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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY



## Words from the Chair

George Pappas

great deal has happened in the department in the three years or so since this newsletter last appeared. Dan Farrell finished up eight strong years as chair in summer 2000. Dan then went off to become director of the Honors and Scholars program, but I am happy to report that he has left that position and returned full time to the department.

During Dan's last year as chair we made a number of new appointments, and the department has been immensely strengthened thereby. Beginning in fall of 2000, Stewart Shapiro was moved from the Newark campus to a full time position in the Columbus department. Stewart, of course, is no stranger to the department, but his position is a new full professor line in the department. Also in the fall of 2000 we welcomed Louise Antony, Joe Levine, and Sigrún Svavarsdóttir. Louise Antony specializes in philosophy of mind and feminist philosophy; she formerly taught most recently at North Carolina. Joe Levine

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## **Botoman Award**

obert Kraut has won the very prestigious Rodica C. Botoman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Mentoring. The award and the substantial cash prize that goes with it were presented to Robert at the College of Humanities baccalaureate service in June, 2002. Valerie Lee, chair of the English department and also chair of the Botoman award committee, reported that in the years she has served on the Botoman award committee, there has never been such enthusiastic and positive support for a nominee as was received by Robert. Student members of that committee, who (secretly it appears) visited Robert's classes and even interviewed students in those classes, were particularly keen on Robert winning the award. They all reported to Valerie Lee that Robert was easily the best and most impressive teacher in a field of outstanding



Robert Kraut being presented the Botoman Award at the 2002 Humanities Baccalaureate.

nominees. Of course, the sentiments in these comments will come as no surprise to colleagues and students in the department, who have been aware of Robert's excellence in teaching for quite some time.

## New O'Donnell Professor

n recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments in the area of research, Stewart Shapiro was made the O'Donnell Professor of Philosophy, effective fall quarter 2002. Stewart's assumption of the O'Donnell Professorship comes just one year after he was appointed professor of philosophy in the Columbus department. This appointment for Stewart was enthusiastically

supported by the department faculty and by the dean of the College, Michael Hogan.

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## Words from the Chair

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specializes in philosophy of mind and metaphysics; his most recent previous appointment was at North Carolina State University. Sigrun Svavarsdottir taught previously at New York University; her philosophic specialty is ethical theory. Then in the fall of 2001 Sukjae Lee was appointed to the position at the Newark campus, Sukjae specializes in early modern philosophy; he comes to us from Yale where he just received his Ph.D.

In the fall of 2001 Lee Brown was promoted to full professor, and Justin D'Arms was promoted to associate professor with tenure. Then in fall of 2002, Bob Batterman, Glenn Hartz, Don Hubin, Peter King, and Allan Silverman were all promoted to full professor. We've never had so many promotions go through in such a short period of time, so far as I know. And sail through they all did, through all of the reviewing stages. No surprise there.

In 2002 Robert Kraut won the Rodica C. Botoman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Mentoring, the highest teaching award given by the College of Humanities. About the same time, Stewart Shapiro was appointed to the O'Donnell Professorship in Philosophy, a position last held by Alan Code. These are terrific achievements for Robert and Stewart, of course, but they also greatly enhance the profile of the department and benefit us all.

The department has also been changed by departures. Tommie Shelby left the department in 2000 to take an appointment at Harvard in African American Studies. At the same time, Charles Kielkopf retired, and his retirement was followed a year later by that of Marshall Swain, and more recently (2002) by that of Lee Brown. We all wish Tommie, Charles, Marshall, and Lee the very best, naturally, but we certainly miss having them around, too.

Karrie Mills left her position as administrative associate in the department in late 1999; she took a new position in the Honors and Scholars program. As nearly everyone will know, Karrie did outstanding work for the department, and she is excelling in her new position as well. We are very fortunate to have replaced Karrie with Sue O'Keeffe. Sue has worked for the university in other positions for a number of years and has been doing a superb job as the department's fiscal officer. In the summer of 2000 Brenda Grosse left to take a position in the College office. More recently, Brenda has moved on to a position in the university development office. Brenda had an enormous positive impact on the life of the department in the two years she worked for us. Michelle Brown replaced Brenda, and Michelle has blended in perfectly with Sue and Debbie Blickensderfer. Michelle worked previously in the admissions office, and she brings knowledge of many university policies and procedures to her position.

