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DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY

A Letter from the Chair



Dear Friends of DePaul Philosophy,

As we conclude another academic year, I am struck by how much our department has accomplished through the collective efforts of our faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends. Regina Robinson, our wonderful Administrative Assistant, and Levi Bjork, our talented student worker, put together all of the newsletter submissions in a beautiful way – they and our student worker, Keera Stelmak, make our department run smoothly and with great hospitality – we appreciate all they do. The Newsletter gives you just a glimpse of all the work being done in our department. One of the great privileges of serving as Chair is working with so many talented individuals – being surrounded by that talent and energy is just as refreshing as a walk on the beach in Santa Cruz, California! Good colleagues, students, and friends are like trees that provide shelter from all of the storms that may brew, a shelter similar to the strength of a giant Sequoia tree. For context of these similes, see the photos on this page.

We were lucky to enjoy the company of Giulia Valpione over the last two years. Giulia's research stay was funded by the Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Global Fellowship – she shared her exciting work on Humboldt and the early German Romantics and offered our students many resources for exploring post-doc opportunities in Europe.

In the Newsletter you can read about the research projects done by eight teams of doctoral and undergraduate students. The DUOS Fellowship program and the Maimonides Fund that enables our students to develop original research projects from which we all benefit.

This year we celebrated an impressive range of achievements. As you will see in the Newsletter, our faculty published books and articles, presented research in Europe, Asia, the United States - organized conferences and seminars, and received well-



deserved recognition for their scholarship and teaching. Several doctoral candidates successfully defended their dissertations: congratulations to Drs. Campos, O'Donnell, Ramos, and Zizzo! We look forward to the valuable additions you will make to the field.

Our exciting roster of visiting speakers both on Zoom and in person brought our community together for valuable discussions and dialogue. Elaine Miller (Miami University, Ohio) joined us in person to give the Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial Alumni Lecture.

In one of our last events of the year, we celebrated our cherished colleague, Daryl Koehn. In the photos, you will see Pat Werhane (former Wicklander Chair) at the celebration. Daryl Koehn served the Department of Philosophy from 1991-1998 and then from 2015 to the present. As the Wicklander Chair and Director of the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics (IBPE), Daryl has made DePaul a center for the promotion of public discussion of ethical issues. Since her return to DePaul in 2015, Daryl has organized and run the International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference. Under Daryl's leadership, the *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*, which is housed at IBPE, has grown and is listed among the top five business ethics journals. We have all benefited from Daryl's service and dedication to the University and to our students. Daryl Koehn is not only a remarkable scholar but also a remarkable human being, and we were fortunate to have her at DePaul for so many years. We wish you health, peace, and joy in retirement!

Our department continues to create spaces where difficult questions can be explored with depth and precision. At a time when public discourse is often marked by division and lazy anger, philosophy remains an indispensable practice of slow, careful thinking, attentive listening, and respectful dialogue. The Tony-award winning actor, André DeShields, understands the power of slow, careful moves, reminding us that "slowly is the fastest way to get to where you need to be."

Over the summer, take it easy, and take things slowly,

Elizabeth Millán Brusslan
Professor and Chair, Philosophy
Department of Philosophy
DePaul University



Visiting Scholar

**“What is the History of Political Ecology?
Nature, the Human and Freedom in Early
German Romanticism and Alexander
von Humboldt”**

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RICHARDSON LIBRARY (2320 N. KENMORE AVE.), ROOM 300



Giulia Valpione

Marie Curie Fellow, DePaul / ENS, Paris

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Dear all,
These past two years have really flown by!
I want to thank you all for welcoming me so
warmly in Chicago and for everything I learned
from you these past months. I will always
remember your intelligence and kindness. The
memories of our long conversations will keep
me company in Paris.

I hope we meet again soon!

– Giulia

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École Normale Supérieure/CNRS - Paris  
Post-Doc (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow)

Forthcoming: The Romantic Self. Sovereignty  
and the Politics of Nature (Cambridge University  
Press). <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009571517>

PI of the project: HOPE-German Romanticism: a  
History of Political Ecology

**“Success in Graduate School:  
European Postdoc Opportunities**



**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

**Dr. Giulia Valpione, ENS/CNRS  
(Paris) and Visiting Scholar at  
DePaul University has graciously  
agreed to present information  
about postdoc opportunities  
throughout Europe, with a  
special emphasis on the Marie  
Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral  
Fellowship, of which she is a  
current fellow.**



QUESTIONS? PROFESSOR KEVIN THOMPSON, [KTHOMP12@DEPAUL.EDU](mailto:KTHOMP12@DEPAUL.EDU)  
DR. VALPIONE, [GVALPION@DEPAUL.EDU](mailto:GVALPION@DEPAUL.EDU)



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# Visiting Speakers

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Nicholas Royle  
University of Sussex

Of Hospitality:  
On Sitting Down to Read  
*To the Lighthouse* Once Again

Friday, January 23  
1:00-3:00 PM (CST)  
Zoom

Zoom Link:  


For more information: [philosophy@depaul.edu](mailto:philosophy@depaul.edu)



Philosophy Department  
2025-26 Guest Speaker  
Series:  
Nicholas Royle,  
University of Sussex  
"Of Hospitality: On Sitting  
Down to Read *To the Lighthouse*  
Once Again"

"The Place of Mexican Humanism  
in Mexican Philosophy and  
Beyond: A Friendly Introduction"



Robert E. Sanchez  
(Occidental College)

Samuel Ramos  
Toward a New  
Humanism  
and Related Writings

Edited and Translated, with an Introduction, by  
Robert E. Sanchez Jr.

