Botoman Award

Robert 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 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

In 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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specializes in philosophy of mind and metaphysics; his most recent previous appointment was at North Carolina State University. Sigrun Svavarsson taught previously at New York University; her philosophical 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 Bateman, 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. Botiman 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.

Karrin 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, Karrin did outstanding work for the department, and she is excelling in her new position as well. We are very fortunate to have replaced Karrin 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 website, (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
Recent Faculty Research


Research
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Recent Presentations by Faculty


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.


Dan Farrell: “Deterrence and the Just Distribution of Harm: The Case of Capital Punishment” The Mershon

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New Books


Sukjae Lee

Sukjae 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.
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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 Correspon-
dences?" 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.


Louise Antony

Louise 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.


Sigurin Svararsdóttir: “Evaluations of Rationality,” Spindel Conference, University of Memphis, October 2002; “A Humane 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,” Humanities 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 Tollefson
Any Cate Tollefson
March 31, 2002

Justin D’Arms and Jodi Goldhand
Katrinn 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.

Sigrún Svanarsdóttir

Sigrún Svanarsdóttir 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.

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.

News of Former Undergraduate Students

Ben Beebe  
Northwestern University, Philosophy

Azejan (Angie) Cha  
Supreme Court Internship—UCLA, Philosophy  
decides 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

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.


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.


Regan Reisima 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.

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 multi-year 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.

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.
Joe Levine

Joe Levine comes to us from North Carolina State University, where he was professor of 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


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 LaBossiere, 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.


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.


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.


Stewart Shapiro specializes in logic, philosophy of logic, and the philosophy of mathematics. His first book, Foundations without Foundationism (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 has 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.


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Bingham Prize Winners

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”