The department has been exceptionally successful in the area of placement, with all of our recent graduates finding academic positions in good places. We have also recruited outstanding new students in the classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002. Further, current and former graduate students have been especially active

in research; their many accomplishments are detailed more fully below. As you will see, this research is spread over a good portion of the philosophic landscape. All indications are that the research interests of current graduate students will be as varied. Not to be outdone by these highly productive current and former graduate students, department faculty have produced a veritable torrent of high-level scholarship over just the past few years. Some of this is detailed below, but for a fuller accounting one should look at the department web site, (http:// philosophy.ohio-state.edu) where one can easily see what one's favorite professors have been up to lately.

Overall enrollment in philosophy courses grew in 2001-02 by comparison with the previous year. Moreover, enrollment data for summer and fall quarters of 2002 show sharp increases over the same quarters in 2001. I attribute these increases to the fine teaching that our faculty and graduate students have been doing. We also have seen steady increases in the numbers of majors in philosophy, and increases in the Honors majors. The undergraduate philosophy club is quite active; their weekly meetings at which papers are presented in an informal setting not only allows for good philosophical exchanges but also helps in attracting new students to our program.

This quarter we are conducting a search for a new assistant professor. We also expect to be searching for at least one additional person a year from now, possibly even for two new people. In this connection, the College has announced a new "start-up package" for new assistant professors that is extremely generous; it will undoubtedly materially assist us in our recruiting efforts. Candidates for the first of these positions

will be visiting the campus in winter quarter of 2003, and we hope to be able to announce an appointment before the end of that quarter.

These comments pretty much bring things up-to-date for the department. But since this newsletter has not appeared for a few years, there must be many new developments in your lives and careers that we don't know about. Write to us and let us know what has been happening so that we can include some accounting in the next newsletter. And do think of becoming active members of the Friends of Philosophy by making a contribution, in any amount, to our Friends of Philosophy Fund. Your generous contributions in the past have enabled the department to make major improvements to the commons room and the seminar room. Now we very much need funds to assist with the anticipated relocation of the Gluck Library to another part of University Hall, made necessary by the College's plan to convert the present Gluck space into faculty offices. Contributions to Friends of Philosophy can be made most easily by use of the cut-out form on the back of this issue of Logos.

-George Pappas

## Recent Faculty Research

Louise Antony: "Naturalized Epistemology, Morality, and the Real World," special issue of *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Richmond Campbell, guest editor, forthcoming; "Empty Heads?" *Mind and Language*, forthcoming; "Natures and Norms," *Ethics*, forthcoming; "Multiple Realizability, Projectibility, and the Reality of Mental Properties," *Philosophical Topics* special issue in honor of Sydney Shoemaker, Richard Moran, Alan Sidelle, and Jennifer Whiting (eds.), forthcoming.

Bob Batterman: "Falling Cats, Parallel Parking, and Polarized Light," Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics, forthcoming; "George Gabriel Stokes," The Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Philosophers, Thoemmes Press, forthcoming; "Asymptotics and the Role of Minimal Models," The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Vol. 53, No. 1 (2002): 21-38; "Intertheory Relations in Physics," The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (January 2001), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), http:// plato.stanford.edu/entries/ physics-interrelate.

Sylvia Berryman: "Rainbows, Mirrors and Light: Can Aristotle's Theory of Vision be Saved?," M. Martin and M. Stone (eds.), Problems of Perception and Vision, London Studies in the History of Philosophy, forthcoming; "Galen and the Mechanical Philosophy," Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science, forthcoming; "Aristotle on pneuma and Animal Self-motion," Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy, 23

(2002); "The Sweetness of Honey: Philoponus against the Doctors on Supervenient Qualities," Cees Leijenhorst, Christoph Luthy, and Johannes M.M.H. Thijssen (eds.), The Dynamics of Aristotelian Natural Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century, Brill (2002).

Steven Boer: "Thought-Contents and the Formal Ontology of Sense," *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, forthcoming; "On the Multiple Relation Theory of Judgment," *Erkenntnis*, 56, No. 2 (2002): 181-214; "Unmentionables and Ineffables: An Interpretation of Some Fregean Metaphysical and Semantical Discourse," *Philosophical Studies*, 97 (2000): 53-97.

Justin D'Arms: "The Significance of Recalcitrant Emotions; Or AntiQuasiJudgmentalism" with Daniel Jacobson, Philosophy, suppl. vol.: Proceedings of the Royal Institute of Philosophy (2003), forthcoming; "Empathy and Evaluative Inquiry," Chicago-Kent Law Review, Symposium on Law, Psychology, and the Emotions: 74, No.4 (2000): 1467-1500; "Sentiment and Value" with Daniel Jacobson, Ethics 110 (July 2000): 722-748; "When Evolutionary Game Theory Explains Morality, What Does it Explain?" The Journal of Conciousness Studies, 7:1, 2 (2000): 296-300.