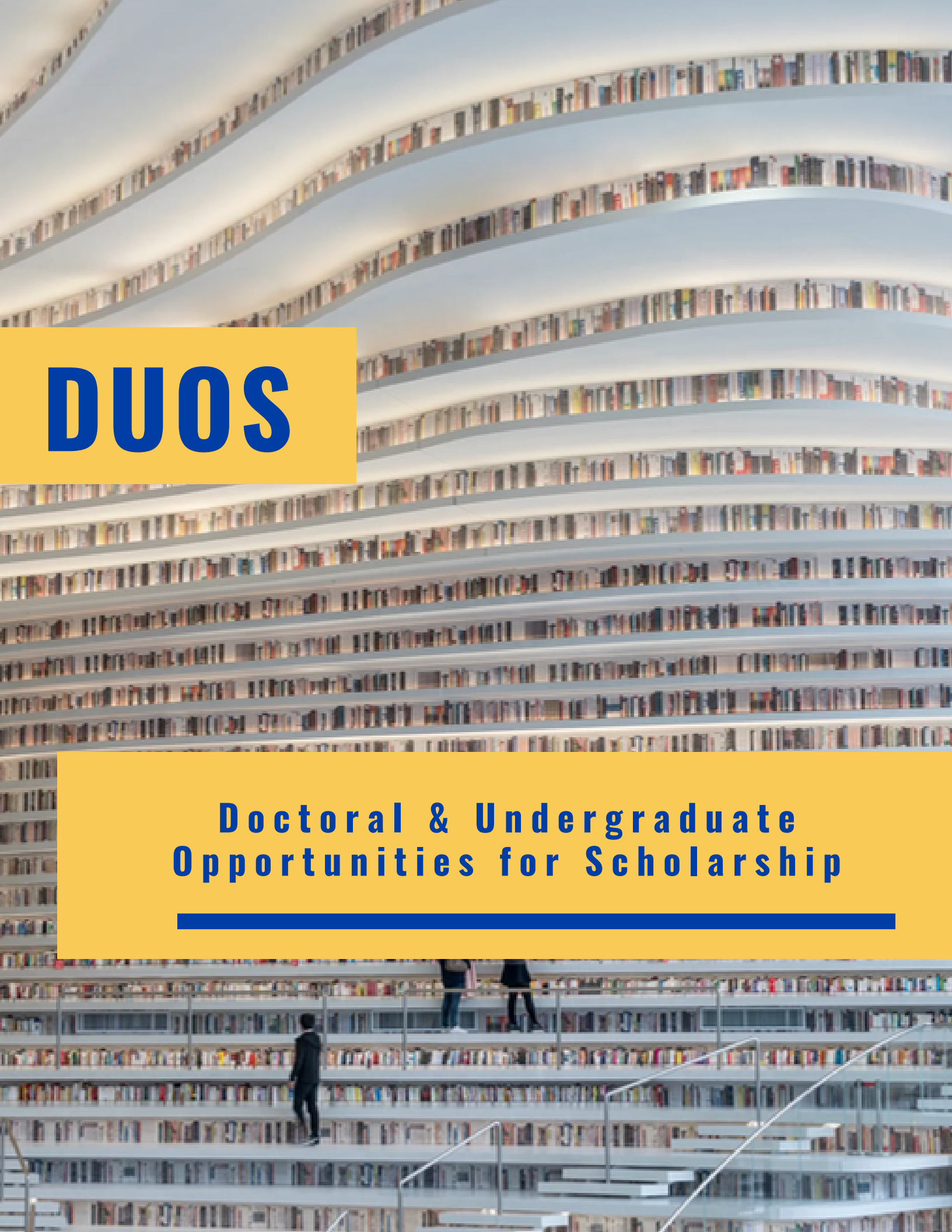
Friday, May 1, 2026  
4:00-6:00 pm via Zoom



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# **DUOS**

**Doctoral & Undergraduate  
Opportunities for Scholarship**

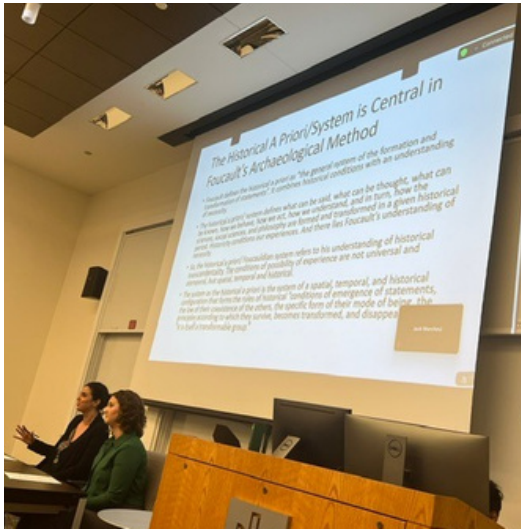
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# DUOS Presentations

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Eight pairs of undergraduate and graduate students received DUOS awards this year and presented their work on May 22, 2026.

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The Open Limits of Necessity: System and the Historical A Priori in Foucault's Archaeological Method (*Maimonides*)

**Undergraduate Student:** Kennedy Farley

**Graduate Student:** Almira Mert

**Faculty Advisor:** Kevin Thompson

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Reference as Translatability: Meaning as Process

**Undergraduate Student:** Isabella Russomanno

**Graduate Student:** Çiçek Yavuz

**Faculty Advisor:** Kevin Thompson

# DUOS Presentations



Immanence and Reference: A Study in Deleuze's Philosophy of Science

**Undergraduate Student:** Fred Peters

**Graduate Student:** Jack Marchesi

**Faculty Advisor:** Peg Birmingham



The Algorithmic Axiomatic: Capitalism, Machine Learning, and Capture

**Undergraduate Student:** Luca Brien

**Graduate Student:** Harry Brennan

**Faculty Advisor:** Kevin Thompson



The Apocalypse of the Self

**Undergraduate Student:** Henry Rowe

**Graduate Student:** John Gould

**Faculty Advisor:** Richard Lee

# DUOS Presentations



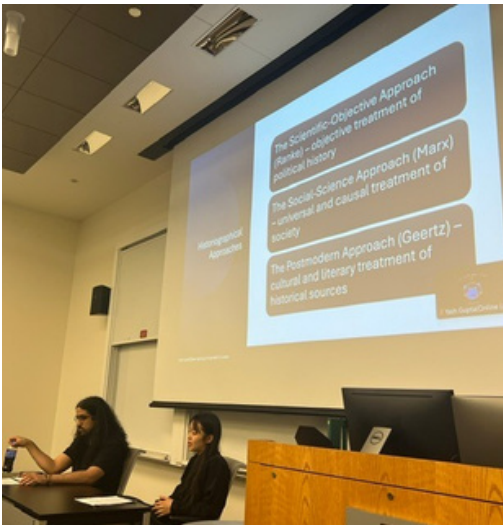
Sublime Suffering: Schiller and Nietzsche on Tragedy (*Maimonides*)

