/>

# Faculty News

## Elizabeth Millán Brusslan

### Publications:

Review of *Alexander von Humboldt: Perceiving the World*, edited by Beate I. Allert, Christopher R. Clason, Niall A. Peach, and Ricardo Quintana-Vallejo (Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. 2023) for *The German Quarterly* 2024, 97: 281-284.

Review of *Alexander von Humboldt . A Concise Biography*, by Andreas W. Daum (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2024).

“Walter Benjamin and Romantic Critique,” for *The Palgrave Handbook to Walter Benjamin*, edited by Nathan Ross (forthcoming, 2025).

### Talks:

“Zum Andenken an Michael Mack,” (in German) comments on loss and the inversion of order for meeting of the Elisabeth Mack-Usselmann and Dr. Michael Mack Gedächtnisstiftung. 20 September 2024. Speyer, Germany.

*Fichte in the Americas* book session at online *Leuven Seminar in Classical German Philosophy*. University of Leuven, Belgium. Our book was featured in a discussion on October 10, 2024. Jimena Solé and I gave opening remarks on the book, and then 4 contributors, Christian Klotz, María Paz Lamas, Marco Rampazzo Bazzan Manuel Tangorra, joined the panel to discuss their work and the role of Fichte in the Americas.

“Alexander von Humboldt’s Portrait of Nature: Art, Nature, and Landscape in Schubert’s Time,” invited keynote lecture of Nature and Landscape in Schubert’s Time: An Interdisciplinary Approach. 4th Annual Conference of the Schubert Research Center. October 23-25. Vienna, Austria.



### Awards:

Awarded Faculty Summer Research Grant for work on the introduction to the forthcoming volume, *The Routledge Handbook of Latin American Philosophy*, which I am co-editing with Jimena Solé.

# Faculty News

## Rafael Vizcaino

Over the summer, Rafael presented papers at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (in Mexico) and at the 31st World Congress of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, held at Soongsil University in Seoul (South Korea).

The latter involved new work in progress on the politics of liberation, which was also the topic of his PHL 389 course this fall quarter. In fall, he was invited by the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University to be part of a special panel on decolonizing political theology.

He also delivered comments at a book panel at the American Academy of Religion in San Diego.

Lastly, he published an anthology chapter on the Jamaican philosopher Charles W. Mills, which seeks to vindicate the radicality of his so-called “liberal turn.”

### Publications

“Toward the Bourgeois Revolution: Situating Mills’s Liberal Turn.” In *The Philosophy of Charles W. Mills: Race and the Relations of Power*, edited by Mark William Westmoreland, 59-73. New York, NY: Routledge.

# Graduate Student

## News & Events

### Philosophy Department Film Screening and Discussion



Wednesday, October 23rd at 4:30PM

Location: Clifton Suite Room 155



### FOUCAULT AND THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL

DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2024

DAY 1: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:  
Arts and Letters Room 413

- 10:00-10:45 **OPENING CONFERENCE**
- 10:30-10:45 **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PLENARY**
  - All the Beauty and the Bleeding — Reading De Bois' Aesthetics with Adorno by Mengjiao Zhou (Yale University)
  - Just Like Foucault and Marx's Aesthetic Revolution by Matthew Hewett and Fritz Reiss (The New School for Social Research)
  - Liberation Aesthetics, and Necessity: On the Influence of Friedrich Schiller on the Work of Herbert Marcuse by Scott Payne (Michigan State University)
  - 13:30-13:45 **THINGS, CARE, SELF-SOCETY**
  - 13:30: Subjects, Subjectivity, and Society in Foucault and Adorno by Marie-Louise Simon (The New School for Social Research (online))
  - 14:15 Comparative Perspectives on Care Ethics: Levinas, Foucault, and Adorno by Pratap Itta (Indian Institute of Technology Madras)
  - 15:00 Adorno's Thesis on Need, Reflection and Caring Attention by Delphine Michaud (Michigan State University)
  - 15:15-15:30 **THEORETICAL TOPIC**
  - Foucault's Historic Critical Attitudes and Global Knowledge by Alexander Neiburg (Mars University of Düsseldorf)
  - Revisiting Marx's Foucault's Nonliberal Entrepreneur as a One-Dimensional Subject by Marish Makaroff (George Mason University)
  - What If Foucault had survived AIDS? by Cristian González Arévalo (Albert Ludwig University Freiburg)

