Other Faculty News

Beginning this month, Babette Babich has a residence fellowship from the Stiftung Weimarklassik for the spring and summer in Weimar, Germany.

On April 11, a one-day symposium on Brian Davies’ book, Thomas Aquinas on God and Evil (Oxford University Press, 2011), was held at the University of Chicago under the auspices of the Lumen Christi Institute and the Department of Philosophy. Fr. Davies read a paper and there were two commentators: Denys Turner (Yale) and Michael Kremer (Chicago). The event, which took place in the University of Chicago Divinity School, had about 100 people in attendance.

Sam Haddad is now an associate editor for the journal Derrida Today.

Gyula Klima has received an invitation for an all-expenses-paid trip to give a lecture series at the Center for the Study of Language and Cognition at Zhejiang University (Hangzhou) and one lecture at Tsinghua University (Beijing) in China, on medieval logic and metaphysics, and their relevance to contemporary philosophy, June 5-25, 2012.

Faculty Publications

Nathan Ballantyne’s essay, “Luck and Interests,” appears in the April issue of Synthese. The paper explores a concept (luck) which is invoked in debates over knowledge, freedom, and justice. In addition, Nathan’s co-authored paper, “Moral Intuitionism Defeated,” was presented at the Pacific APA meeting in Seattle this April by his co-author.


**Faculty Lectures and Events**


**Michael Baur** was invited to give the keynote address at the Second Annual CUNY Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, held April 20, 2012. His keynote address was entitled, "What Rights Are, and Why There Are Any."


**John Drummond** presented the Keynote Address, “The ‘___ful’ and the ‘___ous’: Some Phenomenological Reflections on Some Emotions,” at the Dowling College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Dowling College, Oakdale, NY, March 30, 2012. He offered the same paper as a keynote address at the New York City Phenomenology Group Graduate Student Conference, Reapproaching the Foundations of Phenomenology, at the New School in New York City on March 31, 2012.

**Brian Johnson** presented “Epictetus on Socrates’ Competing Roles” at the Rochester Institute of Technology on April 27, 2012. The conference was entitled Epictetus and Stoicism: Continuing Influences and Contemporary Relevance.

**Jada Twedt-Strabbing** gave a colloquium talk at Virginia Tech on April 27, 2012 entitled "Understanding Accountability."

**Gerard Vong** gave a talk entitled “On What To Do When There Isn’t Enough: Inequality, Fairness & Lotteries” at the Phi Sigma Tau Induction Ceremony on Friday April 20th. He also gave a response to Anita Allen’s paper, "The Natural Law Origins of the American Right to Privacy," at the Fordham Natural Law Colloquium on March 28, 2012.


**Alumni and Post-Doc News**

**David Becker** (PhD 2008) gave a talk on April 14, 2012 to the biannual meeting of the Long Island Philosophical Society, entitled "Some Thoughts on Plato’s Republic". David is a professor at St. John’s University in Queens, NY.

**Gary Gabor** (PhD 2011) presented a talk, "Ammonius’ Derivation of Aristotle’s ten categories in the Isagoge commentary," at the conference, Ancient and Medieval Interpretations of Aristotle’s Categories at Franciscan University of Steubenville on April 14, 2012. Gary will start work as a professor at Hamline University in the fall.

Michael Kelly (PhD 2004) has accepted a tenure track position at the University of San Diego.

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Newly Minted Alumni

Sterling Berry-Whitlock defended his dissertation “Contemporary Philosophy of Law and the Problem of the Rule of Recognition” on May 9, 2012. His mentor was Michael Baur.

Aaron Converse defended his dissertation “An Examination of Aquinas’s Approach to Conscience” on December 14, 2011. His mentor was Joseph Koterski, S.J.

Sister Mary Denise D’Attore defended her dissertation ”Thomas Aquinas on the Role of Second-Order Judgement in Human Electio” on May 2, 2012. Her mentor was Joseph Koterski, S.J.

Johanna Nashi defended her dissertation ”A Humanistic Approach to Bystander Responsibility in Cases of Crimes against Humanity and Genocide” on April 2, 2012. Her mentor was John Drummond.

Christopher Rice defended his dissertation “The Value of Relationships with Other Species” on April 18, 2012. His mentor was Christopher Gowans.

Ian Rottenberg defended his dissertation ”Sacred Text as Saturated Phenomenon: The Unspoken Command of Scripture” on April 24, 2012. His mentor was Merold Westphal.

For further details, please visit the department website.

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Graduate Student Presentations


Marta Layton presented “St. Anselm on Loving the Right Thing” at the Eastern Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy’s annual conference. The conference took place at Savannah State University in Baltimore, MD on April 28, 2012.

Emily Sullivan presented “Do Scientific Idealizations Threaten a Factive View of Understanding?” at the Fordham Philosophical Society Graduate Symposium on April 24, 2012.

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Undergraduate Undertakings

Fernando J. Villalovs recently published an article on Foucault and Derrida in *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política*, a journal based in Mexico City.

Senior philosophy/history major Mateusz Plaza, has received a Fulbright research grant to study the phenomenology of Jozef Tischner and his “Ethics of Solidarity” in Krakow, Poland.
Graduate Student Presentations - continued


Three graduate students presented papers at the North Texas Philosophical Association at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX, April 11-13, 2012:

David Gadon presented “Ambiguous Prescription: Butler and Merleau-Ponty on Questions of Ethics,”
Brock Scheller presented “Incomplete Predicates and Approximation: Nehamas and the Range of Forms in Plato’s Middle Dialogues,” and
Peter Seipel presented “Was Wittgenstein a Relativist?”

David also presented his paper at the Fordham Philosophical Society Graduate Symposium on April 24, 2012.

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