Letter from the Chair

Graeme Forbes

Dear Students, Alumni, Friends, Colleagues:

As I write this, I have just returned from a conference at NYU on the work of Kit Fine. Fine is one of the very best philosophers active today and is a leading member of NYU’s Philosophy Department, which has been ranked as the top program in the English-speaking world for several years now. In recognition, NYU gave it its own building on Washington Place, designed by the star New York firm Steven Holl Architects. It’s not luxury in the way that, say, the Gehry Weatherhead Management School at Case Western is, but it’s heartening where NYU’s administration chose to direct resources when it had them. The Business School? Athletics? More administration? No, philosophy! No wonder it made the New York Times.

Here at CU, the most column inches in the last year have been given over to our purchase of a football coaching staff predicted to bring us renown of a kind that mere humanists, even the philosophers of NYU, can only stand in awe of. In even better news, we will be spending $170,000,000 in pursuit of said renown. But you will have to look elsewhere for more information about this and other great leaps forward. I’m happy to avert my gaze from the world immediately beyond the Department’s walls, since from within those walls, there is much that is positive to report. Our undergraduate major continues to flourish, graduating over 250 students in the last three years. To date, three of our recent graduates, Cory Aragon, Amandine Catala and Pamela Lomelino, have been appointed to tenure-track jobs. And we also have more faculty successes on top of the ones I described in previous newsletters: Adam Hosein won a CHA Fellowship for Fall ’13 to work on philosophical issues about immigration, Alison Jaggar won a 2012 Gee Award (see interview on page 3 below) and a 2012 “Best Should Teach” award, and Brad Monton won one of three prizes for Excellence in Philosophy of Religion for an article in Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion in 2011.

We hosted a number of conferences in 2012, and since I’ve received questions about them, I’ll give some more details about three of them (see p. 7 about the Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference). Carol Cleland, with Ben Hale’s assistance, organized the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science’s 28th conference. The theme was “history and philosophy of climate science”, and the conference met along with a larger International Conference on Culture, Politics, and Climate Change that was taking place at CU in mid-September.
The CHPS meeting was opened by our Associate Dean, Mary Kraus, and was highly attended and highly praised. CHPS is a very interdisciplinary effort: it’s directed by Carol and supported by Philosophy, but also by the departments of Anthropology, EEOB, Geology, History, Math, MCDB and Physics, as well as by the College and CHA. So a broad constituency saw its money being well spent.

Our annual Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Conference was held in late summer. The main organizer, Alastair Norcross, tells me that 200+ submissions from all over the world were winnowed down to 56 talks, two special sessions, and 30 poster presentations (and thanks to everyone involved in the refereeing process!). Our own graduate Jason Hanna, now of Northern Illinois, jointly won the Young Ethicist Prize with Adrienne Martin (Penn), and their papers, together with a selection from the other talks, will appear in an issue of The Journal of Moral Philosophy.

Earlier in the summer, a meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, organized by Rob Rupert, was held here. About 200 attendees heard talks ranging from the physical nature of conscious experience, to the factors that affect moral judgments, to the role of intellectual virtue in the acquisition of knowledge. This was another very interdisciplinary event, and was supported by our Institute for Cognitive Science and the Departments of Philosophy, Psychology and Computer Science, along with the CHA and the Dean’s Fund for Excellence. Unlike the other two meetings, this was a one-off, since the SPP meets in different places in different years. But I’m sure we’ll see many other scholarly societies meeting here in the next few years. As well as bringing obvious intellectual benefits to CU students and faculty, these events are profile-raising for the Department.

Finally, we noted with sadness the passing in November 2012 of John Carnes, aged 88. Professor Carnes joined our department in 1956 after spending the Second World War in the Air Force, and the years afterwards first in an unsuccessful project at Oak Ridge to create a nuclear-powered aeroplane, then in the Ph.D. program at Ann Arbor. He was a member of our department until 1988, was the author of the book Axiomatics and Dogmatics (OUP 1982), and served as Associate Dean for seventeen years. He spent a sabbatical in Edinburgh in 1975, where he and his son Steve pursued the family genealogy and became enthusiasts for haggis and single malt (obviously, a family of taste and discernment). In retirement, he lived in Longmont, pursued various cultural interests, and was active in the Boulder County Nature Association.

