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Newsletter

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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 RLEETZ@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 Ricoeur (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

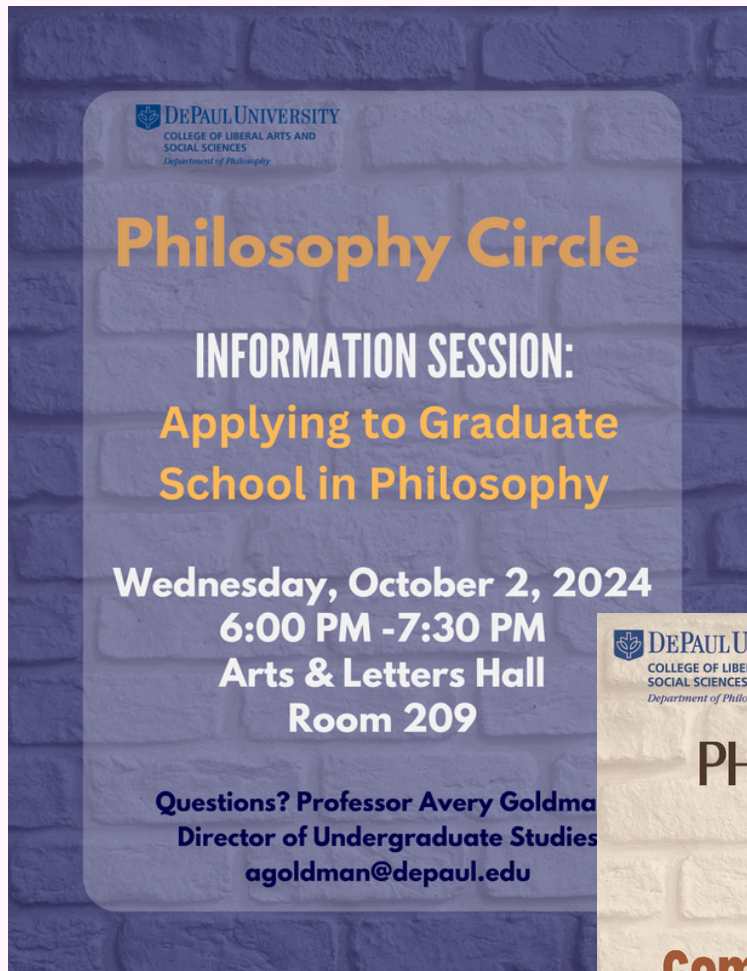
Graduate Student: **Joseph Bermas-Dawes**

Undergraduate Student: **Clara Cox**

Faculty: **Professor Avery Goldman**



Philosophy Circle



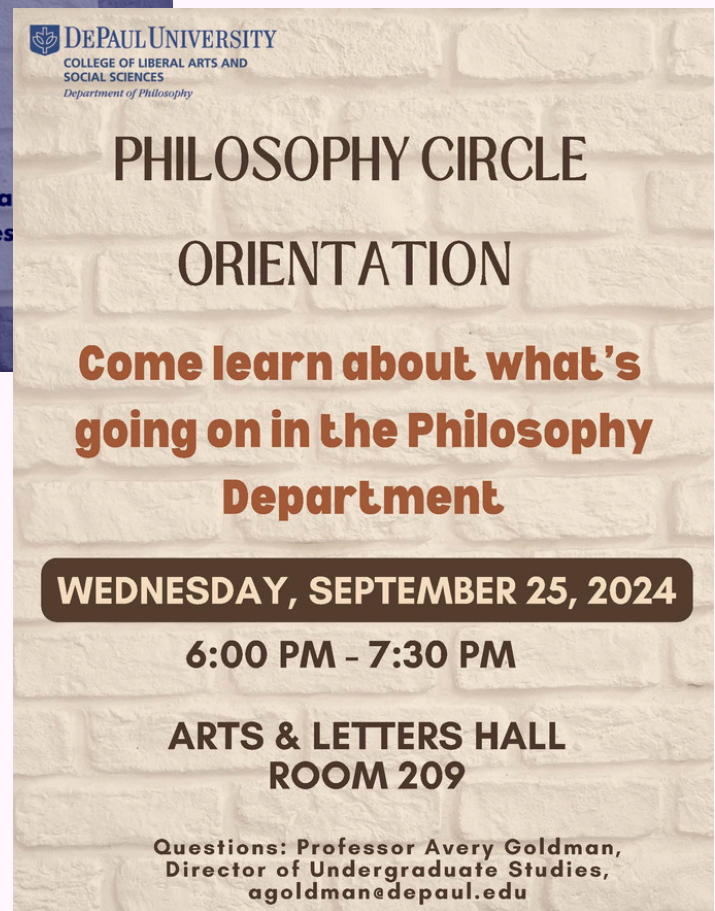
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INFORMATION SESSION:
**Applying to Graduate
School in Philosophy**