**Undergraduate Student:** Katarina Malinovic

**Graduate Student:** Caroline Loftus

**Faculty Advisor:** Elizabeth Millán Brusslan

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The Immanence of Hegel's Philosophy of World-history to the Contemporary Practice of Historiography

**Undergraduate Student:** Hannah Cho

**Graduate Student:** Mohab Sherif Younis

**Faculty Advisor:** Kevin Thompson

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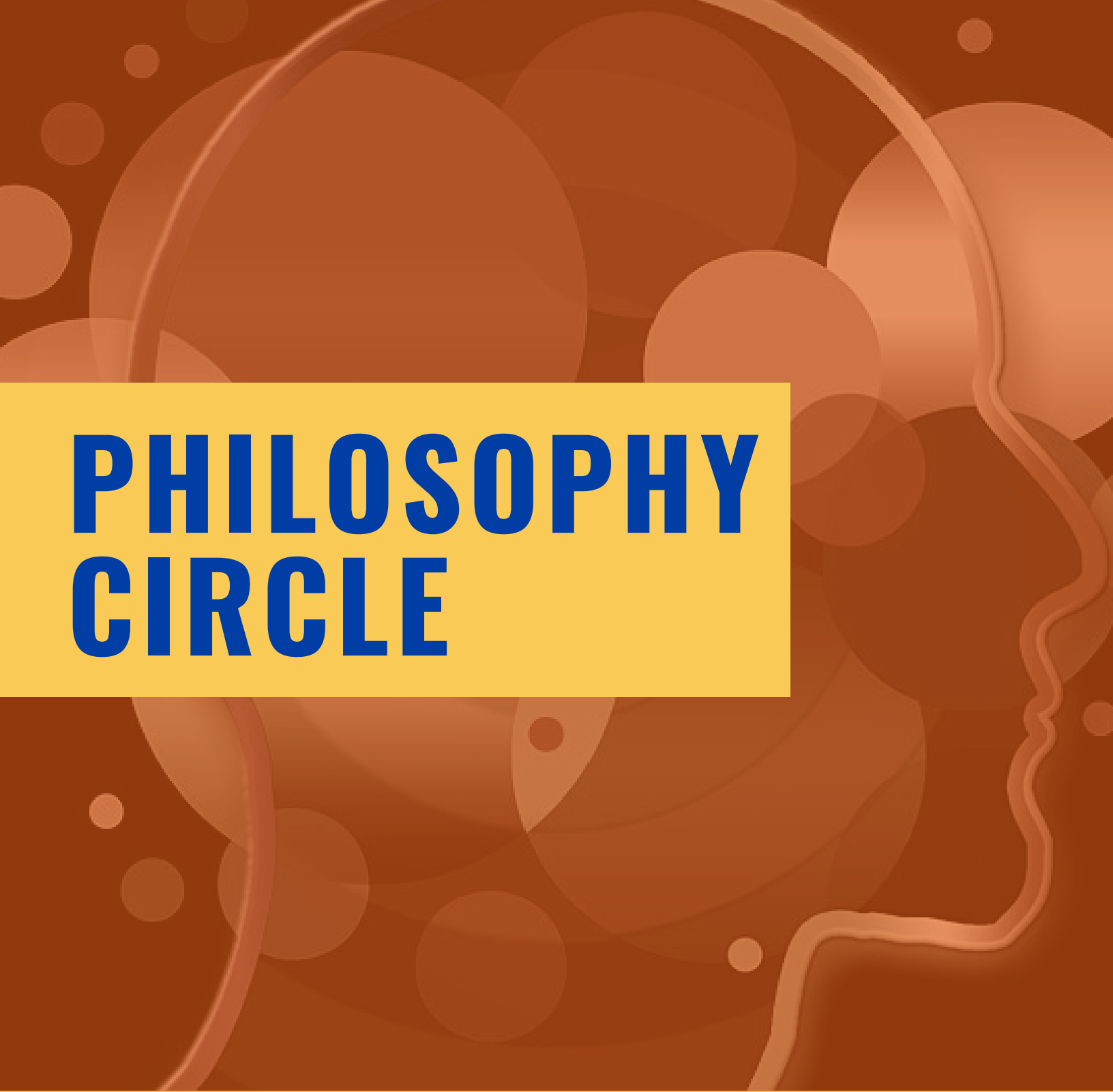


Regression in Adorno: The Subjective Factor in History (MAP)

**Undergraduate Student:** Sruthi (Rue) Karthic

**Graduate Student:** Rosa Martins

**Faculty Advisor:** Andreea Smaranda Aldea

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# **PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE**

**Philosophy Circle**

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## Philosophy Circle So You're Going to Law School?

### Next things to think about when practicing law

Join this informal discussion and bring your questions about what lawyers actually do when they practice law; what types of law are there, what areas of law can one practice, and more!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Via Zoom



Questions?  
Please contact Professor Smaranda Aldea,  
Director of Undergraduate Studies:

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## Philosophy Circle Social

Join the Philosophy Department for an  
informal communal gathering with faculty

*Bring your favorite game if you'd like!*

Wednesday,  
January 21, 2026  
6:00-7:30 PM

Philosophy Department  
Conference Room,  
Clifton, Room 150.33



RSVP:  
philosophy@depaul.edu

For more information contact:  
Professor Smaranda Aldea,  
Undergraduate Director  
aaldea@depaul.edu

Philosophy Circle Presents:

April 1, 2026,  
6:00-7:30 pm

Philosophy  
Department  
Conference  
(2352 N.  
Clifton Ave.),  
Room 150.33

Dr. Kevin Thompson, Professor of Philosophy, DePaul University

## Antimedicine vs Demedicalization:

LESSONS FOR TODAY FROM MICHEL  
FOUCAULT AND THE HEALTH  
INFORMATION GROUP

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## "PIONEERS ON THE WILD FRONTIERS OF LOCAL FASCISM": RETHINKING U.S. FASCISM THROUGH THE BLACK ANTIFASCIST TRADITION



Join the Philosophy Circle  
for a discussion with  
Professor Verena  
Erlenbusch-Anderson  
(University of Illinois  
Urbana-Champaign)

Friday, April 24, 2026  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Clifton Hall, Philosophy  
Conference Room, 2352 N.  
Clifton Ave., Room 150.33

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## Possible Career Paths for Philosophy Majors and Minors

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026  
6:00PM - 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM



Join Department of Philosophy alumni in a  
conversation about how they have used their degree  
in traditional and non-traditional careers.