David Boonin In addition to continuing his work as Associate Dean for Arts and Humanities, David made further progress on a book on the non-identity problem and had the book accepted for publication by Oxford University Press. He also began work on a new project on the subject of posthumous harm, thus moving directly from our duties to future generations to our duties to past generations and continuing his recent record of indifference to anything he might owe to his contemporaries. In addition, he published an article critically discussing David Benatar’s anti-natalism in the South African Journal of Philosophy and gave talks at Scripps College and Pitzer College.

Eric Chwang took a semester’s leave in fall 2011 to take care of his sick mother. In the summer of 2012 he attended a fruitful and relaxing bioethics workshop outside Geneva, Switzerland. In the meantime he has continued working to push papers into print. Since the last newsletter, his paper “Cluster Randomization and Political Philosophy” has been published in *Bioethics* (November 2012).

Carol Cleland In the spring of 2013, Dr. Cleland was awarded a BFA award for excellence in research. Since January of 2012 she has published 3 major journal articles: “Life without Definitions” in *Synthese*, “Is a General Theory of Life Possible; Seeking the nature of life in the context of a single example” in Biological Theory, and “Pluralism or Unity in Biology: Do microbes hold the secret to life?” in Biology and Philosophy. In addition, she has 5 articles in press, and is finishing a book (The Quest for a Universal Theory of Life; Searching for life as we don’t know it) under contract with Cambridge University Press. She also gave a number of invited talks to various scientific and philosophical conferences and workshops. The most notable of these presentations were a presentation to a special session on prebiotic chemistry of the 2012 annual meeting of the American Chemical Society, a keynote talk in Switzerland on the methodology of the historical science to an international meeting of forensic scientists, and the Van Tuyll Lecture on geoscience to the School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

In my book I try to give an informative account of the nature of the things we believe, including this thing, that the Earth is warming.

John Fisher discovered the editing side of research—enticing, rejecting, rewriting, cajoling—as he spent the last year and a half shaping a philosophical topic for a special issue of the
Interview with Alison Jaggar

Alison Jaggar is a founder of feminist philosophy and one of the Department’s two College Distinguished Professors. Last year she won the Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Award for 2012 (see http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2012/01/alison-jaggar-wins-gee-memorial-lectureship-award). The award “recognizes and honors an outstanding faculty member of the University of Colorado for efforts to advance women in academia, interdisciplinary scholarly contributions and distinguished teaching.” I interviewed her about her background and some of the work she’d done to merit the award.

GF: You’ve been a philosopher for a long time. Tell us how you started.

AJ: I grew up right after WWII in Dore, a village just outside Sheffield, in Yorkshire, England. When I grew up, life at church and school was saturated by the established Church of England religion. I think my interest in philosophy, like many peoples’, came from pondering big metaphysical questions about freewill, predestination, etc., raised by religion, as well as by various ethical teachings which I found troubling. My interest in epistemology was certainly a reaction against the authoritarian style of teaching practised in my high school. Outside of school classes, I began reading Bertrand Russell. He introduced me to an exciting world of ideas which challenged the orthodoxies of school, church and good manners. Were the supposed proofs for the existence of God valid? Did the external world exist? After devouring Russell’s *Problems of Philosophy*, I was inspired by his declaration that “The free intellect will see … without the trammels of customary beliefs and traditional prejudices …” I wanted to be a “free intellect,” and I thought philosophy was the way to do that.

GF: But your career really started in the USA, isn’t that so?

AJ: After I graduated from the University of London, I trained as a secretary (the only alternative to teaching for most women graduates in the liberal arts at that time) and worked as a “top temp” in London. However, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to earn an M. Litt. at the University of Edinburgh. In 1967, I came to graduate school in New York State with my husband, David. The late 1960s were a turbulent period on US campuses. In 1969, my university was closed and occupied by the state police due to student anti-war rioting. During this time, I joined a group of graduate students who ran alternative “free university” courses on (among other things) “women’s liberation.” When I got my first academic job in 1970 at Miami University of Ohio, my “free university” experience inspired me to teach what I believe was the first feminist philosophy course in the United States. It was called “Philosophy of Women’s Rights.”

