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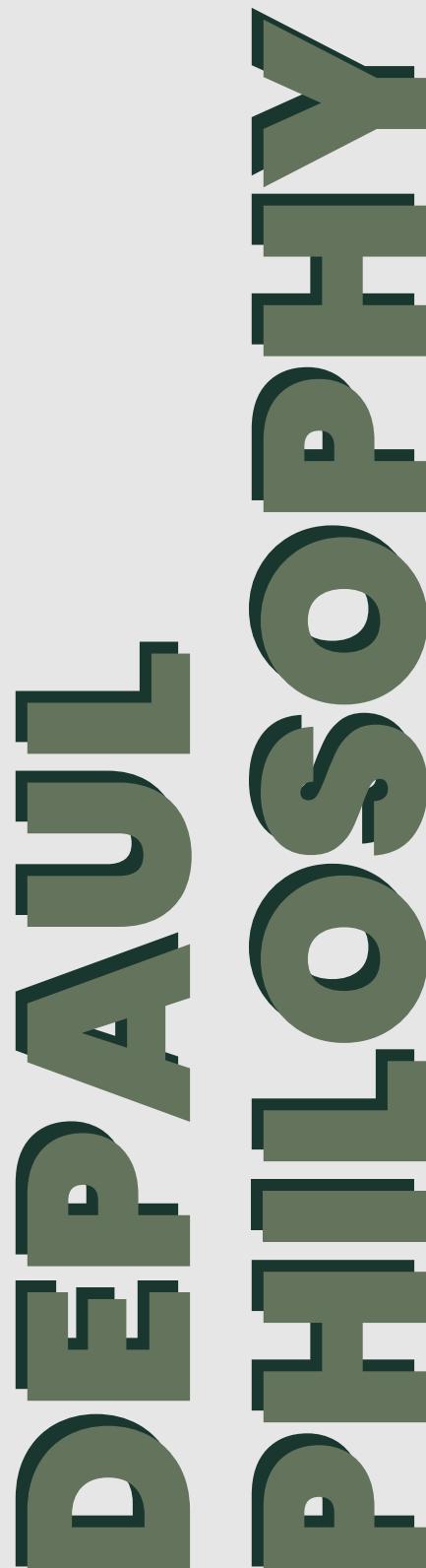
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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

As we come to the end of 2022, I want to thank everyone for the many outstanding contributions to our community. The last four months have given us much to celebrate. The uncertainties caused by the pandemic have left their marks on our students, and so I am especially grateful for the compassion and care you have all demonstrated in helping everyone to cope with the slings and arrows of fortune's fate.

Sharing ideas together in person has been a healing balm for many. We had an excellent slate of speakers over the Autumn Quarter. Lorenzo Rustighi from Padua, discussed his recent book, *Back over the Sexual Contract: A Hegelian Critique of Patriarchy*. C. Riley Snorton our neighbor from University of Chicago, presented on his current project, *Mud: Ecologies of Racial Meaning*. Sam Talcott joined us as the Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial Alumni Lecturer with a fascinating talk on Conguilhem and the history of error. A panel discussion of Chiara Bottici's, *Anarchafeminism*, included our own Mary LeBlanc along with contributions by Penelope Deutscher (Northwestern University) and Eyo Ewara (Loyola). Finally, we were joined by Finnish scholar, Ari-Elmira Hyvönen, who opened a lively discussion on thinking the Anthropocene with Arendt.

We can look forward to a great event celebrating the work of our students on May 26, 2023 when our 9 pairs of doctoral and undergraduate students present their fascinating work. In AQ, we selected our DUOS pairs, who will be working on subjects ranging from Afropessimism, resistance, and nihilism to bodies, the soul, and the metaverse. The figures to be investigated include Fanon, Wynter, Nietzsche, Aristotle, Lacan, Deleuze, and Baudrillard. Congratulations to all of the DUOS recipients – we wish you great success with your important research projects.

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

During AQ, three doctoral students successfully defended their dissertations. Congratulations to Dr. Kemal Isik, Dr. Cameron Coates, and Dr. Eric Aldieri!