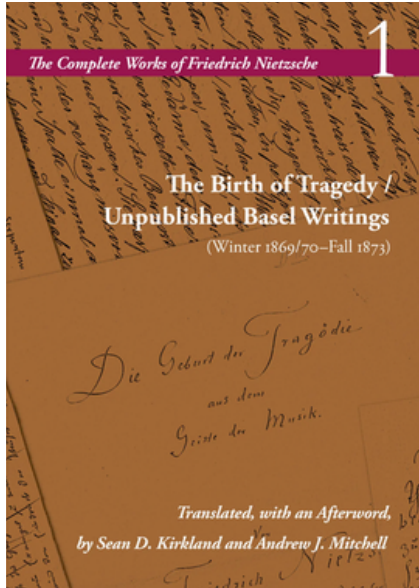
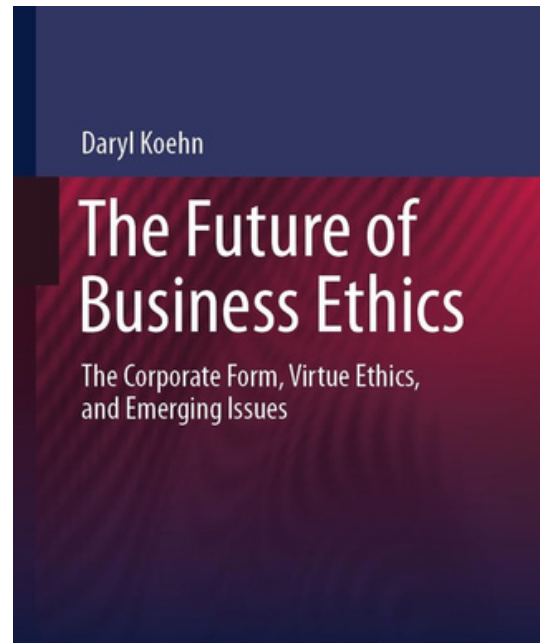
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QUESTIONS? PROFESSOR ANDREEA SMARANDA ALDEA  
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# FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

## *The Future of Business Ethics: The Corporate Form, Virtue Ethics, and Emerging Issues*

Daryl Koehn, Springer (2026)



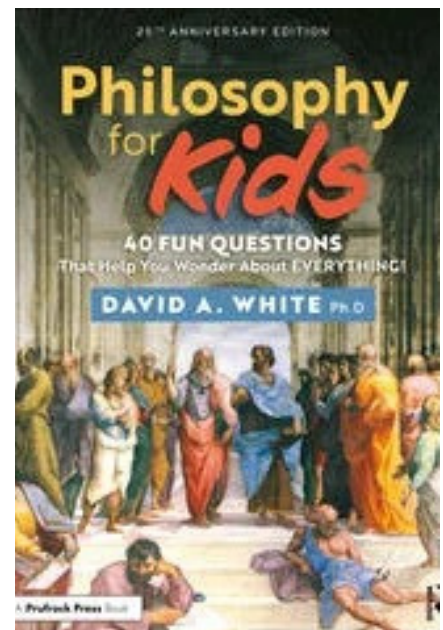
During his early years in Basel, as professor of classical philology, Nietzsche develops an original understanding of ancient Greek poetry, philosophy, and culture, alongside a biting critique of contemporary German society and a call for its reform. These years see him publish his first book, *The Birth of Tragedy*, where tragic drama is understood as the harmonizing of Apollonian and Dionysian drives. In it, Nietzsche traces the rise of tragedy as an art form, diagnoses its demise at the hands of Socratic rationalism, and champions its revival in Wagnerian music drama, as part of a larger project of German national renewal. The unpublished texts gathered here allow us to see *The Birth of Tragedy* within the larger context of Nietzsche's concerns at this time and chart the compositional and interpretive development of that first book while revealing some roads not taken. Included also are three book-length projects: *On the Future of Our Educational Institutions*, a literary presentation of a program for sweeping educational reform in the name of producing the genius; *Five Prefaces to Five Unwritten Books*, a set of short philosophical, cultural, and historical interventions; and *Philosophy in the Tragic Age of the Greeks*, an investigation of early Greek philosophy in its cultural context. The celebrated essay "On Truth and Lies in an Extra-Moral Sense," and two short pro-Wagner pieces, "Exhortation to the Germans" and "A New Year's Word for the Editor of the Weekly *Im neuen Reich*," round out this essential collection of early writings. Extensive translators' annotations supply critical background information and context for Nietzsche's comments on ancient Greek and contemporary German culture.

## *The Birth of Tragedy / Unpublished Basel Writings*

Translated with an afterword, Sean D. Kirkland and Andrew J. Mitchell, Stanford University Press (2026)

## *Philosophy for Kids 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*

The 25th anniversary edition of David White's *Philosophy for Kids* has been published, and there is also a new published translation in Indonesian.