GF: You came to CU in 1990? Can you tell us something about your recent work here? What is “Fempov”?

AJ: It’s a transnational feminist research project which aims to produce a better standard or metric for measuring poverty across the world. (www.genderpovertymeasure.org). The project received funding for three years from several sources, mainly the Australian Research Council but also the University of Colorado at Boulder, the Philippine Health Social Science Association, and some NGOs, mainly The International Women’s Development Agency, Oxfam Great Britain Southern Africa Office, and Oxfam America.

GF: Why exactly do we need a metric for measuring poverty across the world?

AJ: Poverty measurement is used to allocate scarce resources, evaluate policies, and advocate for political reforms. At the global level, accurate knowledge about poverty is crucial.
for making judgments about global justice. We have to learn how countries and their citizens are faring relative to each other to see who is benefiting economically from various developments and who is paying the price. Accurate knowledge about poverty trends is especially necessary for analyzing what’s now widely known as “the feminization of poverty” and for figuring out what is true and what is misleading in slogans, like “Poverty Wears a Woman’s Face.” And in order to measure poverty on a global scale, we need a standard that is sufficiently “universal” to permit comparisons across countries as diverse as Iceland and India, yet also sensitive to the experience of various demographic groups within and across those boundaries.

In addition to selecting a threshold below which people are impoverished, all poverty metrics must select a “currency,” that is to say, they must decide which specific deprivations make poor people poor. The “currency” selections used in existing metrics often evidence cultural bias. For instance, the IPL selects money as the stuff that poor people crucially lack, disregarding the fact that people in some societies do not regard lack of money as the primary deficiency that impoverishes them; some indigenous people regard themselves as poor if they lack access to land or kin relationships. An exclusive focus on income may also evidence gender bias: the lives of poor women may be characterized not only by lack of money but also by other deprivations or hardships that they may feel even more keenly. For instance, they may suffer from sexual vulnerability, political marginalization, clothes that make them ashamed, and heavy burdens of work, including domestic work. For girls, lack of sanitation is especially crucial: many girls drop out of school when they begin menstruating.

GF: And current standards don’t do this?
AJ: There are many standards already out there, but our team believes they all have flaws, including ethical and methodological shortcomings. The best known metric is the International Poverty Line (IPL) used by the World Bank. One problem with this is that it sets the poverty line arbitrarily low. More fundamentally, however, all income-based threshold approaches are inevitably insensitive to individuals’ differing needs and differing costs of procuring commodities and so always bear more harshly on those whose needs and costs are greater. For this reason, critics charge that the whole monetary threshold approach of the IPL is anti-poor in principle as well as practice.

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Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction

contravention of people’s own perceptions of their needs. Moreover, in real world contexts, it is politically authoritarian to use metrics that were initially decided and continue to be monitored by unelected and unaccountable economic “experts” and academics whose reasoning is often opaque. We think that developing poverty measures is an inherently evaluative exercise that should be a subject of public reasoning with participation by those identified as impoverished.

For all these reasons, we undertook fieldwork designed to uncover what the poorest people in some very poor countries think poverty consists in. We had three sites in each of six countries: Angola, Fiji, Indonesia, Malawi, Mozambique, and the Philippines. In each country, data were collected in a poor urban community, a poor rural community and a marginalized community, which is not only poor but also disadvantaged by other factors, such as belonging to a minority or excluded religious or ethnic group. We used this qualitative data to develop a structured questionnaire which asked participants to assess whether various suggested indicators should be viewed as aspects of poverty, and to rank them in order of importance to them. In early 2012 fieldworkers returned to the communities with this questionnaire. Their goal was to elicit information in a more quantitative form, and to identify more clearly the preferences and priorities of participants over a range of deprivations.