I invited our 13th president, Robert Manuel, to our fall graduate student orientation so that he could meet some of DePaul's best teachers, and he was most impressed with the students he met and the work they are doing. We so deeply appreciate our Teaching Fellows.

We can celebrate award-winning teachers -- Jessica Avery was awarded the 2022 Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations Jessica! We can also celebrate award-winning research and writing -- Paula Landerreche Cardillo's essay, "The Theater of Knowledge at the Zero-Point as a Colonial Enterprise: Santiago Castro-Gómez's Engagement with Kant" was awarded the 2022 Essay Prize in Latin American Thought by the APA Committee on Hispanics/Latino/as in Philosophy. Congratulations, Paula!

In the following pages you will also read about the exciting work our faculty are doing.

Wishing everyone joy, peace, and health in 2023!
Elizabeth

VISITING SPEAKERS

LORENZO RUSTIGHI

BACK OVER THE
SEXUAL CONTRACT



A HEGELIAN CRITIQUE OF PATRIARCHY
LORENZO RUSTIGHI

On October 6, Lorenzo Rustighi gave a presentation on his new book, *Back Over the Sexual Contract: A Hegelian Critique of Patriarchy*.

On September 23, C. Riley Snorton presented *On Refuge: Monstrosity, Seriality, Solidarity*, a talk inspired by his upcoming project, *Mud: Ecologies of Racial Meaning*. The talk reflected on the meanings of refuge and reads across time and place to attend to the narratives of maroons and refugees who have taken up residence in swamps.



On November 11, Sam Talcott gave the Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial Alumni Lecture, *Canguilhem Following Canguilhem: History of a Philosophical Engagement With Error*.

VISITING SPEAKERS



On October 21, Chiara Bottici was joined by discussants Penelope Deutscher (Northwestern University), Eyo Ewara (Loyola University-Chicago), and DePaul Graduate Philosophy student Mary LeBlanc for "Author Meets Critics." The guests discussed Bottici's book, *Anarchafeminism*.



On November 4, Dr. Ari-Elmira Hyvönen from the University of Helsinki gave a talk entitled *Thinking the Anthropocene With Arendt: Care, Experience, and Knowledge*.



DUOS

(Doctoral & Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship)

Nine pairs of undergraduate and graduate students received DUOS awards this year; they will be presenting their work at a department event on May 26th, 2023. The students gathered on November 11th, via Zoom, to present an introduction to their research projects.

The Determinants of a Distribution of the Sensible

Graduate Student: Gregory Convertito

Undergraduate Student: Jonathan Galante

Faculty: Professor Richard Lee



The Necessity of Language in Deleuze (Maimonides)

Graduate Student: Evan O'Donnell

Undergraduate Student: Olga Mourgelas

Faculty: Professor Kevin Thompson



Docile Bodies and Digital Selves: Troubling Resistance in the Age of Info Power (MAP)

Graduate Student: Aurora Laybourn-Candlish

Undergraduate Student: Mackenzie Brinn

Faculty: Professor Kevin Thompson



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Between Structure and Subject: Althusser, Lacan, and the Problem of Ideology

Graduate Student: Jack Marchesi

Undergraduate Student: Kiley Vazquez

Faculty: Professor Elizabeth Rottenberg



Colonial/Racial Constructions of the Subject as Human in Frantz Fanon, Sylvia Wynter, and their Legacies in Afropessimism (MAP)

Graduate Student: Julian Rios

Undergraduate Student: Clark Foster-Dykes

Faculty: Professor Rafael Vizcaíno



The Question of the Soul in Nietzsche and Aristotle (MAP)

Graduate Student: Laura Campos

Undergraduate Student: Madison Bosa

Faculty: Professor Sean Kirkland



DUOS

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The Metaverse and the Meaning of the Virtual

Graduate Student: Joel Bock

Undergraduate Student: Joseph Mertes

Faculty: Professor Kevin Thompson



The Path of Modern Nihilism: From Nietzsche to Baudrillard

Graduate Student: Jessica R. Avery

Undergraduate Student: Joel Flores

Faculty: Professor Sean Kirkland



Aristotle and Freud on Habituation and Repetition (Maimonides)