# Faculty News

## Andreea Smaranda Aldea



### Talks

- *Possibilization, Renewal, and the Critical Imagination – A Feminist Phenomenological Approach*, The Annual Meeting of the Husserl Circle, Veracruzana University, Mexico, June 2026 (co-presenter: Délia Popa)
- *Reorientations – Reflexivity, Iterability, and the Methodological Import of the Critical Imagination*, 'Phénoménologie féministe. Travaux en cours' Conference, Toulouse Jean Jaurès University, France, May 2026 (invited)
- *Affectivity, Resistance, Possibilization – Husserl's Anchored Imagination?*, The Annual Spring Symposium of the Boston Phenomenology Circle, April 2026 (invited)
- *Affectivity, Emergence, Possibilization – A Synthetic-Genetic and Generative Account of the Imagination*, Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy, DePaul University, March 2026 (invited)
- *Husserl, Phenomenology, and Historical Reflection*, Utah Valley University's 2026 G. Lawrence Anderson Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, February 2026 (invited; keynote)

## IPRS – Intercontinental Phenomenology Research Seminar (see poster,) Website:

<https://www.intercontinentalphenomenology.org/>



The IPRS seminar supports cutting-edge research in phenomenology, meeting 12 sessions per year, with senior and junior scholars from all corners of the globe. IPRS is designed to function as a platform for rigorous scholarship and dialogue in phenomenological research where diversely innovative approaches contribute to the field and expand it. IPRS is especially committed to supporting junior scholars and scholars whose work in progress would benefit from the in-depth feedback (including Ph.D. students who are currently working on their theses). Starting in the fall 2026, the seminar will team up with the In-Debate Research Group in Germany (based in Hagen, Darmstadt, and Cologne) for a series of 6 talks by prominent scholars. Next year's theme is 'Resistance(s)' and the focus will be feminist and political phenomenology.

### Forthcoming Publications

- *Husserl and Critical Theory*, Special Issue, *Continental Philosophy Review* (co-editor: Sara Heinämaa, forthcoming)
- "Husserl and Critical Theory – Tensions and Resonances," *Continental Philosophy Review*, Special Issue entitled 'Husserl and Critical Theory' (co-authored with Sara Heinämaa; forthcoming journal article).
- "Husserl and Marcuse on Critique and Realizable Historical Alternatives," *Continental Philosophy Review*, Special Issue entitled 'Husserl and Critical Theory' (forthcoming journal article).
- "Affectivity, Emergence, Possibilization – A Synthetic-Genetic and Generative Account of the Imagination," *Metodo: International Studies in Phenomenology and Philosophy*, Special Issue on 'Generativity' (forthcoming journal article)
- "Husserl and Paci on Critique, Renewal, and the Primacy of the Living Present" in *Enzo Paci Today: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Marco Cavallaro & Délia Popa (Eds.), Routledge (forthcoming book chapter)

# Faculty News

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## Tuhin Bhattacharjee

- Tuhin received an LAS Faculty Summer Research Grant for his project, “Freud Travels to Calcutta: Girindrasekhar Bose and the Decolonization of Psychoanalysis.”
  - He has also received a research leave for Autumn Quarter 2026-27 to complete his monograph, tentatively titled, *I Killed My Mother: Maternal Figurations in Ancient Greek and Indian Thought*.
  - Additionally, he was invited as a Plenary Speaker at Santipur College (West Bengal, India) in May 2026, where he gave a talk titled, “At the End of Poros: Planetarity, the Tragic, and the Ethics of Translation.”
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## Sean Kirkland

- Sean received a QIC Excellence in Teaching award.
  - He was also awarded a faculty fellowship from the DePaul Humanities Center.
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## Will McNeill

- Will McNeill edited a book of collected essays by the late Robert E. Wood, *Heidegger in Dialogue*, which was published by Bloomsbury in April 2026. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/heidegger-in-dialogue-9798765153529/>
  - Will also published a chapter titled “The Community of the Unconcealed” in the collection *Irish Phenomenology* (Bloomsbury, October 2025). <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/irish-phenomenology-9798765143766/>
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# Faculty News

**Elizabeth Millán Brusslan**

## Talks (Winter and Spring Quarters)

- “Grasping the Spirit of Nature,” for the meeting, *Nature: Visible and Invisible. Philosophy, Science, and Esotericism in Modern Thought*. May 2026. University of Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy.
- “Surprises and Hermeneutical Blindness: Elements of Philosophy’s Imperfect Canon,” for the workshop, *Temporalities, Histories, and Methodologies of Philosophy*. March 2026. History of Consciousness at University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.
- “Poetry as Republican Discourse and Schlegel’s Call for a New Critique of Philosophy,” for the meeting (attended via Zoom), *Communism of Spirits: Conceptions of Political Life in Classical German Philosophy between Critique and Aesthetics*. February 2026. University of Potsdam/Center for Post-Kantian Philosophy, Germany.
- “The morality of public discussion: a balm in troubled political times” for the panel, *The Role of Philosophy in Perilous Times*. Invited panel for a session of the American Society for Value Inquiry at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. February 2026. Chicago, IL.



**Elizabeth’s Fichte Seminar held in the Art Institute of Chicago Garden**

## Forthcoming Publications

- “Aesthetics and Cultural Liberation in Latin America as a Balm Against Isolationism,” for *Methodological Pluralism in the History of Philosophy*, eds. Marco Tamborini and Andrea Gentili (Berlin: De Gruyter): 143-160.
- “Fichte und die Natur” (in German) for the *Nomos Handbuch*, Johann Gottlieb Fichte. *Leben-Werkk-Wirkung*, eds. Matteo Vincenzo d-Alfonso and Christian Klotz (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2025): 779-781.
- “Fichte und Friedrich Schlegel,” (in German) with Bärbel Frischmann for the *Nomos Handbuch*, Johann Gottlieb Fichte. *Leben-Werkk-Wirkung*, eds. Matteo Vincenzo d-Alfonso and Christian Klotz (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2025): 603-606.
- “The Role of History in Schlegel’s Philosophy: The Case against Isolationism and for Bildung,” for special volume of *Symphilosophie*. *Symphilosophizing in German Romanticism: Relationships, Methods, Ideas*, eds. Michael Forster and Laure Cahen-Maurel.
- “The Question of Nature and Its Relation to the Empirical Sciences in Goethe, Hegel, and Humboldt,” for special volume of *Estudios Hegelianos*, entitled *Hegel and Goethe: On the Relationship between Philosophy, Aesthetics, and Political Theory*, ed. Gregor Schäfer.
- Review of Adrian J. Ivakhiv’s, *The New Lives of Images. Digital Ecologies and Anthropocene Imaginaries in More-than-Human Worlds* (Stanford University Press, 2025) for *Choice Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Vol. 63 No. 8 (April 2026).

