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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Words from the Chair

I am delighted at the opportunity to inaugurate our department newsletter. This first issue, edited by Richard Garner, will bring you up to date on some of the more notable recent events in the department. Succeeding issues will highlight research achievements, publications, and other developments. We will begin, as well, to chronicle the adventures and achievements of our alumni, former faculty, and other friends. I hope you will take a few minutes to fill in the form on page 7 and inform us of your present circumstances and accomplishments.

The Philosophy Department was formally established in 1873. Until 1953, the department was largely a service unit with little reputation of note. In 1953, Everett Nelson became its chair, and during his long tenure (1953-1968),



the department established itself as a major center for philosophical research and education. During this period, the number of graduate students rose from 5 to over 60 and the faculty increased from 9 to 18. Under the able leadership of Robert Turnbull (1968-1980) and Alan Hausman (1980-1984) the department continued to develop and flourish. It now houses 25 faculty. It is a well-balanced department, with research activity spread throughout the major areas of philosophical inquiry. Especially well represented are ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology, logic, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, aesthetics, philosophy of mind, and ancient and medieval philosophy.

The department faculty are active in research and publication. The past five years have seen the publication of 10 books and scores of scholarly articles. Every month sees some member of our faculty off on a trip to present a paper or participate in a conference or colloquium, often overseas. The editorial boards of major journals, committees of the American Philosophical Association, and other professional organizations, as well as important university and college committees, are populated with our department faculty. Our influence within the academic community of philosophers, and beyond, is widespread and growing.

While research and graduate ed-

ucation are the major foci of our department, we are very much a part of the important mission of undergraduate education. Our courses remain essential to the core curriculum and are likely to be even more so as the University undergoes curriculum review. Recent years have seen the rise of new courses in applied philosophy, such as business ethics and medical ethics. On the rise, as well, is an interest in cognitive studies and artificial intelligence, an interest that will encourage cooperative research between philosophy, psychology, linguistics, computer science, and other areas. While remaining strong in all the essential areas of philosophical training, the department has been flexible as new and exciting areas of philosophical research have developed.

The future promises many things for the department. As technology continues to advance at an unparalleled rate, the old problems take new forms and philosophers begin to play new roles in our complex society. I find exciting the prospect of chairing a major department as it enters an uncertain, but certainly interesting, period. Through this newsletter, we hope to share some of this excitement with you

Marshall Swain
Chair

New Faculty

Myles Brand is vice president for academic affairs and provost and a professor of philosophy at The Ohio State University. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester in 1967. He came to Ohio State from the University of Arizona, where he was coordinating dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, dean of the social and behavioral sciences faculty, and professor of philosophy since 1981. He also was the head of the Department of Philosophy from 1981 to 1983, and director of the Cognitive Science Program from 1982 to 1984.

His major research areas are in the philosophy of mind, the philosophy of psychology, and analytical metaphysics. He has edited several books and written numerous articles and book chapters; he recently published *Intending and Acting* (MIT Press, Bradford Books). He was a member of the

editorial board for *American Philosophical Quarterly* and is currently a member of the editorial boards of *Philosophical Studies* and *Philosophical Perspectives*, as well as a general editor for the *Arizona Colloquia in Cognition* book series. In press is *The Representation of Knowledge and Belief*, which he is coediting with Robert M. Harnish, and he is currently at work on a new book, *The Nature Of Events*, to be published by Routledge, Kegan Paul.

Diana Raffman is a philosopher and a musician. She received a B.A. in music and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale. She is a former member of the Boston Ballet Company and was principal flutist in



Diane Raffman
the Berkshire Music Center Orchestra at Tanglewood. Her dissertation, *Aesthetics Naturalized*, is an attempt to apply recent cognitive theory to traditional problems in aesthetics. A recently completed paper is entitled "Toward a Cogni-

tive Theory of Ineffability." She teaches aesthetics and philosophy of mind.