GF: So where is the project now?

AJ: Using all this data, we developed a pilot metric, which is currently being tested in two countries. We would have liked to test it in all six countries but we ran out of funding. Inviting lay participants to reconsider both their own earlier reports of their experience and the reports provided by others reflects our conviction that poor people are capable not only of providing “data” but also of reflecting on it critically. We plan to explain our methodology and report our findings at a conference in Oslo in June 2013.

AJ: Well this is only one of my many philosophical interests but I have particularly enjoyed this project because of the opportunity it gave me to be part of a multidisciplinary team. It is exhilarating to feel that philosophy, and especially feminist philosophy, can contribute substantively to real world change. As for hard work, I did not do much of it early in life but I did later, once I got to college and fell in love with philosophy. However, I also consider myself to have been very fortunate and in many ways privileged. I was born to the right parents at the right time. I enjoyed good health—and good healthcare on the British National Health Service; as a child, I received free milk, orange juice, cod-liver oil. In the 1960s, my entire university education was paid for by the state and I graduated from college with no debt, like all my generation in Britain. I also enjoyed good timing. The social upheavals of late 1960s gave me both moral inspiration and social permission to do my “own” work, though even now I struggle with the feeling that it is “selfish.” As to whether I have been successful? I would assess this not simply in terms of winning prizes and awards. For me, success also means having scholarly work on gender respected. It means having universities which regard programs on gender studies as vital to their missions. And it means having philosophy departments in which work on gender is seen not as a “women’s auxiliary” or boutique specialization but rather as integral to most reputable scholarship done by men as well as women.
Graduate Student Accomplishments 2011-2012

Major Fellowships
Chelsea Haramia, currently in her third year in the Ph.D. won a Lowe Fellowship for 2013-2014.
Noël Saenz currently holds a Templeton Fellowship at Notre Dame
Spencer Case was awarded a Fulbright student grant to study in Egypt, and a Kathryn Davis Scholarship to study Arabic at Middlebury’s branch at Mill’s College.

Publications (recent and forthcoming)
Chelsea Haramia, “Our Responsibility to the Non-Existing,” forthcoming in Southwest Philosophy Review (this paper also won the President’s Prize for the best paper from a graduate student or recent PhD student at the Southwest Philosophical Society’s conference.)
Ryan Jenkins, “Good Old Bender” (forthcoming) in Futurama and Philosophy
Joey Stenberg, Book Review in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews with Robert Pasnau: Grand Theories and Everyday Beliefs by Wallace Matson

Conferences
Beth Johnson presented a paper as part of a symposium at the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association
Joey Stenberg presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association
Chad Vance presented a paper at the 2012 meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy.
Jay Geyer presented a paper at the 2012 meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy.
Annaleigh Curtis presented a paper at the 2012 meeting of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (Curtis was also invited to participate in a graduate publication workshop at NASSP on the basis of this paper and was awarded a cash prize for doing so).
James Hall presented a paper at the Intermountain Philosophy Conference
Annaleigh Curtis presented a paper at the Intermountain Philosophy Conference
Nicholas Byrd presented a paper at Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference
Nicholas Byrd presented a paper at the Intermountain Philosophy Conference
Spencer Case presented a paper at the Annual Bled Conference on Philosophy
Michael Sechman presented a paper at the meeting of the North Carolina Society for Philosophy
Beth Johnson presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers
Joey Stenberg presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers
Joey Stenberg presented a paper at the Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy
Tyler Huismann presented a paper at the annual Philosophy in the Abrahamic Tradition conference

Graduate students also gave invited commentaries at the American Philosophical Association, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, and the Society for Christian Philosophers. Invited colloquium talks
Chelsea Haramia, University of Wyoming, “The Axiology of Reacting,” University of Wyoming