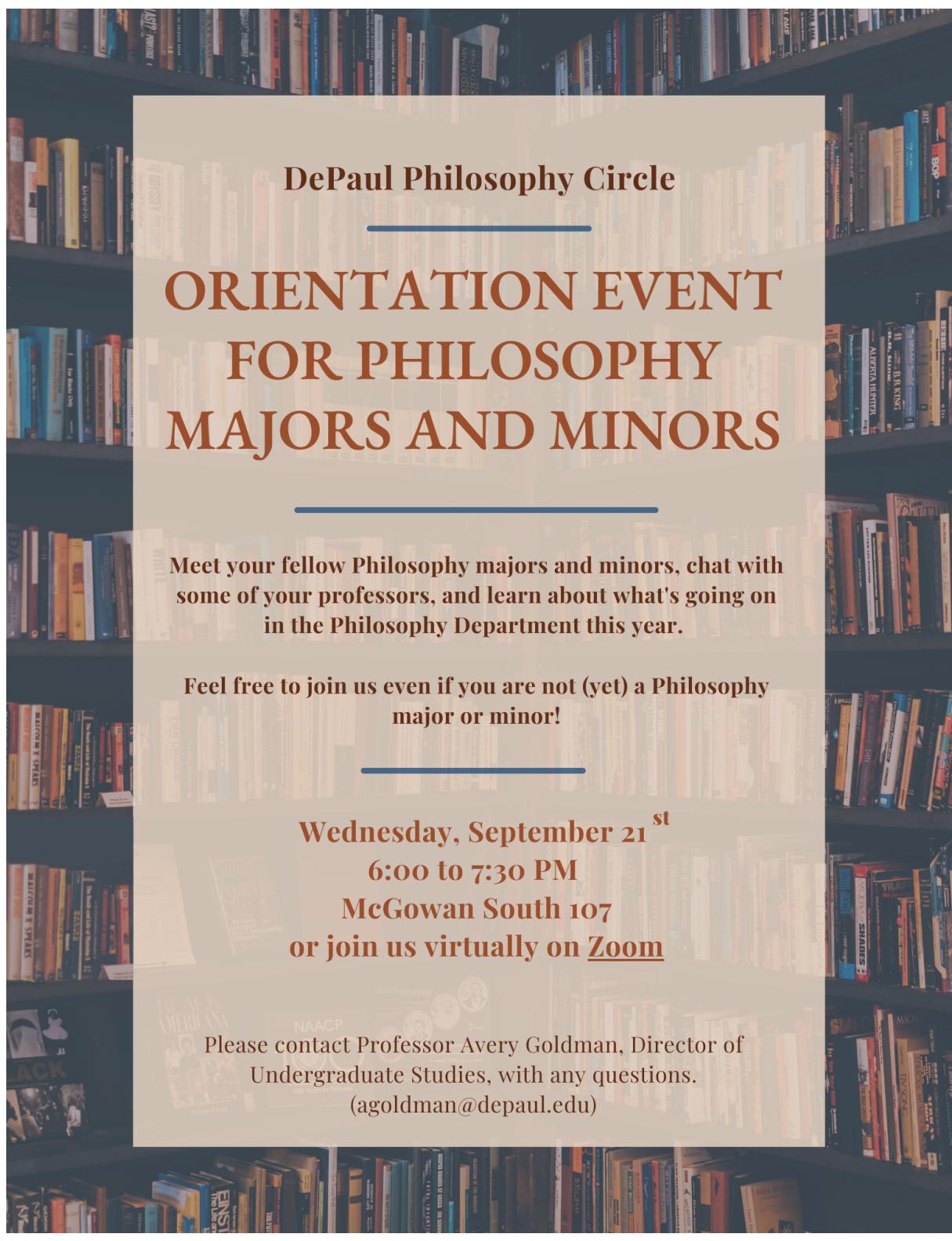
Graduate Student: Michele Moghrabi

Undergraduate Student: Andrew Koller

Faculty: Professor Sean Kirkland



PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE



DePaul Philosophy Circle

ORIENTATION EVENT FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJORS AND MINORS