# Faculty News

## Rafael Vizcaino

- In winter quarter, Rafael presented a paper on Carlos Pereda's *Mexico Unveiled: Resisting Colonial Vices and Other Complaints*, at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Annual Meeting in Chicago.
- He also organized an online memorial in honor of Eduardo Mendieta (1963-2025), a towering figure in the field of Latin American philosophy, hosted by the Political Theology Network.
- At DePaul, he organized an international panel with Dr. Nicolás Panotto, who flew all the way from Chile to dialogue with our colleague Bill Cavanaugh (Catholic Studies) on the topic of "Religion and Politics in Latin America," an interdisciplinary event organized through the Center for Religion, Culture, and Community, and co-sponsored by the Dialogue Collaborative, the Center for Latino Research, the Department of Latin American & Latino Studies, the Department of Catholic Studies, and the Department of Philosophy.
- In spring, Rafael held a virtual "Global Conversation" on the topic of "Global Alternative Modernities" with Dr. Kurt Mertel (American University of Sharjah, UAE), a discussion that included students from all over the world.
- Rafael was appointed Associate Professor with tenure, for which he would like to thank the entire Philosophy Department and everyone who has supported him during the past six years.

Please join the CRCC for a discussion with Dr. Nicolás Panotto

## RELIGION AND POLITICS IN LATIN AMERICA: A DECOLONIAL PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Nicolás Panotto is a scholar of contemporary theologies, faith and ideology, and comparative religions across the Americas. He also serves as director of Otros Cruces, an organization dedicated to inspiring dialogue, democracy and human rights through knowledge exchanges between faith and reality, religious communities and civil-society organizations, and between spiritual paths and political actors. He is the author of several books and research articles in the field of religion and politics, public theology, and postcolonial theory/theology.



Monday February 2nd, 2026  
SAC 161, LPC  
4:30pm-6:00pm



## IN CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR BILL CAVANAUGH

Event organized by the CRCC, and co-sponsored by: DePaul's Presidential Dialogue Collaborative, the Center for Latino Research, the Department of Latin American & Latino Studies, the Department of Catholic Studies, and the Department of Philosophy.

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**IBPE**

**Institute for Business  
&  
Professional Ethics**

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### 32<sup>nd</sup> International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference

Thursday, October 23-Saturday, October 25, 2025 (In person)  
Theme: *Business Ethics and the Future of Capitalism*

Hosted by DePaul University (Chicago, USA)  
Abstracts Due: June 1, 2025 (500 Words, Word or PDF format)  
Email to: [IVBEC2025@gmail.com](mailto:IVBEC2025@gmail.com)  
Questions? [Summer.Brown15@depaul.edu](mailto:Summer.Brown15@depaul.edu)

Hosted 95 attendees from 13 countries during a two day online conference with the support of our fellow organizer's at St. John's University, Niagara University, and Dublin City University



## DECA Business Ethics Case Competition

- Use Board members and business professionals as judges (Julian Brown and Shibu Howlader)
- Tracks for undergrad and graduate students
- Partner with Collegiate DePaul DECA Team and Crawford Scholars
- Sponsor 2 person Collegiate DePaul DECA team to compete in business ethics competition at DECA Nationals





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# Wicklander Symposium

## & Daryl Koehn Retirement Celebration

June 1, 2026  
5-8pm  
Union League Club of Chicago  
65 W. Jackson, Heritage Room (2nd Flr)  
Formal Reception to Follow

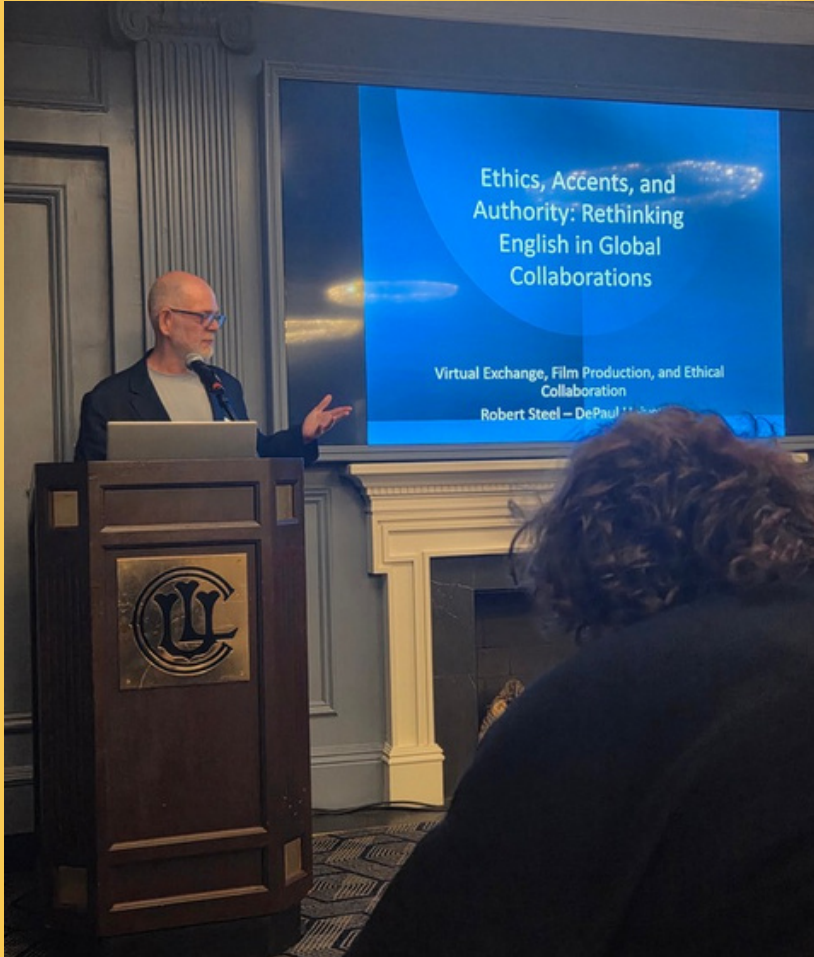
**Prof. Robert Steele**  
Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media- School of Cinematic Arts  
"Ethics, Accents, and Authority: Rethinking English in Global Collaborations"

**Prof. Heather Montes-Ireland**  
College of LASS- Dept of Women & Gender Studies  
"Work at Any Cost? Low-Income Mothers and The Ethics of 'Dignified' Work"

**RSVP by 5/22**  
[sbrown15@depaul.edu](mailto:sbrown15@depaul.edu)



# Wicklander Fellows



The Wicklander Fellowship is awarded annually to full-time DePaul faculty who demonstrate an interest in applied or professional ethics as these topics relate to their particular field of research. Applications are accepted from faculty in any department at DePaul.