The graduate students hosted and organized the 14th annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference on April 20-21, 2012, a graduate philosophy conference attracting submissions from students across the U.S. The keynote speakers were Jerry Fodor (Rutgers), Kit Fine (NYU), and Russ Schafer-Landau (Wisconsin). Eight graduate students presented with that, gave the gave the eleventh Alvin Plantinga Fellow Lecture in November 2012, sponsored by the Center for Philosophy of Religion and entitled “The Death of Socrates”. She presented an early precursor of this lecture at the East Boulder Senior Center as a community outreach talk in their “History Behind the Headlines” Lecture Series in the Spring of 2012. (She also won another fellowship at the National Humanities Center, but unfortunately had to decline it, since it was for the same project and the same time period as the Alvin Plantinga fellowship.) In addition, she spoke at several workshops, conferences and department colloquium series in her usual globe-trotting ways in Hong Kong, Spain, Canada, New York and Chicago. Meanwhile, she is continuing her work on a new book manuscript on ontological dependence, substancehood and fundamentality and have several articles coming out in print in edited volumes in connection with this project.

Mitzi Lee Dr. Lee took her sabbatical in Spring 2012 and won a Center for the Humanities and the Arts faculty fellowship for Fall 2012. She is writing a book Justice in Aristotle’s Moral and Political Philosophy, was offered a courtesy appointment in Classics, and presented a paper “Greed and Justice in Aristotle’s ethics” at University of Utah, and Colorado College in November 2012.

Claudia Mills is spending a second year on leave from CU as the Robert and Carolyn Frederick Distinguished Visiting Professor of Ethics at the Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. She organized a groundbreaking symposium in September 2012 on Ethics and Children’s Literature and is working on an edited volume of essays presented at the conference. In June she will assume the presidency of the thousand-member scholarly Children’s Literature Association.

Bradley Monton won an Excellence in Philosophy of Religion prize for his paper “Prolegomena to Any Future Physics-Based Metaphysics”, which was published in Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion. For the 2012-13 academic year, he is on sabbatical at Victoria University of Wellington, in New Zealand. While there he is teaching a bit, and writing a book, The Flow of Time, defending the (arguably common-sensical) view that there is a fundamental dynamical aspect to reality; time objectively passes (a view that most philosophers of time and physicists reject). He has recently given talks at University of Sydney, University of Auckland, Monash University, and Victoria University.
papers, and CU students did the commentary. Andrew Chapman, Annaleigh Curtis and Kelly Vincent were the co-organizers.

Graduates

Corwin Aragon successfully defended his PhD dissertation on January 9, 2013. His dissertation, entitled Situating Responsibility for Injustice, was completed under Alison Jaggar, with committee members Claudia Mills, Alastair Norcross, Adam Hosein and Steven Vanderheiden (Political Science).

Kristin Demetriou successfully defended her PhD dissertation on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Her dissertation, entitled “Free Will Fundamentals: Agency, Determinism, and (In)compatibility,” was completed under Robert Hanna, with committee members Graeme Forbes, Michael Huemer, Robert Rupert, and Ben Hale (ENVS).

Jason Hyde successfully defended his PhD dissertation on November 9, 2011. His dissertation, entitled Caring Satisficationism: A New Theory of Personal Welfare, was completed under Chris Heathwood, with committee members Ben Hale (ENVS), Bob Hanna, Alastair Norcross, and Michael Tooley.


David Meens successfully defended his Master’s thesis on Friday, August 24, 2012. It was completed under Alison Jaggar, with committee members Michael Zimmerman and Kenneth Howe (Education).

Kacey Warren successfully defended her PhD dissertation on Friday, April 20, 2012. Her dissertation, entitled Recognizing Justice for Citizens with Cognitive Disabilities, was completed under Alison Jaggar, with committee members Alastair Norcross, Michael Zimmerman, Celeste Montoya-Kirk (Women & Gender Studies), and Eva Kittay (SUNY Stony Brook).

Michael Zerella successfully defended his PhD dissertation on December 1, 2011. His dissertation, entitled Biological Mechanisms and Evolution, was completed under Carol Cleland, with committee members Bob Hanna, John Jackson (Communications), Bradley Monton and Rob Rupert.