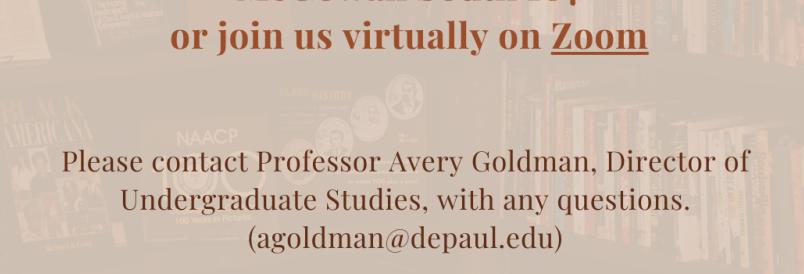
Meet your fellow Philosophy majors and minors, chat with some of your professors, and learn about what's going on in the Philosophy Department this year.

Feel free to join us even if you are not (yet) a Philosophy major or minor!

Wednesday, September 21st

6:00 to 7:30 PM

McGowan South 107
or join us virtually on Zoom



Please contact Professor Avery Goldman, Director of Undergraduate Studies, with any questions.

(agoldman@depaul.edu)

PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE



DePaul Philosophy Circle

Information Session on Applying to Graduate School

Do you want to know more about applying to graduate school? We'll have Professor Peg Birmingham joining us to answer all of your questions.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

MCGOWAN SOUTH 105 AND ZOOM

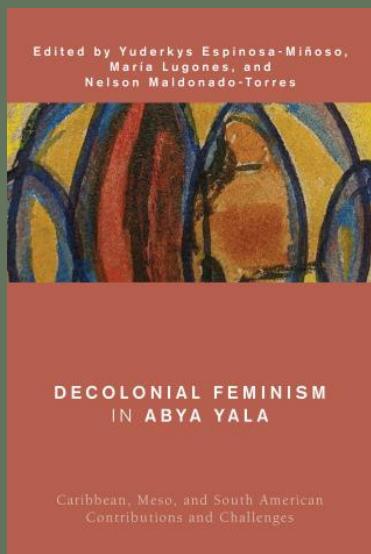
Questions? Please contact Professor Avery Goldman, Director of Undergraduate Studies (agoldman@depaul.edu)

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



"The Past and Revolutionary Action: Some Decolonial Considerations."

For *Philosophy Today*, Rafael Vizcaino published his contribution to the 2021 DePaul book symposium on Fanny Söderbäck's *Revolutionary Time*.



"The Question of the Coloniality of Democracy"

Rafael Vizcaíno published his translation of Breny Mendoza's work for the anthology *Decolonial Feminism in Abya Yala*, edited by Yuderkys Espinosa Miñoso, the late María Lugones, and Nelson Maldonado-Torres.

FACULTY NEWS



ELIZABETH MILLAN presented her paper, “The Philosophical Garden of Forking Paths: Schlegel’s Wechselerweis as the Product of the Art of the Imagination in Kant and Fichte,” as an invitee at the 11th International Fichte Society meeting, *Paradigmen der Rationalität*. She also presented for round-table discussion “Fichte in the Americas,” her collection with Jimena Solé. The meeting was held from 28 September-1 October 2022 in Leipzig, Germany. Elizabeth is pictured with Fichte scholar Dan Breazeale in Leipzig, Germany.

Elizabeth was also awarded a Faculty Summer Research and Development Grant for work on Philosophers of Freedom: J.G. Fichte and Alain Locke.

Elizabeth presented her paper, “Raza, Naturaleza y Progreso en America Latina: La Línea de Alexander von Humboldt a Santiago Castro-Gómez” via Zoom for the meeting, *Santiago Castro-Gómez: contribuciones y retos a las ciencias sociales y la filosofía* in Bogotà, Colombia. The meeting was held 20-21 October 2022.

Elizabeth presented “Freedom, Mastery, and Humboldt’s Naturgemälde,” an invited talk for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Georgia on 1 December 2022.

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Dr. DARYL KOEHN presented her paper “Rethinking Fraud” at the Society for Business Ethics Annual meeting held in Seattle from August 2 through 5, 2022.

She also presented her paper “Ethics by Organizational Type” at the International Society for Business Ethics and Economics, which met this year in Bilbao Spain July 20 through 22.