**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**



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PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE ORIENTATION

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

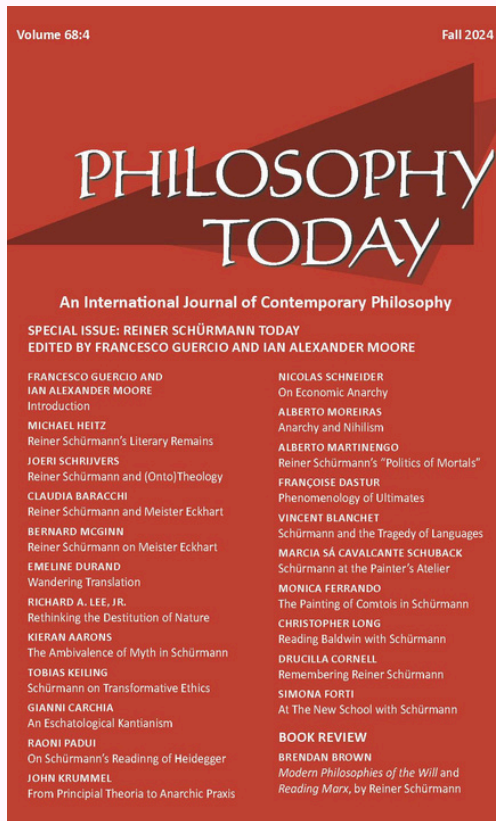
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**ARTS & LETTERS HALL
ROOM 209**

**Questions: Professor Avery Goldman,
Director of Undergraduate Studies,
agoldman@depaul.edu**

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 Steigler, 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 Guerchio and Ian Alexander Moore.



**Andreea Smaranda
Aldea**

For the Zoom link, please email
aaldea@depaul.edu

December 18
9:00 am CST / 10:00 am EST / 4:00 pm CET / 5:00 pm EET

Prof. Maxime Doyon (Univ. of Montreal)
Phenomenology and the Norms of Perception (OUP 2024)

Invited commentaries:
Prof. Steven Crowell (Rice Univ.)
Prof. Maren Wehrle (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

October 16
Prof. Sara Heinämaa (Univ. of Jyväskylä)
Being Disgusted by Hate Speech

For the Zoom link, please email
aaldea@depaul.edu
The 2-hour sessions will take place at
9:00 am CST / 10:00 am EST / 4:00 pm CET / 5:00 pm EET.

October 30
Prof. Andreea Smaranda Aldea (DePaul Univ.)
Imagination and Critique – Exemplarity, “As If” Thinking, and Recollective Tracing

November 20
Prof. Delia Popa (Villanova Univ.)
Affective Imagination: Gestures, Images, and Forms of Life

THU - SAT
5-7 DEC
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09:00 - 18:00
HK Time (GMT +8)

09:00 – 18:00
HK Time (GMT +8)

Room 101, Leung Kau Kui Building

A limited seats. Registrations will be handled on a first come, first served basis with synchronous online broadcasting on Zoom.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DEBRAZ
GREEN

Nathalie DE WAREME
Nicolas DE WAREME
Jean CRONIN
Lan LAWLER
Dermot MORAN
Anthony STEINBOCK
(in alphabetical order)

Andrea BARAC
 Claudia BREYER
 Thoma BUCKLE
 Philip CIOCI
 Graham DAL
 Michael FI
 Christian GE
 Sabine GE
 Mustafa
 Andrew
 Dalin J
 Hayley
 Karim
 Toki
 Clau
 Jon

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Register for
face-to-face
event as
audience
by 1 Dec 2011

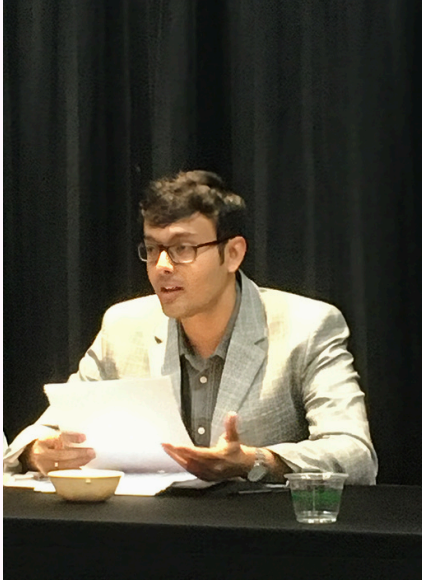
Tuhin Bhattacharjee

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 Śabdārthavṛttivimṛṣṭiḥ: 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

Sean D. Kirkland

Philosophy Department

Nietzsche Documentary Screening and
Discussion



Tuesday, October 15th 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.