Glenn Hartz: "'Divisible' and 'Divided' in Leibniz's Mereology of Body," *Studia Leibnitiana* Sonderheft, Mugnai (ed.), forthcoming; "Inconsistency in Leibniz's Metaphysics of Body Is Consistent with His Strategy," VII. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress,

### Research

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Nihil Sine Ratione, Vorträge 1. Teil, Hannover: Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft (2001): 470-477.

Don Hubin: "Desires, Whims and Values," *The Journal of Ethics*, forthcoming; "The Groundless Normativity of Instrumental Rationality," *The Journal of Philosophy* 98:9 (2001): 445-468; "Converging on Value," *Analysis*, 59:4 (1999): 355-361.

Robert Kraut: "Metaphysical Explanation and the Philosophy of Mathematics: Reflections on Jerrold Katz's Realistic Rationalism," Philosophia Mathematica, (3) Vol. 9 (June 2001): 154-183.

Joe Levine: "Gedanken über Qualia" (Thinking of Qualia), Michael Pauen and Achim Stephan (eds.), Phanomenales Bewusstsein-Ruckkehr Zur Identitatstheorie?, Paderborn (2002); "The Explanatory Gap," The Encyclopedia of the Cognitive Sciences, Macmillan, forthcoming; "Experience and Representation," Consciousness: New Essays, Quentin Smith (ed.), Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

George Pappas: "Internalism and Externalism in Epistemology," Stanford On-Line Encyclopedia (2002); "Abstract Ideas and the New Theory of Vision," British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Vol. 10, February 2002; "Abstraction and Existence," History of Philosophy Quarterly, Vol. 19, (January 2002); "Berkeley's Three Dialogues," Classics of Western Philosophy, J. Gracia (ed.), Blackwell's (2002).

Diana Raffman: "Is Perceptual Indiscriminability Nontransitive?," *Philosophical Topics*, 28: 1, *Vagueness*, Christopher Hill (ed.), (2001); "Autism and First Person Authority," *Mind & Language*, V.14, No. 1 (1999).

Tamar Rudavsky: "The Hermeneutics of Interpretation: The Case of Spinoza and Galileo," Journal of the History of Ideas, (October 2001); "Christian Scholasticism and Jewish Philosophy in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries," The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Jewish Thought, D. H. Frank and O. Leaman (eds.), forthcoming; "Gersonides" Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2001); "Judaism and Feminism: Reflections on Metaphysics and Epistemology," Judaism, Philosophy, and Feminism, Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (ed.), forthcoming.

Lisa Shabel: "Reflections on Kant's Concept (and Intuition) of Space," Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, forthcoming; "Kant's 'Argument from Geometry," Journal of the History of Philosophy, forthcoming.

Stewart Shapiro: "Mechanism,
Truth, and Penrose's New Argument," Journal of Philosophical Logic,
forthcoming; "Incompleteness and
Inconsistency," Mind, forthcoming;
"The Guru, the Logician, and the
Deflationist," Noûs, forthcoming;
"Frege Meets Dedekind: A Neologicist Treatment of Real Analysis,"
Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic,
forthcoming.

Allan Silverman: "Flux and Language in the Theaetetus," Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy, XVIII (2000): 109-152; "The End of the Cratylus: Limning The World," Ancient Philosophy, 21, (2001): 1-19.

Sigrun Svavarsdottir: "Thinking in Moral Terms," series Dissertations in Ethics, R. Nozick (ed.), Garland Publishing Inc. (2001); "Objective Values: Does Metaethics Rest on a Mistake?" Objectivity in Law and Morals, B. Leiter (ed.), Cambridge University Press (2001): 144-193; "Moral Cognitivism and Motivation," The Philosophical Review 108 (1999): 161-219; "Reply to Robert Johnson, John Skoruski, and Jay Wallace," contribution to a symposium on "Moral Cognitivism and Motivation, "Brown Electronic Article Review Service (August 2001).

William Taschek: "On Sense and Bedeutung: A Critical Reception," Cambridge Companion to Frege, Thomas G. Ricketts (ed.), forthcoming; review of Robert Stalnaker's Content and Context, The Journal of Philosophy, forthcoming.

Neil Tennant: "Fregean Content and Relevant Deducibility," Journal of Philosophical Logic, forthcoming; "An Anti-Realist Critique of Dialetheism," in G.Priest, J.C.Beall and B.Armour-Garb, The Law of Non-Contradiction: New Philosophical Essays, Oxford University Press, forthcoming; "The Emperor's New Concepts," Philosophical Perspectives, forthcoming; "Ultimate Normal Forms for Parallelized Natural Deductions, with Applications to Relevance and the Deep Isomorphism between Natural Deductions and Sequent Proofs," Logic Journal of the IGPL, Vol. 10, No. 3, (May 2002): 1-39.