Peggy Zeglin Brand is an artist and aesthetician. She received a B.A. in painting and printmaking from the University of Illinois at Chicago (1973) and a M.A. in painting from the University of Wisconsin, Madison (1975). Her Ph.D. is from the University of Illinois at Chicago (1985) where she studied with George Dickie; her dissertation was entitled, "Art and Convention." She taught humanities at the University of Arizona, Tucson, from 1981 to 1986 and will continue teaching courses in comparative studies as well as philosophy. Her current research interests include feminist aesthetics in addition to traditional topics in contemporary aesthetics.

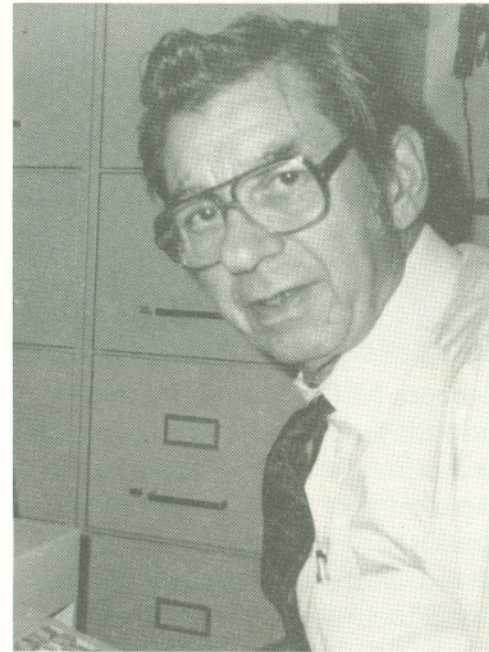


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Philosophy Journal Edited at Ohio State



Robert Turnbull

An annual journal, *Philosophy Research Archives* was founded in 1975 by the American and Canadian Philosophical Associations and the Philosophy Documentation Center with William Alston as its first editor. It began as a microfiche journal with special emphasis on long articles and the work of younger philosophers (though it has published the work of many well-known philosophers). In 1981 Robert Turnbull accepted an invitation to become editor, with the understanding that the journal would shift from microfiche to print publication. Volume VIII (1982-83) was the first printed volume. It and succeeding volumes have been produced by offset plate printing from word-processed copy. Volumes X, XI, and XII, produced with state-of-the-art technology, show hardly any difference from standard typeset

copy. *Archives* is America and Canada's first serious venture into desktop publication of philosophical work.

Archives has a board consisting of representatives of the sponsoring organizations. It has a panel of some 400 editorial consultants, including experts in all the recognized areas and purviews of philosophy. Currently there are about 120 submissions per year, with about 30 acceptances. Manuscripts have been submitted from every state, every Canadian province, Australia, New Zealand, and most of the Western European countries. It is published with no space limitations and has published articles in every recognized area of philosophy—the sole publication criterion being the making of an original contribution to the scholarly discussion of a topic.

Turnbull edits and produces word-processed copy in his office in University Hall. He is assisted by the staff of the Philosophy Documentation Center, a graduate research associate (currently Henry Hoeffgen), and Bette Hellinger (who does the initial word processing). The journal is partially subsidized by the sponsoring organizations and by The Ohio State University.

Turnbull accepted "early retirement" in 1984, but he continues to teach one quarter each year and to edit *Archives*. He remains active in research and publication and is on several scholarly boards, including the National Board of Officers of the APA.

Bette Hellinger Departs for University Press

After nearly 17 years as executive secretary and administrative assistant in the philosophy department, Bette Hellinger resigned last November to accept a position as office manager with the Ohio State University Press. Besides discharging her standard duties, she took an active part in many of the most important departmental activities during her 17 years: planning and hostessing major retirement or "farewell" occasions; developing and using the CAI portion of Philosophy 150; planning the move to the new University Hall; initiating and continuing the custom of celebrating the granting of philosophy degrees in the philosophy commons; hosting department parties and acting as nerve center for placement at APA meetings—and more. Several student generations will fondly remember her "can do" spirit, her dedication to the department, and her collection of photos of department events and the department's children. She can be reached at the Ohio State University Press, 175 Mount Hall, 1050 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210-1002, 614-292-6930.