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"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

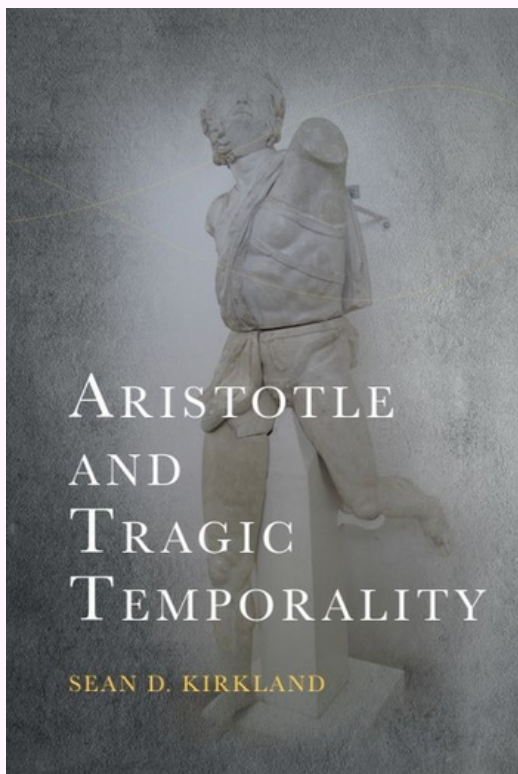
Dr. Sean D. Kirkland was interviewed for an episode of "The Roundtable Perspective" where he discussed tragedy and Nietzsche. The episode will air on Lakeshore PBS.



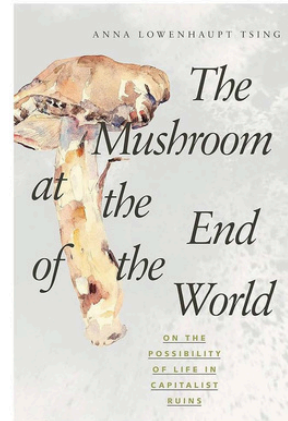
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Sean D. Kirkland

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.elden 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.

Faculty News

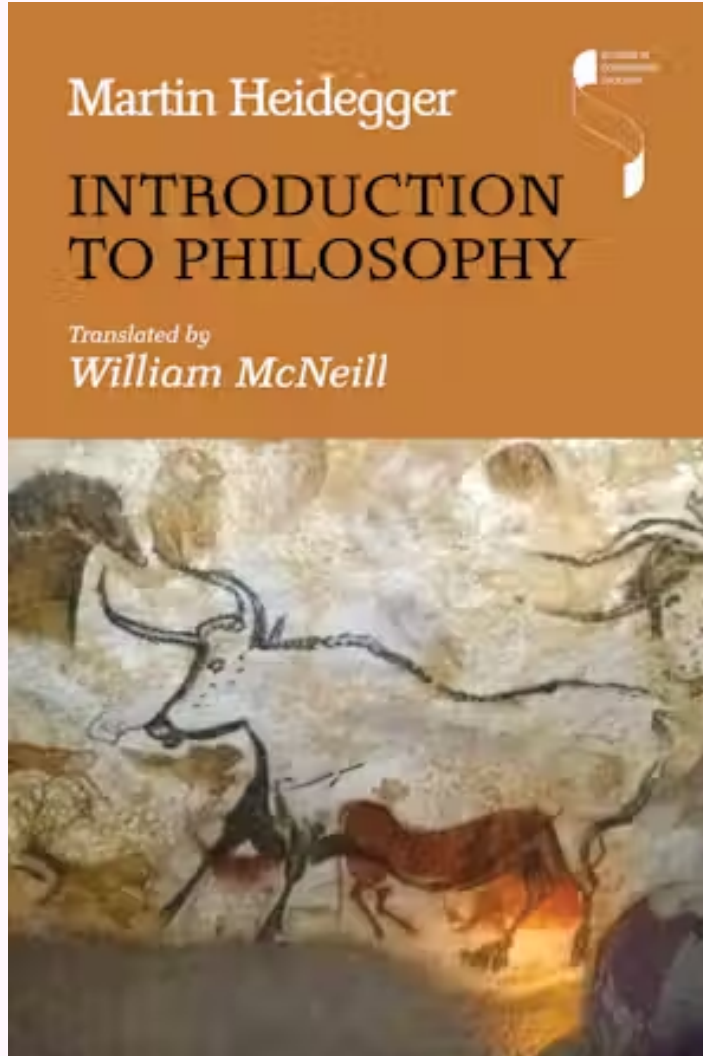
Mary Jeanne
Larrabee

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-Usselman 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