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**Wicklander Symposium**  
& Daryl Koehn Retirement Celebration

June 1, 2026  
5-8pm  
Union League Club of Chicago  
65 W. Jackson, Heritage Room (2nd Flr)  
Formal Reception to Follow

**Prof. Robert Steele**  
Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media- School of Cinematic Arts  
"Ethics, Accents, and Authority: Rethinking English in Global Collaborations"

**Prof. Heather Montes-Ireland**  
College of LAAS- Dept of Women & Gender Studies  
"Work at Any Cost? Low-Income Mothers and The Ethics of 'Dignified' Work"

RSVP by 5/22  
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# PHILOSOPHY TODAY

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## PHILOSOPHY TODAY

An International Journal of Contemporary Philosophy

**A PLANETARY AGE: PHILOSOPHY IN A NEW ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

**GUEST EDITOR: TRAVIS HOLLOWAY**

**ESSAYS AND INTERVIEWS**

**TRAVIS HOLLOWAY**

Introduction to the Special Issue on Climate Change

**SINA KRAMER**

"What has come for us in Los Angeles will come for all the rest of us soon enough"

**JOËLLE ZASK**

Introduction to *When the Forest Burns*

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Philosophy Today is pleased to announce the publication of Volume 70:1, winter 2026.

This is a special issue, "A Planetary Age: Philosophy in a New Era of Climate Change," guest edited by Travis Holloway.

Thanks to Caroline Loftus and Will Cox, Philosophy Today's assistant editors, for their excellent work in editing this exciting and rich issue with articles, poetry, interviews, and book reviews that took a great deal of time and effort to edit.

# Graduate Student News & Events

## Joseph Bermas-Dawes

Joseph proudly had an article published in the journal, Open Philosophy, titled "Dualities of Spontaneity: Adorno's Rethinking of a Kantian Concept."

<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/opphil-2025-0111/html>

## Edward Kwok

Edward participated in the 2nd Conference of the East Asia Schelling-Network, held March, 2026, at Academia Sinica in Taipei (Taiwan). This year's topic was "Philosophy of Mythology in Schelling," and he presented his paper entitled "Only the Darkest Night Changes into Day: On Hegel's 'Critique' of Schelling in Phenomenology of Spirit."

## Events

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### Graduate Student Colloquium

Friday, March 6, 2026  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Levan Center, Room 100

ALEX STEELE  
"Thoughts on Socratic Irony"

KATHLEEN LOFTUS  
"Inheriting the Id, Inheriting Freud"

MARY LEBLANC  
"Psychic Drift: Sexual Disposition, Identification, and Gender Constitution in Freud"

Questions? Contact Kevin Thompson, Director of Graduate Studies (kthomp12@depaul.edu)



Edward also published a paper entitled "The Problem of Method and Self-Knowledge in Kant's Transcendental Philosophy" in The Review of Metaphysics, volume 79, number 3 (Issue No, 315), March 2026, pp. 543-589. <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/56596>



# Graduate Student News & Events

## Post Hegelian Horizons: Ruptures, Returns, Echoes

A DePaul University Philosophy Graduate Conference

### Friday February 27

#### First Panel: Political

- Vanessa Guaraca Gonzales: *America, Land of the Future: Prehistory, Temporality, and Ortega's Remaking of Hegel*
- Alexander Drusda: *Hegel contra Critical Theory: The Case for the Hegelian Market Economy*
- Sina Rezaei: *Violence and Decolonization in Fanon's Engagement with Hegel's Master-Slave Dialectic*

9 AM – 1 PM

9:00 – 10:10

10:25 – 11:35

11:50 – 1:00

#### Second Panel: Post-metaphysical

- Bahadır Eren Catal: *Nietzsche as a Dialectician? Understanding 'The Great Health' Through Hegelian Infinity*
- Jesse Goodman: *The Actuality of Incarnation: Kierkegaard's Rupture with Hegel*
- Jake Hirtenstein: *Pharaoh's Geist: Derrida's Isomorphic Sequence*

2 PM – 6 PM

2:00 – 3:10

3:25 – 4:35

4:50 – 6:00

### Saturday February 28

#### Third Panel: Psychoanalytic

- Juliana Cesar: *Recognition and Reconciliation in the Phenomenology of Spirit: the role of the body and vulnerability*
- Rutwij Nakhwa: *The Dialectic of Second Nature and Liberation in Hegel's Patriotism*
- Nicolas Gascon: *The Origin and Silence of the Void in Hegel's Science of Logic*

10 AM – 2 PM

10:00 – 11:10

11:25 – 12:35

12:50 – 2:00

#### Keynote talk

- Karen Ng: *What is the Gattungprozess? Social Freedom and Social Reproduction in Hegel and Marx*

3 PM – 5 PM

February 27-28 2026, Levan 504

For more information: myounis@depaul.edu



### PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE PRESENTS

## HEGEL TODAY: HEGEL'S CONCEPT OF LIFE

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Clifton Hall, 2352 N. Clifton,  
Philosophy Conference Room 150.33

Hegel's  
Concept of  
Life



SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS,  
FREEDOM, LOGIC

Karen Ng

Join the Department of  
Philosophy for a conversation  
on Karen Ng's book, *Hegel's  
Concept of Life*, and learn  
about the upcoming Graduate  
Student Conference where  
Prof. Ng will be the keynote.  
GSA organizers Mohab Younis  
and Çiçek Yavuz will be your  
hosts.

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO RECEIVE THE EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK:  
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# Successfully Defended Dissertations

## Héctor E. Ramos

Héctor successfully defended his dissertation titled "Immeasurable Life: Practice and Process in Philosophies East and West." June 16, 2026.