News about Past Graduates

Cory Aragon has accepted a tenure-track position at Concordia College, a private university in Moorhead, Minnesota. His position is in social/political philosophy.

Amandine Catala has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Quebec at Montreal. Her position is in social/political philosophy and ethics, with an emphasis on feminism.

Tyler Hildebrand has accepted a one-year position at the University of Washington for the 2012–2013 academic year.

Christian Lee has accepted a temporary position as Assistant Professor in the School of Humanities at the University of Western Australia.

Pamela Lomelino has accepted an assistant professor position at Loyola University in Chicago. The position begins in the Fall of 2013 and has an emphasis on research.

Brian Talbot has accepted an instructor position at Washington University in St. Louis. The position begins in the Spring of 2014.

Jason Wyckoff accepted a one-year position as an Associate Instructor at the University of Utah.

Placements

Addison Ellis (MA 2012) was accepted to a PhD program at University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.

Spencer Case (MA 2012) was accepted to the Ph.D. program in Philosophy, U. of Colorado, Boulder.

Ian Tully (MA 2012) was accepted to the Ph.D. program in Philosophy, Washington U. of St. Louis.

David Meens (MA 2012) was accepted to the Ph.D. program in the College of Education, U. of Colorado, Boulder.


Graham Oddie continued his research and publishing in the metaphysics of value, and the prospects for a theory of truthmakers. He gave three invited presentations; at the annual conference of the Canadian Philosophical Association, on the nature of the fitting attitude analysis of value; at a conference in Geneva, on the nature of desire; and at the annual SPAWN conference in Syracuse, on normative realism. He also took up the appointment of Interim Director of the Humanities Program for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Bob Pasnau continues to be hard at work studying Arabic and Islamic philosophy. On the side, he has begun to work on what he hopes will be a bestselling popular account of the history of philosophy. On still another side, he was named director of the Center for Western Civilization here at CU/Boulder, and has been hard at work promoting its activities.

Rob Rupert In the spring of 2012, Dr. Rupert was on sabbatical. During that period, he held a visiting fellowship in philosophy at the Australian National University, was a visiting academic in Cognitive Science at Macquarie University, and gave numerous talks in both the northern and southern hemispheres. Most of these talks presented material currently being developed for a book on what he calls the “massively representational mind.” In the fall of 2012, Rob took over as the Department of Philosophy’s Director of Graduate Studies and as the chair of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Curriculum Committee.

Michael Tooley Dr. Tooley gave the Keynote Address at the 2011 Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting in DeKalb, Illinois on November 19, 2011. He attended a conference on the topic of “The Objective Reality of Causality” that took place the University of Konstanz.
Prizes and Awards

FACULTY

Carol Cleland has won a 2012-2013 Boulder Faculty Assembly Excellence Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarly, and Creative Work.

Dominic Bailey has been awarded a Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship. His 25,000 word paper “The Structure of Stoic Metaphysics” will appear in Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy later this year.

Adam Hosein has received the 2013-14 AY CHA Faculty Fellowship award.

Mike Huemer is the first winner of the E. Maynard Adams Prize. He will be traveling to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in two weeks for the award ceremony.

Alison Jaggar won the Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Award for 2012.

Mitzi Lee has won a Center for Humanities and the Arts (CHA) Fellowship for the 2012–2013 academic year to facilitate her research on Aristotle’s theory of justice.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Ashley Taylor and Jonathan Spelman won a grant from the President’s Fund for the Humanities to host the 2013 Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Region Conference, March 8-9, 2013 in the University Memorial Center. Keynotes speakers were Lara Buchak (UC, Berkeley), Trent Dougherty (Baylor University), and Jeffrey Jordan (University of Delaware).

Jentzsch Prize

Noël Saenz (PhD student) is the winner of this year’s Jentzsch Prize for his paper, “A Non-Revisionary Solution to the Grounding Problem.” The prize includes a cash award and an invitation to present his paper in next year’s Colloquium Talks series.

Lowé Dissertation Fellowship

Chelsea Haramia has been awarded the 2013-14 Florence Husted Lowe and F. Rex Lowe Student Support Fund Dissertation Fellowship.