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FOUCAULT AND THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL

DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE-STUDENT CONFERENCE 2024
DAY 1: Friday 20th SEPTEMBER:
Arts and Letters Room 413

- 10:00 OPENING OF CONFERENCE
- 10:30-12:45 **ASTHETICS AND POLITICS**
 - All the Beauty and the Bloodshed — Reading On Blood's Aesthetics with Adorno by Wangchen Zhou (Yale University)
 - Just Dandy: Foucault and Adorno's Aesthetic Revolution by Matthew Hewitt and Fritz Reves (The New School for Social Research)
 - Liberative Aesthetics, and Necessity: On the Influence of Friedrich Schiller on the Work of Herbert Marcuse by Scott Peyton (Michigan State University)
- 12:30-15:45 **ETHICS, GAZE, SEX SOCIETY**
 - Ethics — Subjects, Subjectivity, and Society in Foucault and Adorno by Marie Louler Stines (The New School for Social Research) (online)
 - 1615 Comparative Perspectives on Gary E. Larson's Foucault, and Adorno by Pretop (Michigan State University)
 - 15th Adorno's Thesis on Need, Reflection and Caring Attention by Delphine Michard (Michigan State University)
- 16:15-18:15 **RETHINKING FOUCAULT**
 - Foucault's Historic Critical Attitude and Global Knowledge by Alexander Heiberg (Miami University of Ohio)
 - Rethinking Marcuse: Foucault's Multilateral Critique as a One-Dimensional Subject by Marius Wakefield (George Mason University)
 - What if Foucault had survived 6802? by Cristina Gonzalez Arizola (Albert Ludwigs Universität Freiburg)

FOUCAULT AND THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL

DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE-STUDENT CONFERENCE 2024
DAY 2: SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER:
Schmitt Academic Center (SAC) Room 161

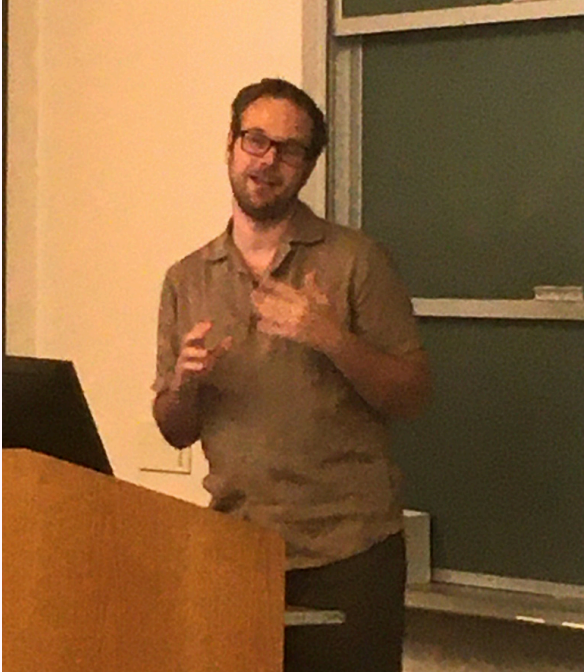
- 9:30-11:45 **STATUS OF CRITICAL THEORY**
 - Critical Task of Philosophy: Enlightening the Intersections between Adorno and Foucault by Meera Cool (University of Liège) and Aliberto Dyckhoff (Charles University, Prague) (online)
 - History and Literary Consciousness: Lukács's The Theory of the Novel and Critical Theory by Joonho 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**
 - Benjamin's Resistance: What is a Publication of the Aesthetic? by Jesse Goodman (Brynmore University)
 - Eugene and Enlightenment: Foucault and Adorno as Art as Philosophy's "Double" by David Alejandro Hernandez (University of Chicago)
- 14:30-16:15 **PSYCHOANALYSIS**
 - The Political Potential of Aesthetics by Jordan Ellington Cook (Stony Brook University) for Psychoanalysis (online)
 - Critical Ideology by Daniel Devesse (The New School for Social Research/Lucanien School)
- 16:15 **STUDENT ADDRESS**
 - Daniele Lorenzini: "Ideology Critique and Genealogy Critique: A Reassessment"
- 18:15-19:15 DINNER AT BECA ABEYA

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 Apeiron.

Graduate Student News & Events



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

Joseph Bermas-Dawes



Graduate Student News & Events



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

Rosa Martins



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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.northamericannietzschesociety.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



Contact Us

**Have something for the newsletter?
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Contributions!*

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