## Recent Presentations by Faculty

Louise Antony: "Who's Afraid of Disjunctive Properties?," invited address, ZiF Conference on Mental Causation, Bielefeld, Germany, July 2002; "Still Psychological After All These Years," invited address, Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, June 2002; "Fantasies for Empowerment and Entitlement: Analytic Philosophy and Feminism," invited address, joint session of the Society for Women in Philosophy and the Society for Analytical Feminism, APA Pacific Division Meetings, March 2002; "Concepts and Abilities," Author-Meets-Critics Session on Ruth Millikan's On Clear and Confused Ideas, APA Pacific Division Meetings, March 2002.

Bob Batterman: "Asymptotic Relations Between Theories," comments on a paper by Professor Sir Michael Berry, Plenary Session, British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Glasgow, Scotland, July 2002; "Limiting Reductions and Emergence," University of Wisconsin, Madison, December 2001, Universität Düsseldorf, July 2002; "Asymptotics and the Role of Minimal Models," invited symposium paper, Philosophy of Science Association, Vancouver, BC, November 2000; "Asymptotics and Explanation," invited paper for the UC Irvine Conference on the Philosophy of Physics, Laguna Beach, California, February 2000.

Sylvia Berryman: Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, November 2001; Philosophy Department, University of South Carolina, March 2002; 25th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, March 2002; Departments of Philosophy and Classical Studies, UNC-Greensboro, April 2002.

Justin D'Arms: "Pitfalls for Evolutionary Ethics," Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology, The Ohio State University, March 2002; "Sentimentalism, Emotions, and the Essential Contestability of Value," Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, January 2002; "The Significance of Recalcitrant Emotions," with Daniel Jacobson, Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference, Manchester England, July 2001; "Recalcitrant Emotions," Franklin and Marshall College Moral Psychology Colloquium, April 2001.

**Dan Farrell:** "Deterrence and the Just Distribution of Harm: The Case of Capital Punishment" The Mershon

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## **New Books**

Louise Antony, co-editor, *A Mind of One's Own: Feminist Essays on Reason and Objectivity*, 2nd. Edition, Westview Press, 2002.

**Bob Batterman**, *The Devil in the Details*, Oxford University Press, 2002.

**Joe Levine**, *Purple Haze*, Oxford University Press, 2001.

**George Pappas**, *Berkeley's Thought*, Cornell University Press, 2000.

Tamar Rudavsky, Time Matters, SUNY Press, 1999.

James Scanlan, emeritus, Dostoevsky the Thinker, Cornell University Press, 2002.

**Stewart Shapiro**, *Thinking about Mathematics*, Oxford University Press, 2001.

**Allan Silverman**, *The Dialectic of Essence*, Princeton University Press, 2002.

## Sukjae Lee

ukjae Lee started in the fall of 2001 at the Ohio State regional campus at Newark. Sukjae's main interests lie in early modern philosophy and metaphysics. His dissertation focused on Leibniz's causal realism and its relation to his account of divine concurrence. A native of Korea, he received his B.A. and M.A. from Seoul National University before coming to the U.S. He did his Ph.D. at Yale University. Sukjae continues to work on topics that concern the understanding of causality in 17th and early 18th century Europe and has published a paper on Duns Scotus' conception of the will.



### Presentations

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Center for Strategic Studies and International Affairs, The Ohio State University, November 2000; "Kant's (Non-retributive) Theory of Punishment," conference in Metaphysics, The Inter-University Center, Bled, Slovenia, June 2001; "Transcendence and Spirituality in Rothko's Later Work," Fifteenth Annual National Conference on the Liberal Arts and the Education of Artists, The School of Visual Arts, New York, October 2001; "Rationality and the Emotions:

Some Case-based Remarks," Conference on Rationality, The Inter-University Center, Bled, Slovenia, 2002.

Glenn Hartz: "Inconsistency in Leibniz's Metaphysics of Body Is Consistent with his Strategy," VII. International Leibniz Congress, Nihil sine Ratione, Technische Universität Berlin, September 2001; two papers: "Was Leibniz a Phenomenalist?" and "A Fine Analysis of Leibnizian Aggregates," University of Athens, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, May 2001; "Was Leibniz a Phenomenalist in the Arnauld and De Volder Correspondences?" Tulane University, March 2001; "Why Leibniz Wouldn't, Couldn't, and Shouldn't Endorse Phenomenalism," Leibniz Society of North America's Eastern Division APA meeting, New York City, December 2000.