Department Staff



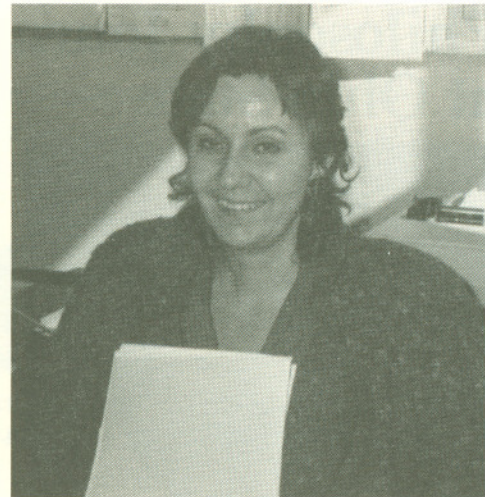
Ann Silverio (call her Toni) joined the department in August as our new secretary. She comes to us from the Admissions Office. She is our receptionist and handles most secretarial duties for the faculty and teaching associates. Tony belongs to a genuine Ohio State family. Her son David graduated from Ohio State in 1985 with a B.A. in philosophy. David and Nick, her husband, are currently teaching associates in the Spanish department. Her son Manuel will graduate from Ohio State this spring with a degree in journalism, and her daughter Cristina entered Ohio State last spring quarter. She is working on a degree in English here at Ohio State.



Debra Blickensderfer started in January as our librarian. She earned a degree from Ohio State in 1983 in women's studies and came to us from the University's accounts payable office. She enjoys photography, music, and her cat Girlie and plans to take courses in paralegal work.



Kim Holle is our assistant office manager and graduate and undergraduate secretary. With the department since 1980, she has been a member of the Ohio State community for 15 years. Kim will be getting her M.A. in child development this spring quarter and next winter plans to begin work on a Ph.D. in family therapy. This May and June, she will be visiting Egypt and Greece.



Rebecca Miller joined the department in January as our administrative secretary after 15 years experience in the business world, 10 of which were spent at Battelle Memorial Institute. Before joining our department, she was a secretary in the German department. She is presently working toward a degree in English. The remainder of her energies are devoted to raising her son Danny, who is seven, and her daughter Kelley, who is nine.

Decision Theory Conference

The philosophy department, with support from the Graduate School, will host a conference on social choice and bargaining theory during autumn quarter 1987. This will be the third in a series of conferences in this field. In 1984 and 1985, the department sponsored two conferences on rational decision making that attracted nationally known philosophers, economists, political scientists, and statisticians. The dates for the conference are still being negotiated, but it is tentatively set for October 16 through October 18.

Beth Cohen Wins Fink Prize

On January 1, 1980, William H. Fink established an endowment at Ohio State to reward excellence in writing by graduate students in the philosophy department. Each year since 1980, graduate students have submitted essays to be judged by a committee of faculty members in the department, and the winner of the contest has been awarded a generous prize of up to \$1,000.

After earning an undergraduate degree from Ohio State, Dr. Fink earned a Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley. For many years thereafter, he was professor of economics at the University of Arizona. Although he is now retired, his lifelong devotion to clear thinking and incisive writing and his great admiration for many of the philosophers of the 20th century continues. These concerns are clearly reflected in Dr. Fink's expressed wish that the recipients of the award "derive inspiration and habits of thought from such bold and original thinkers as Charles Sanders Peirce, Thorstein Veblen, Bertrand Russell, and H. L. Mencken, who championed freedom of thought and expression in all its forms."

The first winner of the award in 1980 was Michael Costa for his paper "Arnauld, Descartes, and Ideas." In 1981 Steven Nuttall won the award with his paper "Voluntariness: the Rationale of Criminal Responsibility?" In 1982 there was a tie for first place between Clyde Kilgore ("Justice in Original Acquisition") and Jim Rubino ("Leibniz and Locke on

the Attribution of Innate Knowledge"). "Nihil veri simiule nisi aliquid certum est" was the title of Martin Rice's 1983 winning paper. In 1984 David Drebusenko won with "Ideal Theories," and in 1985 the winner was Erdinc Sayan for "Functionalism and the Mental."

