


Babette Babich gave a lecture entitled “Über Schrödinger und Nietzsche. Syphilis und Sex, Subjektsein/Bewusstsein, und die Ewige Wiederkehr” on October 12, 2012 at a meeting of the Nietzsche-Gesellschaft in Naumburg.

John Davenport gave a paper entitled “How the Treasure of Comparative Mythography Was Lost in Late 20th Century Humanities” at the conference on “Jung in the Academy and Beyond,” at Fordham University, October 26-27. He also presented “A Plea for Nuanced Projections of Non-Carbon Footprint for Use in Environmental Ethics” at the Philosophy and Society Conference on Exploring Development at Central Connecticut State University.

Brian Davies delivered the 2012 Fall Theology Lecture at the Episcopalian church of St. Thomas in Manhattan on October 18th.

Gyula Klima hosted a conference “Questions on the Soul by John Buridan and Others” at the Lincoln Center campus on October 26-28. The conference was the culmination of his critical text and translation of Buridan’s *Questions on Aristotle’s De Anima* (supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities). Gyula also presented a paper at the conference entitled “The Trivia of Hylomorphism, Dualism and Materialism: Some Pointers from Buridan and Others.”
**Faculty Presentations (cont.)**

**Jennifer Gosetti-Ferencei** presented a Faculty Lecture at Fordham on October 23rd entitled “On Imagination in Literary Reading.” Babette Babich and Ann Murphy commented on the paper.

**Ohad Nachtomy** presented "What’s Infinity got to do with Life: the role of infinity in Leibniz's view of living beings" at the annual meeting of the Leibniz North American Society in Montreal on October 20th. He was also nominated as board member of the society.

**Merold Westphal** recently gave three lectures on "Faith and Reason in Kierkegaard" for the Philosophy of Religion Colloquium at Baylor University: “The Nature of Biblical Faith in Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling”; “Faith and Reason in Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling”; and “Faith and Reason in Philosophical Fragments.”

**Graduate Student Presentations**

**David Grunner** presented "Enslaved Ancestors, Liberated Grandchildren: Considering Jacques Rancière’s The Ignorant Schoolmaster via Walter Benjamin" at the Graduate Student Conference on Philosophy of Education at Teacher’s College - Columbia University on October 5th and also at the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy Congress, University of Ottawa, Ontario on October 13th.

**Tom Kiefer** presented two papers: "The Pedagogic Implications of Michèle Le Doeuff’s Philosophy" at the Graduate Student Conference on Philosophy and Education (GSCOPE) at Teachers College, Columbia University; and "Judith Butler’s Critique of the Sex-Gender Distinction and its Importance for Critical Disability Theory: Dialogue across Disciplines" at the biannual Radical Philosophy Association Conference in Buffalo, NY.

**David Schafer** presented "Threshold or Gap? -- A Critique of Habermas’s Theories of Mediatization and Colonization" at the 20th Annual Critical Theory Roundtable in Toronto on September 29th.

**Other News**

**Adam Wood** successfully defended his dissertation, "The Immateriality of the Intellect in Thomas Aquinas' Philosophical Psychology," on September 14.

**Alumni News**

**Joseph G. Trabbic** (PhD 2008) Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ave Maria University, gave a paper entitled “Marion and God: Note on a Note from Steven A. Long’s Analogia Entis,” at the American Maritain Association conference in Philadelphia, October 11-13.

**Dylan Futter** (PhD 2010) University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, was promoted to the position of senior lecturer in Philosophy. He also gave an invited presentation, entitled “Platonic Wisdom” at the Rhodes University Roundtable on Higher Education, and anticipates publication of “Socrates’ Elenctic Goals in Plato’s Early Definitional Dialogues” (forthcoming) in Ancient Philosophy.

Patricia Huntington (PhD 1994) Professor of Religion and Philosophy, College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University, was invited as one of four faculty lecturers on a Soto Zen Buddhist immersion trip to Japan in July 2012. The main focus of the trip centered on tracing the lineage of Soto Zen brought to Japan from China by Dogen. Dr. Huntington is currently working on a book on Soto Zen teachings.

James M. Jacobs (PhD 2002) Professor of Philosophy, Notre Dame Seminary, presented "Can God Create a Nominalist Universe?" at the 36th Annual American Maritain Association Conference, in October.

Matthew Kent (PhD 2006) Visiting Instructor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, gave an invited lecture on "Judgment" at the annual meeting of the American Kinlein Association in Hyattsville, MD on October 13th. This was his sixth invitation to address the annual Kinlein Assembly.


Adam Wood (PhD 2012) Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wheaton College, presented a paper, "Aquinas vs. Buridan on the Substance and Powers of the Soul," at a conference on Questions on the Soul by John Buridan at Fordham University on October 26. He also gave a talk at Wheaton College's departmental chapel on Oct. 29, on the theme "Philosophy Begins in Wonder."

Elizabeth Kraus, a faculty member of the Fordham Philosophy Department from 1967 to 1990, died on October 23, 2012. An obituary can be found online at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/delawareonline/obituary.aspx?n=%20=elizabeth-m-dumont-kraus&pid=160649635#fbLoggedOut

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