This fall, RAFAEL VIZCAÍNO presented papers at the Caribbean Philosophical Association, the American Academy of Religion (twice), the Midwest Race Theory Workshop, and at the “Racial Contract at 25” conference, held at UIC in memory of Charles W. Mills.

Rafael was also invited to respond at this year’s Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Junior Scholar Award Session.



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MARY JEANNE LARRABEE attended meetings in Denver of the American Academy of Religion, the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, and the Society for Buddhist and Christian Studies. The theme of the AAR was catastrophe—for individuals, societies and nations, the climate and Nature.

KEVIN THOMPSON presented a paper, “Lines of Flight, Lines of Escape: The GIP, George Jackson, and the Black Panthers as a War Machine,” at The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.

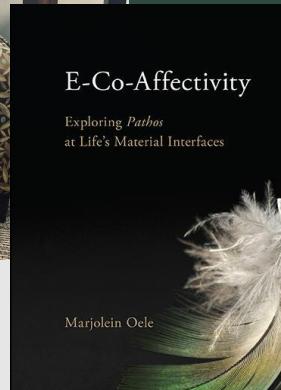
He also presented a paper, “Critical Patriotism: Hegel on Virtue, Trust, and the Public Sphere,” at the Twenty-Sixth Biennial Meeting of the Hegel Society of America.

He participated as a panelist for an APA webinar, "Tips on Applying to Graduate School in Philosophy". (We can hyperlink this for the online pdf version: <https://www.apaonline.org/news/621776/APA-On-Demand-Tips-on-Applying-to-Graduate-School-in-Philosophy-webinar-replay-now-available.html>)

Kevin was elected as the President of the Hegel Society of America.



FACULTY NEWS



At the annual meeting of SPEP in Oct. 2022, SEAN KIRKLAND presented a paper on a recent book, Marjolein Oele's E-co-Affectivity: Exploring Pathos at Life's Material Interfaces (SUNY Press, 2020). His paper was called "Everything daimonic is in-between": On Marjolein Oele's E-Co-Affectivity."

PEG BIRMINGHAM participated in two conferences this fall. In November, she presented her paper, "The Use of Beauty: Hannah Arendt and the Artifice of the World" at the conference, *Hannah Arendt und die Weltlichkeit der Künste* in Zurich. In December, she was a featured as a panelist at the "Arendt on Earth" Project as a part of the Society for Women of Ideas.

The Society for Women of Ideas Presents:

THE "ARENDT ON EARTH" PROJECT

~A PANEL DISCUSSION~

DECEMBER 9, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. EST



HANNAH ARENDT UND DIE WELTLICHKEIT DER KÜNSTE -----

17.-19. November 2022 -----
ZHdK, Pfingstweidstrasse 96, 8005 Zürich -----

Tagung an der ZHdK, Kooperation des Forschungsschwerpunkts -----
Ästhetik (ZHdK) mit der Hannah Arendt Edition. Kritische -----
Gesamtausgabe (Freie Universität Berlin) -----

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



PAULA LANDERRECHE CARDILLO presented her paper, "The Theater of Knowledge at the Zero-Point as a Colonial Enterprise" in a panel with Julián Ríos Acuña titled "(De)Coloniality, Knowledge, Localization, Republicanism: Themes and Issues in Santiago Castro-Gómez's Thought."

She also presented another paper, "Writing in the Face of Horrorism and Necropolitical Violence: Rivera Garza's Dialogue with Cavarero" at the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy's conference about "Aftermath."

She has presented with Elizabeth Millán and Julián Ríos Acuña in a conference honoring Santiago Castro Gómez organized by Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia.

Paula has been awarded the 2022 Essay Prize in Latin American Thought by The APA Committee on Hispanics/Latinxs in Philosophy for her essay, "The Theater of Knowledge at the Zero-Point as a Colonial Enterprise: Santiago Castro-Gómez's Engagement with Kant." The selection Committee commended Paula for her excellent contribution, which they found innovative, rigorous, and the very best representative English-language essay in Latin American Thought of 2022.