Don Hubin: "Desires, Whims and Values", Inter-University Conference, Bled, Slovenia, June 2002; "Getting Instrumentalism Off the Ground," Ohio Philosophical Association, April 2002; "Whims and Values," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2002; "Responsibility for Dependent Life," Responsibility and Children, University of Western Ontario Conference in Moral, Legal, and Political Philosophy, February 2002.

Sukjae Lee: "Malebranche's Arguments for Occasionalism," Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Miami University, October 2001; "Leibniz's Account of Divine Concurrence," APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York, December 2000; Southcentral Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 1999; Southeastern Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, Duke University, November 1999.

Joe Levine: "Phenomenal Concepts and the Materialist Constraint," Jowett Society, Oxford, May 2002; Department of Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, May 2002; NEH Institute on Consciousness and Intentionality, UC Santa Cruz, July 2002; Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University, August 2002; "It Is and Yet It Isn't Tye on the Explanatory Gap," APA, Pacific Division, symposium on Michael Tye's Color, Consciousness, and Content, March 2002; "Thick vs. Thin Conceivability," Conference on

## Louise Antony

ouise Antony has research interests in two areas of philosophy. First, she is interested in a cluster of questions about the relationship among mind, language, and the external world. She has written a number of articles about the problem of mental causation: how mental states like beliefs and desires can cause physical events like the motions of one's body. She has also written on the nature of linguistic representation and its connection to mental representation.



Louise's second area of interest is feminist theory, particularly feminist epistemology (theory of knowledge) and the metaphysics of gender. She co-edited, with Charlotte Witt, an influential anthology, *A Mind of One's Own: Feminist Essays on Reason and Objectivity*, recently released in an expanded second edition (Westview Press, 2002). She is working on a systematic defense of a view she calls "humanistic feminism," which blends the metaphysics of liberal humanism with the politics of socialist feminism.

Louise received her B.A. from Syracuse University in 1975 and her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1981, and has taught at a variety of colleges and universities since coming to Ohio State in fall of 2000. She has been a Mellon Fellow at the National Humanities Center, a Humanities Research Fellow at the Australian National University, and has lectured at dozens of institutions and conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

She likes to knit and play the flute, although she never does the latter during faculty meetings.

Conceivability and Possibility, Fribourg, Switzerland, December 2001; "Experience and Representation," Department of Philosophy, Notre Dame University, February 2001.

George Pappas: "Some Empiricist Accounts of Perception," APA symposium session, Central Division, Minneapolis, April 2001; "Abstract Ideas and the New Theory of Vision," presented at South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Texas A&M University, November 1999; Midwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, March 2000.

Diana Raffman: "Is Perceptual Indiscriminability Nontransitive?" NEH Institute on Art, Philosophy of Mind, and Cognitive Science, University of Maryland Philosophy Department, July 2002; "Borderline Cases and Classical Logic," Columbia University Philosophy Department, November 2001; Williams College Philosophy Department, November 2001; Washington University in St. Louis Philosophy Department, February 2002; plenary talk, North American Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information, June 2002; "A Psychophysical Demonstration of Gestalt-like Hue Effects in a Sorites Series," Washington University in St. Louis Philosophy-Neuroscience-Cognitive Science Colloquium Series, February 2002; Dartmouth College, Philosophy & Psychology Colloquium Series, July 2002; invited commentary on Katherine Hawley, "Worldly Vagueness Without Vague Objects," Metaphysical Mayhem VI, Syracuse University Philosophy Department, August 2001.

Tamar Rudavsky: "Matter and Hylomorphism in Ibn Gabirol and Spinoza," Societe Internationale pour l'Etude de Philosophie Medievale, Porto, Portugal; Uppsala, Sweden Conference on Early Modern Philosophy, Summer 2002; "Maimonides: Reason and Science Reconsidered," SUNY Buffalo Conference on "The Uses and Abuses of the Philosophical Classics: Western Approaches to Hermeneutics," April 2002; "Judaism and Rationality," APA Central Division, May 2001; "Gersonides and Rationality," Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2000.

Lisa Shabel: "The 'Axioms' of Geometry in the Early Modern Period," HOPOS, Fourth Biennial Congress, Montreal, June 2002; "Kant's 'Argument from Geometry'," Workshop in Kant's Philosophy of Mathematics, McGill University, Montreal, October 2001; Kant, Logicism, and Neo-Logicism Workshop in Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Notre Dame, September 2001: "Kant on the 'Axioms' of Euclid's Geometry," Humanities and Sciences in the High Enlightenment: Kant's Philosophy of Mathematics and Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 2001; "Kant on the Practice of Euclid's Geometry," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2000.