### FOUCAULT AND THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL

DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2024

DAY 2: SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER:  
Schmitt Academic Center (SAC) Room 161

9:00-10:45 **STATUS OF CRITICAL THEORY**

- Critical Test of Philosophy: Enlightening the Intersections Between Adorno and Foucault by Mauro Coel (University of Lisbon) and Alžbeta Dylášová (Charles University, Prague) (online)
- History and Literary Consciousness: Lukács's The Theory of the Novel and Critical Theory Today by Junchen Han (Boston College)
- Genealogy of Identity: Adorno with Foucault by Leksa Zhang (The New School for Social Research)
- 12:45-14:15 **THE ROLE OF ART IN CRITICAL THEORY**
- Bernardin's Reference: What is a Politicization of the Aesthetic? by Jesse Goodman (Bogazici University)
- Enlightenment and Enlightenment: Foucault and Adorno on Art as Philosophy's "Double" by David Alejandro Hernández (University of Chicago)
- 14:30-15:45 **PROBLEMS**
- The Political Potential of Aesthetization by Jordan Ellington Cook (Stony Brook University) (online)
- Critical Teleology by Daniel Deweese (The New School for Social Research/Lacanian School for Psychoanalysis)
- 16:15 **KEYNOTE LECTURES**
- Daniele Lorenzini: "Ideology Critique and Genealogy Critique: A Reassessment"

12:00-2:00 **BURGER AT RICA ABEPA**

# Graduate Student News & Events

*Evan O'Donnell*

**Evan had two papers accepted:**  
**“Aenesidemus Was Not an Academic,” accepted at Ancient**  
**Philosophy; and “Beyond Rustic**  
**and Urbane Skepticism: A Unified**  
**Reading of the Pyrrhonist’s Assent**  
**to Appearances,” accepted at**  
**Apéiron.**

# Graduate Student News & Events



Joseph Bermas-Dawes

Congratulations to  
Joseph Bermas-Dawes,  
the 2023 Mezey  
Excellence in Teaching  
Award recipient



# Graduate Student News & Events



Rosa Martins

Rosa participated in the Journée d'études of the Centre Michel Foucault at IMEC, where she presented a paper on Adorno and Foucault. Below is a group picture from the event, and to the left, is Rosa in front of the IMEC.

Rosa presented the same paper at the Foucault & Marx conference at the University of Vienna



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Rosa also signed a contract with Brill to translate from Portuguese to English two volumes of the book, *On Marx's Path to Communism*, by Rafael Padial.

# Graduate Student News & Events

## Ludovico Zizzo

Ludovico presented his paper titled, “Tyranny, Freedom and Moral Creativity in Nietzsche’s Middle period” at the 5th International meeting of the North American Nietzsche Society at the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque, and was awarded their Graduate Student Prize.

<http://www.northamericaninietzschesociety.com/nans-2024.html>



He also was selected to present a paper on November 11 to the International online conference, “Goethe and the Philosophy of his Time,” organized by the Constantin Rădulescu- Motru, Institute of Philosophy and Psychology of the Romanian Academy. His paper title: “Discovering Archetypes: Goethe and the Poetry of Natural History”

# Alumni News

## Graduate Student Panel



Join the Ancient Philosophy Society for a panel discussion on Zoom featuring graduate students working in ancient philosophy, moderated by Mariska Leunissen. 12 pm, OCT 25 EST, <https://unc.zoom.us/j/8613880798>



### Patrick Corry

Friendship as (a) Virtue: Aristotle's argument from nature in *Nicomachean Ethics* 9.9



### Nicolas Day

The Goodness of the Mixed Life in *Philebus* 20c-23b



### Juliana Kazemi

Platonic Norms for Giving and Receiving Testimony in the Philosophical Community



### Joel Bock

The Good Life Denied: Aristotle's Hierarchy of *Erga* and the Exclusion of Women, Slaves, and Craftsmen

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