Philosophy Graduation, 2012

The spring graduation ceremony was held on Friday, May 11, 2012. The department honored six students receiving Doctorates, thirteen receiving Masters of Arts, and sixty-three receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees. The department acknowledged eleven BA students who graduated with honors and seven who graduated with distinction. Department Chair Graeme Forbes presided over the ceremony. Daniel Sturgis awarded the Undergraduate Degrees, Alison Jaggar awarded the Graduate Degrees. The departmental award for outstanding graduate student paper (the Jentzsch Prize) went to Noël Saenz.

The graduation address was given by Richard Lamm, Co-Director of the Institute for Public Policy Studies at the University of Denver, and the former three-term Governor of Colorado (1975–1987). He is both a lawyer (Berkeley, 1961) and a Certified Public Accountant. He joined the faculty of the University of Denver in 1969 and has, except for his years as Governor, been associated with the University ever since.

Lamm was selected as one of Time Magazine’s “200 Young Leaders of America” in 1974, and won the Christian Science Monitor “Peace 2020” essay in 1985. In 1992, he was honored by the Denver Post and Historic Denver, Inc. as one of the “Colorado 100”—people who made significant contributions to Colorado and made lasting impressions on the state’s history. He was Chairman of the Pew Health Professions Commission and a public member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Lamm has always been in the forefront of political change. As a first year legislator, he drafted and succeeded in passing the nation’s first liberalized abortion law. He was an early leader of the environmental movement, and was President of the First National Conference on Population and The Environment. Reacting to the high cost of campaigning, he walked the state in his campaign for Governor of Colorado. Lamm was elected to three terms as Colorado’s top elected official, and in serving as Governor from January 1975 and retiring in January 1987, he was the longest-serving Governor in Colorado’s history to that date.
Philosophy Department Graduates

HONORS GRADUATES (WITH A MAJOR OR MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY)

Davis Backer, magna cum laude
Errol Ball, cum laude
Tim Burkhardt*, summa cum laude
Jason Cleland*, summa cum laude
Matthew Cucchiaro*, summa cum laude
Alex Hansen, summa cum laude
Matthew Holmes, magna cum laude
Matthew Hoops*, summa cum laude
Leonardo Labriola*, summa cum laude
Jason Lambden*, summa cum laude
Mariana Rodriguez Santiago, cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS

William Almon
Rachel Archibald
Tarah Bailey
Clark Becker*
Andrew Bedick
Jack Beeken
Christopher Benjamin
Jessica Blechschmidt
Sarah Budisavljevic
Natalie Byrnes
Niklas Cederstrom
Kenneth Choi
Melissa Cisewski
Colin Clark
Alexis Corindia
Catherine Cumming
Jeffrey Drakos
Michael Ferguson
Neillie Fields
Jackson Gardner
Marcus Goodgaine
Kelsey Gross
Patrick Hunter Harrison
Julian Hirschbaum
Alexandra Janes–Paulsen
Jennifer Jeung
Matthew Johnson
Yelin Lee
Tyler Lehman
Alec Leslie
Jacqueline Lim
Colin McCall
Charlotte Morgan
Keelan Mulligan
Kyle Rindahl
Tyler Schloesser
Danielle Scimeca
Nicholas Smiley–Kallas
Benjamin Spady
Cullen Steele
Karissa Steiner
Korey Streich
Stacia Telsey
David Tracey
Joshua Volkman

MASTER OF ARTS

Spencer Case
Michael Cousineau
Annaleigh Curtis
Jonathan Dang
Addison Ellis
Todd Grassman
Jason Hanschmann
Keith Keydel
David Meens
Robert Moore
Christian Nelsen
Ian Tully
Kelly Vincent

DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY

Corwin Aragon
Kristin Demetriou
Tyler Hildebrand
Jason Hyde
Kacey Warren
Michael Zerella

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I would like to make my gift by credit card:

- Visa
- Discover
- MasterCard
- American Express

Card Number __________________ Exp. Date __________________

Print name as it appears on card