Our most recent winner is Beth Cohen, whose paper "Metaphysical Realism and Classical Logic" was read to the department on December 8, 1986. At the award ceremony Barbara Brandt, development director of the College of

Humanities, spoke to the department about Dr. Fink, whom she met on a visit to Arizona. From her description we all gained a better knowledge of our benefactor, but we hope that in the future Dr. Fink himself will be able to visit us, as he did in 1980, and to participate in the ceremony.

Due to Dr. Fink's generosity, the quality of writing among graduate students in the department has increased appreciably. There is no doubt that it will continue to do so in years to come.

Joint Courses of Note

James Bogen of Pitzer College was in residence winter quarter as a visiting professor. In addition to teaching a graduate seminar in epistemology, he jointly taught a course with **Ron Laymon** on the philosophy of science. They focused on the concepts of evidence, data, and phenomena and in addition on the use of idealized descriptions and mathematical approximations. Course readings included current works by Bas van Fraassen, Nancy Cartwright, and Ian Hacking, as well as papers by Bogen and Laymon.

Marshall Swain and **Myles Brand** (who joined the faculty in the autumn of 1986 as provost of Ohio State) are jointly teaching a seminar on causation and events this spring quarter. The two were graduate students together at the University of Rochester, where they collaborated on a paper dealing with the conditions view of causation. They have kept track of

one another's research over the years and are delighted at the prospect of working together once again. During this seminar, two special sessions will be given by Distinguished Visiting Professor Jaegwon Kim (see following story).

Distinguished Professor Series Begins

Jaegwon Kim, of the University of Michigan, will be the first visitor in a planned series of visits by distinguished professors. Kim will be in residence for one week during spring quarter. He will present two special sessions in a graduate metaphysics seminar and a public lecture. During this week, Kim will also be available for consultation with students and faculty. Kim is best known for his work on the nature of events and for his contributions to the philosophy of science.

Voyagers

Andy Oldenquist chaired a session at the World Conference of Sociology held last August in New Dehli. In October he commented on a paper at the meeting of the American Session of the International Association for Social and Legal Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. In November he traveled to the University of Chicago to comment on the new Fundamental Texts Program. In December, he was invited to Washington for a conference on Teaching International Security at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and in February he gave the Avis Memorial Lecture at the Royal Military College of Canada and taught a seminar there on the nature of conservatism. He also gave a colloquium at the Department of Philosophy at Queens University, Kingston Ontario, on community individualism and conservatism. This April he will be giving the keynote speech at the Mideast Section of the National Association of College and University Honors Program Directors, at Burr Oak State Park, and in May he will read "Terrorism Distinguished from Justified Violence" at the Chicago meetings of the American Philosophical Association. This coming August he will read two papers at Kobe, Japan, after which he will go to Korea to give three lectures on American society and education. Then he will give two more lectures at the American Embassy on Fiji.

Jim Scanlan will spend 11 months in Japan, beginning May 1, 1987, as a foreign visiting fellow at the

Slavic Research Center of Hokkaido University in Sapporo. At the center he will carry on research for a book on current Marxist ideology in the USSR, as well as continuing his work as the newly appointed editor of the quarterly American journal, *Soviet Studies in Philosophy*.

Ron Laymon received an American Council of Learned Societies travel grant to read a paper entitled "Hume's Response to John Stewart's Paper on the Laws of Motion: The Relevance of Newtonian Science for Hume's Analysis of Causation," at the Fourteenth Hume Conference, which was held in August 1986 at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was also recently awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship for \$18,000 to support his research on idealizations and approximations in science. He spent autumn quarter at the Center for the Philosophy of Science at the University of Pittsburgh as a visiting fellow, where he engaged in NSF-sponsored research.