Sigrún Svavarsdóttir: "Evaluations of Rationality," Spindel Conference, University of Memphis, October 2002; "A Humean Perspective on the Rationality and Justification of Commitments," Australian National University, December 2001; "Rationality, Justification, and Value," UC Davis, February 2000; keynote lecture at the Humanities Conference, University of Iceland, October 2000; "Valuing the Valuable: Objective Values," Humanties Conference, University of Iceland, October 2000; University of Illinois at Urbana-

## New Arrivals to the Department

Joshua Smith and Bambi Hodge Owen Jacob Smith December 26, 2000

Deborah and Eric Tollefsen Anya Cate Tollefsen March 31, 2002

Justin D'Arms and Jodi Goldhand *Katrina John D'Arms* June 12, 2002

Champaign, February 2000; Rice University, February 2000; The Ohio State University, January 2000; Cambridge University, England, December 1999.

William Taschek: "Richard's Puzzle," Bowling Green State University Department of Philosophy Colloquium, April 2000; Reed College Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 2000.

Neil Tennant: "Abstraction
Operators," Conference in
Philosophy of Mathematics, St.
Andrews, Scotland, August 2002;
"Content, Rules, Logic," NYU
Seminar in the Philosophy of
Mind and Language, March 2002;
"Computing Theory Contractions,"
Fourth In House Conference, Center
for Philosophy of Science, Pittsburgh,
November 2001; "Theory Contraction
and the Staining Algorithm,"
Philosophy Colloquium at the
University of Colorado at Boulder,
October 2000.

## Sigrún Svavarsdóttir

igrún Svavarsdóttir joined the department in the fall of 2000. At Ohio State, she has been teaching moral philosophy as well as political philosophy. Her current research is mostly concentrated in metaethics, although her research interests extend to ethics more broadly as well as into action theory. She works on issues such as objectivity in ethics, normativity, the nature of value concepts, and practical rationality. Among her publications are "Moral Cognitivism and Motivation," *The Philosophical Review*, 1999; "Objective Values: Does Metaethics



Rest on a Mistake?," *Objectivity in Law and Morals*, edited by Brian Leiter, Cambridge University Press, 2001; and "Evaluations of Rationality," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Supplementary Volume, forthcoming. Her dissertation *Thinking in Moral Terms* is published in the series "Dissertations in Ethics" edited by Robert Nozick and published by Garland. Sigrún earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1993. After completing her degree, Sigrún was an assistant professor at New York University until she moved to Columbus. This academic year Sigrún is a Fellow at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina.

## News of Former Undergraduate Students

#### Ben Beebe

Northwestern University, Philosophy

#### Aejean (Angie) Cha

Supreme Court Internship— UCLA, Philosophy (declines NYU, Berkeley)

#### **Quinn Curtis**

Microsoft

**Asa (Race) Garber** Duke, Law

Jeffrey Manghillis Harvard, Law

#### Regina Milano

UC Davis, Philosophy

#### Mihir (Surya) Parekh—

Philosophy and Personalized Study Plan UC Irvine, Comparative Literature

#### Yonit Sharaby

Texas, Law and Philosophy

#### Stephanie Solomon

Emory, Philosophy

#### **Amanda Wass**

(Molecular Genetics and Philosophy) Howard Hughes Fellowship Harvard, Virology

## Recent Faculty Retirements

Charles Kielkopf retired in 2000, after 37 years of distinguished service to the department. Charles continues to do research on Kant so cannot be said to be fully retired.

Marshall Swain retired in 2001, following two years in the College office as associate dean. Marshall came to Ohio State in 1971 as a visitor and was appointed to the permanent faculty in 1972. Marshall previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania.



Lee Brown with Michelle Brown (no relation) at his retirement reception.

Lee Brown retired in 2002. Lee had the longest tenure in the department, having been appointed as an assistant professor in 1962. Lee is continuing with his research on the aesthetics of jazz and, happily enough for the department, he will teach the occasional course as his schedule permits.

## Current Graduate Student Research and Presentations

Jose Martin presented "Who Is Afraid of the Open Question Argument" at the American Philosophical Association meetings in Chicago, April 2002.

**David Merli** published "Return to Moral Twin Earth," in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, June 2002. He presented "Moral Concepts and Moral Inquiry" at the meetings of the Eastern APA, December 2001.

Ryan Nichols presented "The Vacuity of Intelligent Design Theory" at the Western/Pacific Meetings of the Society for Christian Philosophers in April 2002. He also presented "Actions, Evil and Miracles" at the American Philosophical Association meetings in Chicago, May 2002. (His commentator there was Michael Almeida, whose Ph.D. was from Ohio State in 1989. Mike teaches at the University of Texas in San Antonio). He published "Reid on Fictional Objects," in *The Philosophical Quarterly*, fall 2002. Ryan also has "Visible Figure and Visual Perception in Reid" forthcoming in *Hume Studies*.

