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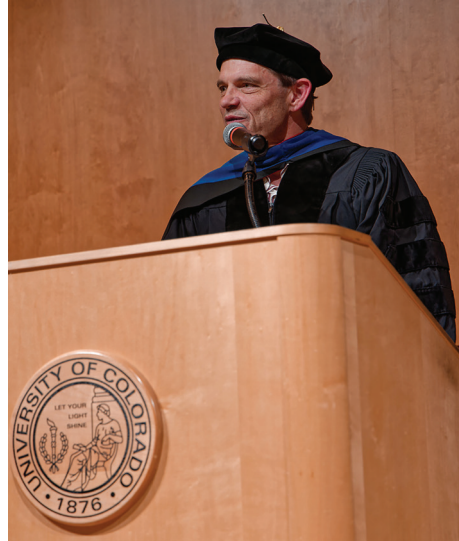
Letter from the Chair

Dear students, colleagues, friends, and alumni:

Greetings! I write this missive eleven months into my first term as a department chair. I'll say it's been quite an experience!

One of the defining aspects of my term thus far has been a change in the Philosophy Department's physical location. At the beginning of last summer, construction teams began the long process of gutting and reshaping the interior of our beloved Hellems Hall. Close to two years from now, the remodeling process will come to completion, revealing a modern, much more functional (and well-functioning) building, with more classroom space, more communal space, and quieter offices for faculty members to concentrate on their research, class preparation, grading, and all the rest. In the meantime, members of the Philosophy Dept., as well as members of the History and English Departments, occupy a temporary space in Muenzinger Hall. Displacement has disoriented some of us and led to such unusual experiences as making reservations for windowless conference rooms when a private meeting is in order. Despite some of these challenges, I'm proud of the ways in which the philosophers are making do, effectively utilizing the spaces set aside for them and going out of their way to create community in our shared, open rooms in Muenzinger—and beyond.

Unfazed by the change to our physical location, the department has continued to host and sponsor a wide range of events. These include the Colorado Summer Seminar for advanced undergraduates, College



Professor Rob Rupert speaking at Commencement, Glenn Miller Ballroom, May 10, 2024.

Ethics Bowl, High School Ethics Bowl, the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, the Morris Colloquium, the Boulder Conference on the Philosophy of Science, the William Reinhardt Memorial Lecture, the Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science Distinguished Speaker Series, the Center for Values and Social Policy Lunch Talks, and History of Philosophy Group speakers, as well as our standard departmental colloquia and lectures from speakers brought in by our student-led groups Minorities and Philosophy and Women in Philosophy.

I've spent much of my time as chair handling personnel cases, many of which are still in process—expect big announcements over the summer! I can comment now on two particularly momentous matters. As the culmination of a departmental search that ran through this past fall and into the winter, Philosophy has hired Dr. Vishnu Sridharan as a new tenure-track Assistant Professor. He

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Faculty Updates 2023-2024



For the first time in 18 years, **David Boonin** is not a department chair, center director, or associate dean. And while he found each of those roles rewarding, he is currently enjoying his return to life as a regular faculty member. Professor Boonin was on sabbatical in fall 2023 and has a Faculty Fellowship from CU's Center for Humanities and the Arts in spring 2024 and he has used this time away from teaching to focus on two main research projects. He has completed a book manuscript on moral objections to four important applications of AI

earned a law degree at Stanford and a Ph.D. in philosophy at USC. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow in UCLA's Law School and will be joining CU Philosophy in August. Let's extend a warm welcome to Vishnu and a hearty thanks to my colleague Prof. Bob Pasnau, who chaired the search committee, and to all of the members of that committee.

Alongside my enthusiasm for Vishnu's arrival, I feel a deep sadness as I prepare to bid farewell to a longstanding pillar of the Philosophy Dept., Prof. Graham Oddie, who is retiring at the end of the current academic year. During his time at CU, Graham devoted an enormous amount of effort and energy to making our corner of the universe run smoothly and efficiently, while also fostering (and exemplifying) excellence, first as Chair of Philosophy, then as a long-serving Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, and, most recently, as Chair of Art and Art History. Graham is brilliant philosopher and a heck of a guy. We'll miss you, Graham.

Take care, everyone, and enjoy the summer.

Best wishes,
Rob Rupert

Letter from the Editor



This edition of the philosophy department annual newsletter has a novel element. Instead of including a single, contemporary interview with one or more members of our department,

I am including two interviews. The first is one conducted in 2020-2021 with Julia Staffel and Brian Talbot that was never published and, given our luck in keeping them among us, deserves to be shared with our readers. The other is part of what I hope to be a feature in each newsletter that will serve as an introduction to events and people who made significant contributions to students who took courses in our department over the years. Serving that purpose in this issue is the first in a series of excerpts from a long interview with Professor Emeritus Forrest Williams conducted in 2007. The interviewers were two current members of our department (Dave Youkey and myself), and a former member (Simon Sparks, who left us a year after this interview to take a tenure line job at Oglethorpe in Atlanta, GA). Forrest had served continuously on our faculty from 1952 until his retirement in 1993 and was a model of excellence in the teaching and practice of philosophy. As such, Forrest was an important influence on each of his interviewers. For Simon, it was in part due to their shared interest in existentialism, phenomenology, and associated mid-20th century thinkers. Dave and I each took several courses of his while we were graduate students in the 1990s and took Forrest's approach to teaching as a model. Born in Paris, his childhood was spent in France and Belgium. His consequent fluency in French and English (and considerable grasp of German) figured in or supported his later philosophical interests and activities as both a student, professor and translator of notable French philosophers of the mid-twentieth century (Sartre, Jean Wahl, Merleau-Ponty, among others). As was the experience of many who got to know him well, Forrest was always ready for impromptu philosophical conversation in his office, and was open and generous with his time. He was one of a kind, and is missed by many.