**IMMEASURABLE LIFE**  
Practice and Process in Philosophies East and West

Dissertation Defense  
**Héctor E. Ramos**  
PhD Candidate in Philosophy



Committee:  
Smaranda Aldea  
Andrea Bellantone  
(Institut Catholique de  
Toulouse)  
Michael Naas  
Frédéric Seyler  
Jason Wirth (Seattle  
University)

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
12 PM Central Time

Arts & Letters, Room 204

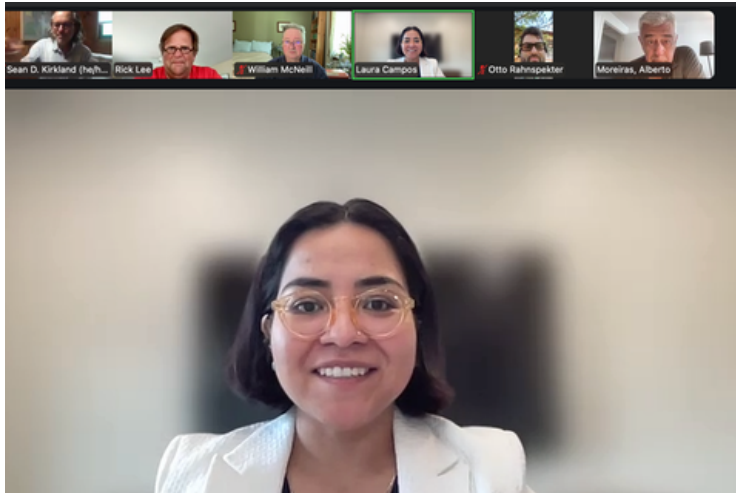
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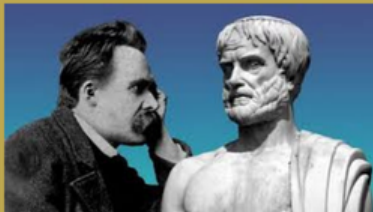
## Laura Campos

Laura successfully defended her dissertation, "Nietzsche's Greek Soul: Traces of Aristotle's Psuchē in the Early Nietzsche" on June 19, 2026 via Zoom..



Congrats!

*Nietzsche's Greek Soul:  
Traces of Aristotle's Psuchē in  
the Early Nietzsche*



Dissertation Defense  
**LAURA CAMPOS**  
Department of  
Philosophy

COMMITTEE:  
Sean Kirkland  
Rick Lee  
Will McNeill

Friday, June 19, 2026  
10:00 am - Noon  
via Zoom

Zoom Link:  
<https://depaul.zoom.us/j/99126112673>

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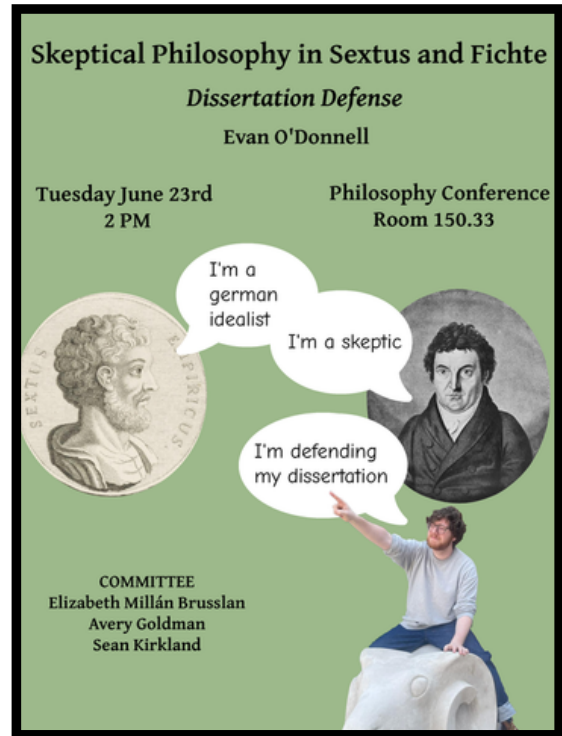


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# Successfully Defended Dissertations

## Evan O'Donnell

Evan successfully defended his dissertation, "Skeptical Philosophy in Sextus and Fichte," with distinction, on June 23, 2026.



# Undergraduate Student News & Events

## Senior Dinner at Paula's Thai Kitchen



**Congratulations to Sheldon T. White  
who defended his MA Thesis titled  
“A Phenomenology on the  
Possibility of Freedom, Grounded in  
the Lifeworld.”**

# ALUMNI NEWS



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**Elaine Miller**  
(Miami University Ohio)

**"Beyond the Intuitive Understanding: Hegel, Goethe, and Kant's *Critique of Judgment*"**

Friday, February 20, 2026  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Richardson, Room 300

For more information:  
[philosophy@depaul.edu](mailto:philosophy@depaul.edu)

**ELAINE MILLER** presented her talk, "Beyond the Intuitive Understanding: Hegel, Goethe, and Kant's *Critique of Judgment*," for the Philosophy Department Pleshette DeArmitt Memorial Alumni lecture.

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**MICHAEL KAZANJIAN**, a retired professor at Triton College, is developing a K-seminar as an interdisciplinary nature of philosophy underlying the disciplines. He is influenced by Camus, Whitehead, Ricoeur, and Mary Midgely. Michael's work includes resolving a flaw he finds in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, and in Wittgenstein's language games. He is expanding ergonomics, and finds a link between expanded ergonomics, phenomenology, cybernetics, and mereology. Michael has found an ergonomic and Ricoeurian approach to Heidegger.

# ALUMNI NEWS



**SAM RIDGE** earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy in spring 2026 from the University of California San Diego and in the fall he will be joining the Department of Philosophy at Bryn Mawr College as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Sam specializes in ethics and moral psychology.

“Thanks to all the professors at DePaul who helped set me on my path of pursuing a career in philosophy!”



**ROBIN UNDERWOOD** is now enrolled in the Cleo Pre-Law Institute at Penn State.

Robin truly believes she is on the right path. “I can’t explain how empowered I feel right now. I already know that it will be a transformative experience,” she said, on her journey to becoming a medical malpractice attorney.

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