**Henry Pratt** presented "David Carrier's Understanding Comics," at the American Society for Aesthetics meetings, fall 2001.

Regan Reitsma presented "Rationally Impotent Desire" in March 2002 at the Harvard-MIT graduate student conference, and "Me, My Self, and I: Identification and the Self" at the Western/Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in April 2002.

Cathal Woods presented "As Happy as Can Be: Reason, Justice, and Happiness in Plato's Republic," at a graduate student conference held at Michigan State University, fall 2001.

### Fink Prize Winners

**2002—Nicholaos Jones** "Unification as an Epistemic Virtue"

**2001—Lee Franklin**"Philosophical Reflection and Recollection in the *Phaedo*"

**2000—Roy Cook** "Vagueness and Mathematical Precision"



Nick Jones, winner of the 2002 Fink Award.

### Placement

Ryan Nichols, Ph.D. 2002, has accepted a tenure track position at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, starting January 2003.

Mark Silcox, Ph.D. 2002, is teaching at Auburn University.

**Debbie Tollefsen, Ph.D. 2002**, has accepted a tenure track position at the University of Memphis.

**Sondra Bacharach, Ph.D. 2001**, has a tenure track position at California State University at Bakersfield.

**Lee Franklin, Ph.D.. 2001**, has a tenure track position at SUNY Albany.

Roy Cook, Ph.D. 2000, has a multiyear post-doctoral fellowship at St. Andrew's University in Scotland

David Eng, Ph.D. 2000, has a tenure track position at California State University at Bakersfield.

Al Lent, Ph.D. 2000, has accepted a one-year position at Ohio University. Previously he had taught at Wittenberg University and Hope College.

Sarah Pessin, Ph.D. 2000, has accepted a tenure track position at California State University at Fresno. Earlier she had a two year post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago.

**Jon Cogburn, Ph.D. 1999**, has a tenure track position at Louisiana State University.

Vladimir Marchenkov, Ph.D. 1999, has accepted a tenure track position at Ohio University.

Joe Salerno, Ph.D. 1999, has accepted a tenure track position at St. Louis University. He had been teaching at Texas A&M University.

## Joe Levine

oe Levine comes to us from North Carolina State University, where he was professor of philosophy.



Philosophy. He has also taught at Boston University and Bates College. Professor Levine received his B.A. in Philosophy from UCLA and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He works in the philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, and the foundations of cognitive science. He recently published a book with Oxford University Press entitled Purple Haze: The Puzzle of Consciousness.

## **News of Former Students**

Sondra Bacharach, Ph.D. 2001, published "Can Art Really End?" Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, Winter 2002, 60(1): 57-66, and "Saving the Style Matrix," Proceedings of the American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division, April 2001. The latter paper was also presented at the Canadian Philosophical Association and at the American Society for Aesthetics, both in 2001. Sondra was a fellow at an NEH seminar in aesthetics held at the University of Maryland in summer 2002.

Dirk Baltzly, Ph.D. 1991, published "What Goes Up: Proclus Against Aristotle on the Fifth Element," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, September 2002.

**Steve Bayne, Ph.D. 1992**, is teaching this year at Fairfield University. His book, *On the Fivefold Routes to the Principle of Causation*, will be published later this year by SUNY Press.

Barbara Bender LaBossierre, M.A. 1992, received her Ph.D. from Florida State in 2000. She has accepted a tenure track position at California State University at Fresno. Barbara previously taught at the University of Akron.

Roy Cook, Ph.D. 1999, published "What Negation is Not: Intuitionism and '0=1,'" with Jon Cogburn, Analysis 60, (2000): 5-12; "Monads and Mathematics: The Logic of Leibniz's Mereology," Studia Leibnitiana 32, (2000): 1-19; "The State of the Economy: Neo-logicism and Inflation," Philosophia Mathematica (3) 10, (2001): 43-66; "Counterintuitive Consequences of the Revision Theory of Truth," Analysis 62, (2002): 16-22; and "Vagueness and Mathematical Precision," Mind 111, (2002): 227-247.

Jill Dieterle, Ph.D. 1995, was awarded tenure at Eastern Michigan University.

David Eng, Ph.D. 2000, presented "Don't Believe What Others Say Just Because They Say So" at the American Philosophical Association meetings in December 2001, and at the Canadian Philosophical Association meetings in May 2002. He also presented "Basic Beliefs, Testimony, and Blind-Trust," at the Epistemology of Basic Belief conference held in Amsterdam in summer 2001.