Ivan Boh, helped by grants from the International Research and Exchanges Board and the Fulbright/Hays program, has been doing research this year on medieval logic at the Martin Luther University in Halle East Germany and at Jagiellonska University in Krakow, Poland. While in Germany he gave a lecture to the logic faculty at Leipzig and two others in Halle.

Blackburn to Visit

Professor **Simon Blackburn**, editor of *Mind* and author of *Spreading the Word* and many other publications, will be visiting distinguished professor in the department during spring quarter 1988. Blackburn will teach a graduate course on realism and another on a topic to be announced.

Words from the Undergraduates

The Undergraduate Philosophy Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Philosophy Commons Room, 347 University Hall. Topics are generally designed to be of interest to undergraduates (philosophy majors in particular, but anyone interested is invited to attend).

This quarter we have begun what we fondly call "Philosophy Brown Bag and B.S. Sessions." These are held every Friday from noon till 2:00 p.m. in University Hall 347 and are intended to facilitate informal interactions among students and faculty.

On May 8-9, the Undergraduate Philosophy Club will once again be sponsoring its annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. This year the keynote speaker will be Professor Raymond Smullyan from Indiana University. Undergraduates from across the country have submitted papers and several will be selected for presentation at the conference. All are invited to attend.

Andy Oldenquist's *The Non-Suicidal Society* (Indiana University Press, 1986) criticizes the radical individualism which resulted in and failed to ameliorate the social ills of poor schools, unsafe streets, and rampant juvenile delinquency and alienation among America's youth. Drawing on current findings in criminology, psychology, game theory, educational theory, evolutionary biology, and anthropology, Oldenquist develops a social philosophy that is consonant with our communitarian nature. His defense of "community" results in new approaches to such issues as bilingual education, tuition tax credits, moral education,

Jim Scanlan's *Marxism in the USSR* (Cornell University Press, 1985) is a comprehensive analysis of philosophical thought in the Soviet Union today. It shows the extent of doctrinal disagreement behind the facade of unanimity in the USSR by examining critically the controversies that have arisen among Soviet philosophers in many fields. The book argues that although Marxism-Leninism has grave weaknesses as a philosophical system, the philosophical life of the USSR is more vital than most Western commentators suppose.

Steve Boër and William Lycan's *Knowing Who* (MIT Press, 1985) is the first detailed study to explore the notion of "knowing who someone is." It locates these notions within the context of a general theory of believing and a semantical theory of belief and knowledge ascriptions. They contend that what one knows when one knows who someone is, is not normally an identity, but rather a certain sort of predication. They offer a formal semantics for ascriptions of knowing and of knowing-who, and they also treat well-known problems and paradoxes in the philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and ethical theory.

What's new with you? Whether or not you decide to become a member of the Friends of Philosophy, please inform us of your current whereabouts, your work, career changes, promotions, publications, etc. In future issues we hope to devote a section to news about alumni (whether holding advanced degrees or not).

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Words from the Graduates

Aside from diligent study, the graduate students have been actively involved in the Graduate Colloquium Series, through which students present and discuss papers with their colleagues. Beth Cohen and Steve Mandelker presented papers in the fall with Rick Dewitt and Bruce Tobin as commentators. Speakers for the winter quarter were Mike Almeida, David Drebusenko, Dirk Baltzly, and Bruce Tobin, with Roger Koeck, Nancy Williams, and Jody Graham commenting.

In addition to the papers presented by graduate students, we have established a series of sym-

posia on central philosophical issues with both students and faculty participating as panelists. For the fall symposium Don Hubin, Dan Farrell, and Dick Garner discussed the issue of amorality vs. moralism. The winter symposium featured Jim Bogen and Diana Raffman discussing music and aesthetics.

Calendar of Events for Spring Quarter 1987

May 8-9: The Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. The featured speaker will be Raymond Smullyan of Indiana University.

May 18: Submission deadline for essays for the Bingham Award for Undergraduate Excellence in Philosophy.

May 22: Department of Philosophy Colloquium with Professor Alan Code of the University of California at Berkeley.

May 29: Department Colloquium with Professor Sally Haslanger of Princeton University.

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