The APA committee on Hispanics/Latinxs sponsors the annual Essay Prize in Latin American Thought, which is awarded to the author of the best unpublished, English-language, philosophical essay in Latin American thought. The purpose of this prize is to encourage fruitful work in Latin American thought. Eligible essays must contain original arguments and broach philosophical topics clearly related to the experiences of Hispanic Americans and Latinxs. The winning essay will be published in the APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy .

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS



JESSICA AVERY was chosen as the winner of the 2022 Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award.

Gregory Convertito presented his paper “Rendering the Americas Legible in Sarmiento’s *Facundo*” at the Southeast Roundtable on Philosophy of the Americas (at UNC Charlotte) On September 16.

HE also presented his paper “Rancière against ‘World’” at the Northwestern Graduate Student Political Theory Conference (at Northwestern University) On November 11.



SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

M.Kemal Isik

Kemal successfully defended his dissertation, "Eleusis contra Delphi: The Idea of Eternal Return in Nietzsche, Heraclitus, and the Greek Mystery Cults," on September 26th, 2022.



"Kemal's dissertation excavates broadly in Greek culture, religion and religious practice, literature, and philosophy to uncover a consistent emphasis on and especially a contentment with human finitude, in connection with a certain experience of time. Indeed, it traces the shifting meaning of the Greek term *aiôn* or 'eternity, lifetime, age' over the whole of the Archaic and Classical periods.

And to this it adds an impressive treatment of the contours of the Nietzsche's tragic philosophy, showing the way the thought of the eternal recurrence of the same emphasizes and confronts the reader with the finitude of human life, power, and understanding. Finally, in a synthesizing move it is hard to imagine anyone but Kemal daring to make, the dissertation demonstrates the deep and substantive affinity between these two temporal ideas, *aiôn* and Eternal Recurrence, and establishes the strong likelihood that Nietzsche's early philological study of the former was an influence on and inspiration for his later thinking of the latter. "

- Sean D. Kirkland and Will McNeill
(Co-Directors)

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

Cameron Coates

Cameron successfully defended his dissertation, "Aristotle on the Concept of Life," on November 21st, 2022.



"Cameron's dissertation, *Aristotle on the Concept of Life*, offers a new and profoundly illuminating approach to Aristotle's ontology of life. In it, he succeeds in resolving what has been a major problem for scholarship on Aristotle, namely the seemingly non-univocal character of the concept of life, which is at the very center of Aristotelian psychology, biology, and even metaphysics. It will doubtless be a scholarly contribution of great importance."

- Sean D. Kirkland

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED DISSERTATIONS

Eric Aldieri

Eric successfully defended his dissertation, "Loving without Memory: Immanent Soteriology from Deleuze's Spinoza to Spinoza's Deleuze", on December 2nd, 2022.



Eric Aldieri's dissertation offered a profound study of a largely neglected dimension of Deleuze's work, his epistemology, through an innovative analysis of the problematic of soteriology in his thought. Eric argued that a sustained engagement with Spinoza's famous three types of knowledge provides a key to tracking the development of Deleuze's account of knowledge of difference as impersonal and immanent, yet salvific. The committee found both the work and the defense to be exceptionally impressive and, as such, the project passed with distinction.

- Kevin Thompson

EVENTS & CONFERENCES



2022-23 Orientation

Orientation Dinner



STAFF & STUDENT WORKER NEWS



Nicole, along with friends, recently hosted a World Cup Watch Party, where they raised \$785 for the the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Ayesha has successfully completed her internship at leading technology solutions that power digital transformation for property & casualty insurance.



We recently hired a new student worker, Maxwell Murray. Maxwell is a student at DePaul majoring in African and Black Diaspora studies. He drew inspiration from philosophy and his experiences growing up in Detroit to explore his identity and choose this major. Maxwell is the founder of the Urban Football League, a community soccer program that hosts pickup games and youth training for the Black community in Chicago. We're excited to have him join us!