Al Flores, Ph.D. 1973, was recently honored with the Outstanding Professor Award at California State University at Fullerton.

Lee Franklin, Ph.D. 2001, published "The Structure of Dialectic in the Meno," *Phronesis*, 2001. He presented "Techne and Pleasure in the *Gorgias*" to the New York Colloquium on Ancient Philosophy.

## The Soccer Ts



The Soccer Ts, fresh after kicking another team's bare particulars. They said afterwards, "We have no Apology. We were mean, no?"

Jeff Koperski, Ph.D. 1996, was awarded tenure at Saginaw Valley State University. His article, "Has Chaos Been Explained?" appeared in *The British Journal of Philosophy of Science*, 52 (December 2001): 683-700.

Keith Korcz, Ph.D. 1996, published "Two Moral Strategies Regarding Abortion," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 33, No. 4, Winter 2002.

Sarah Pessin, Ph.D. 2000, published "Matter, Metaphor and Privative Pointing: Maimonides on the Complexity of Human Being," American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, 2002. Sarah has also done a number of recent presentations, including: "Apophatic Voices: Mystical Vision and Philosophical Devotion," at the Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, 2002; "Gabirol's Aesthetic Theology," International Society for Neoplatonic Studies and the National Poetry Center, Conference on Platonism, Neoplatonism and Literature, Maine, June 2002; response to Kalman Bland on his book The Artless Jew, at the Midwest Jewish Studies Colloquium (held at The Ohio State University), April 2002; "Plotinus and his Heritage: The 'Monotheizing' of Greek Neoplatonism in Medieval Islamic, Jewish and Christian Philosophy," Medieval Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago, May 2002; and "Gabirol's Pseudo-Empedoclean Heritage," Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2002.

Joe Salerno, Ph.D. 1999, published "Clues to the Paradoxes of Knowability," with Berit Brogaard, *Analysis*, Vol. 62, No. 2, 2002., and "Fitch's Paradox of Knowability," with Berit Brogaard, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2002.

## Stewart Shapiro



tewart Shapiro specializes in logic, philosophy of logic, and the philosophy of mathematics. His first book, *Foundations without Foundationalism* (Oxford University Press, 1991), is an articulation and defense of second-order logic as the underlying language in which to study mathematical discourse. *Philosophy of Mathematics: Structure and Ontology* (Oxford University Press, 1997) is a presentation and defense of structuralism. Stewart has also written

articles on the historical development of logic, the relationship between modality and ontology in accounts of mathematics, the notion of computability, Church's thesis, and mechanism. He has also authored a text in the philosophy of mathematics, *Thinking about Mathematics* (Oxford University Press, 2000). Stewart's current project is a book on the logic and semantics of vagueness. He is also editing the Oxford handbook in the philosophy of mathematics and logic.

Stewart received a B.A. in Mathematics and Philosophy from Case Western Reserve University in 1973, an M.A. in Mathematics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1975, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He currently serves as Arché Professorial Fellow at the University of St. Andrews.

Stewart is a committed workaholic. When not working or attending to his family, he likes to jog, read mystery novels, and listen to music by the Grateful Dead.

Sun Joo Shin, M.A. 1987, has accepted a position as full professor at Yale University. She had taught previously at Notre Dame. Her book on Peirce's logic has just appeared.

Ed Slowik, Ph.D. 1994, has published *Descartes' Physics and the Relational Theory of Space and Motion* (Kluwer, 2002). Ed is now an associate professor at Winona State University.

Sheldon Smith, Ph.D. 1998, has published "Violated Laws, Ceterus Paribus Clauses, and and Capacities," *Synthese*, February 2002; "Models and the Unity of Classical

Physics: Nancy Cartwright's
Dappled World," Philosophy of
Science, 2001; and "Resolving
Russell's Anti-Realism about
Causation: The Connection Between
Causation and the Functional
Dependencies of Mathematical
Physics," The Monist, April 2000.

Mike Watkins, Ph.D. 1995, has published a book on the metaphysics of color: *Rediscovering Colors: A Study in Pollyanna Realism*, Vol. 88 of the Philosophical Studies Series, (Kluwer, 2002).



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George Schumm with Jason Miller, 2002 Bingham award winner.

#### 2002—Jason Miller

"The Metaphysical Status of Modal Property Attributions"

#### 2001—Benjamin Beebe

"Between Gauthier and the Sensible Knave: A Possible Reconciliation"

#### 2000—John Glass

"Kant and the Transcendental Unity of Apperception"