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES 2022-23

PHL UNDERGRAD COURSES 2022-2023

| Autumn | Winter | Spring |
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| HISTORY SEQUENCE | | |
| PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy TTH 9:40-11:10 David White | | PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50 (online) Will McNeill |
| | PHL 294 – Medieval Philosophy TTH 11:20-12:50 Richard Lee | PHL 295 – Early Modern Philosophy TTH 11:20-12:50 Avery Goldman |
| PHL 296 – Kant and the 19 th Century MW 11:20-12:50 Avery Goldman | PHL 297 – 20 th Century Philosophy MW 9:40-11:10 Frédéric Seyler | |
| COGNITIVE SKILLS | | |
| PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online Mary Jeanne Larrabee | PHL 280 – Critical Thinking MW 2:40-4:10 Ellery Beard | PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online Mary Jeanne Larrabee |
| | | |
| 300-LEVEL MAJOR FIELD ELECTIVES | | |
| PHL 342 – Philosophy of Law TTH 1:00-2:30 Peg Birmingham | PHL 320 – Metaphysics TTH 9:40-11:10 David White | PHL 325 – Basics of Phenomenology TTH 2:40-4:10 Avery Goldman |
| PHL 357 / PHL 557 – Topics in Psychoanalysis M 3:00-6:15pm (by permission only) Elizabeth Rottenberg | PHL 341 Aesthetics MW 1:00-2:30 Frédéric Seyler | PHL 362 – Aristotle (online) TTH 11:20-12:50 Will McNeill |
| PHL 363 – Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy MW 1:00-2:30 Richard Lee | PHL 388 / PHL 657 – Topics in Comparative Philosophy W 3:00-6:15pm (by permission only) Rafael Vizcaíno | PHL 382 – Dramatic Theory: Comedy TTH 1:00-2:30 Richard Lee |
| SENIOR CAPSTONE | | |
| PHL 391 – Capstone: Moral Dilemmas MW 2:40-4:10 Daryl Koehn | | PHL 391 – Capstone MW 4:20-5:50 Sean D. Kirkland |

GRADUATE COURSES

2022-23

GRADUATE COURSES 2022-2023

| | Fall | Winter | Spring |
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| HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY (IN REVERSE) | PHL 515 – Hegel I The Encyclopedia Logic Kevin Thompson TH 3:00-6:15 [H-II] | PHL 435 – Descartes Richard Lee T 3:00-6:15 [H-II] | PHL 410 – Plato I Plato's Frenemies: Of Sophistry, Poetry, & Rhetoric Michael Naas T 3:00-6:15 [H-I] |
| PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY | PHL 525 – Nietzsche Nietzsche on History: Tragedy, Philology, Historiography Sean D. Kirkland T 3:00-6:15 [H-II] | PHL 500 – Special Topics in the History of Philosophy Nietzsche as History: Bataille, Foucault, Derrida, Irigaray, etc. Sean D. Kirkland M 3:00-6:15 [H-II] | PHL 557 – Topics in Continental Philosophy Phenomenology and the Body Mary Jeanne Larrabee W 3:00-6:15 [CE] |
| SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY | PHL 661 – Topics in Feminist Theory Singularity, Vulnerability, Narration (Cavarero, Butler, and Black Feminist Thought) Fanny Söderbäck W 3:00-6:15 [NP] (online) | PHL 657 – Topics in Social and Political Thought The Myth of Modernity Rafael Vizcaíno W 3:00-6:15 [NP] | PHL 522 – Social and Political Philosophy Race, Nature, and Progress in Latin America: Tracing a Line from Alexander von Humboldt to Santiago Castro-Gómez Elizabeth Millán Brusslan M 3:00-6:15 [NP] |
| PSYCHO/SCHIZO- ANALYSIS | PHL 557 – Topics in Continental Philosophy Sigmund Freud: Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask Elizabeth Rottenberg M 3:00-6:15 [CE] | PHL 590 – Trends in Contemporary French Philosophy Deleuze and the Concept of Experience I Peg Birmingham TH 3:00-6:15 [CE] | PHL 629 – Seminar on Contemporary Problems Deleuze and the Concept of Experience II Peg Birmingham TH 3:00-6:15 [NP] |

Distribution Requirement Key:

H-I = History of Western PHL (Ancient or Medieval)
H-II = History of Western PHL (Modern or 19th Century)

NP = Normative Philosophy
CE = Contemporary European Philosophy

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