Jason Potter
Editor

technology that are widely being used by the government or are currently under development for government use. And he has finished writing an initial draft of a book manuscript on consumer ethics, focusing on a variety of arguments for and against consumer boycotts and on a puzzle about the nature of ethical divestment. Progress on the first book was helped along by a workshop the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics sponsored on his manuscript at Georgia State University last fall. And the work he has done this year on the second book has helped him develop a new graduate course on consumer ethics that he plans to offer for the first time in the coming fall. He also continued to serve as the Director of High School Ethics Bowl in Colorado and of the Department's Summer Seminar in Philosophy. Professor Boonin has also taken advantage of his newfound freedom to do more travelling. Between the end of the last academic year and the end of this one, he will have visited and hiked in 15 US National Parks, including 13 he'd never been to before. He also got to spend a few days hiking in the Adirondacks for the first time.



Heather Demarest's recent research is on the philosophy of special relativity, Humean reduction, and the role of usefulness in characterizing the laws of nature. I received a 3-year grant with colleagues at Umeå University to support research into the relationship between pragmatism and the laws of nature. With a group of interdisciplinary coauthors, I contributed to a widely read PNAS paper on how selection and function increase complexity over time. I am now working on my own philosophical project that explicates the relationship between complexity, entropy, and the arrow of time. I will present this new research at the Jowett Society in Oxford and the International Association for the Philosophy of Time Conference in Lugano, Switzerland.

Interviews

Interview with Brian Talbot and Julia Staffel

Personal Questions

Q: What were you like as a child?

Brian: I was a pretty boring child, unfortunately.

Julia: I feel like I was basically the same person I am now, just smaller. I always needed to be busy, and I loved crafting, baking and reading. I tried piano lessons and ballet, but I wasn't particularly good at either of them, and I didn't enjoy practicing, so that didn't last too long. I grew up in a very small town in Germany, so my early life was not particularly noteworthy. My window into the world was television, of which I watched A LOT. My dad owned the local radio and television store, so we had satellite TV very early, and I had access to lots of American TV shows dubbed in German. One of my favorite shows as a child was Baywatch, but of course I was too smart to believe that it's really sunny in LA every day. That's just what they make it look like on TV. You can imagine my surprise when I moved there and discovered that Baywatch actually delivers a fairly accurate picture of Los Angeles, including the weather.

Q: How did you come to philosophy?

Brian: I did a few different things after undergrad, including law school, teaching English abroad, and running a business that ultimately failed. After all of this, I felt like I was going nowhere and that I'd made a lot of poor choices. At the time, I was also tutoring a lot of older students who similarly felt like they had made poor life choices. This made me want a job that would let me think about what made choices better or worse, and that would let me work through those issues with students. That sounded like philosophy.

Julia: My parents liked to go on beach holidays with me and my sisters.

When I was in my early teens, we went to a resort in Mallorca, where I befriended a few older teenagers who were reading some philosophy. They talked about things like whether colors are really on the surfaces of objects or in our minds, that sort of stuff. I was fascinated, and started reading some philosophy books. At the time, *Sophie's World* was really popular, which is kind of a history of philosophy wrapped into a novel. I didn't care much for the story, but I made detailed notes on the philosophy parts of the book. I also tried reading some Kant, but gave up fairly quickly. In high school, I was able to take philosophy as an elective, and I had a really good teacher who took us through philosophical classics in ethics, political philosophy, aesthetics and epistemology. I didn't initially plan to study philosophy in college, because it didn't seem like it would be easy to find a job with it, and I wasn't sure I wanted to be a teacher (the only more or less guaranteed gainful employment for philosophers in Germany). So, I instead started studying advertising and communication at an art school in Berlin. I hated it. I thought the classes were shallow and we were barely assigned any reading. I quit after half a semester and enrolled at Humboldt University in Berlin for the next semester for German and Philosophy. I was lucky that Humboldt had a good philosophy department. I mostly picked it because it was close to my apartment. Overall, I benefited from a lot of lucky coincidences along the way. Nobody in my family went to college, so I had very little guidance in choosing what to study, or how to pick a university, or how to apply for financial aid. I don't think I would be in philosophy now if it hadn't been for my high school philosophy teacher, Dr. Eduard Maler.

Q: What made you interested in the Boulder Philosophy Department?

Brian: I was on the job market right after the financial crisis of 2008,

Graeme Forbes gave the Larwill Lecture on March 27th 2023 at Kenyon College, Ohio.



Chris Heathwood continues to work on a book defending a desire-based approach to well-being, which he hopes to complete a draft of next year while a Faculty Fellow at the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study. He is also working on handbook articles on whether posthumous harm is possible and on the nature of desire. This past academic year he published a paper called, "From the Perspective of Prudence, Is It Just as Reasonable to Change Your Desires to Fit the World as It Is to Change the World to Fit Your Desires?" (Spoiler alert: Yes.)



In 2023, **Mike Huemer's** book, *Can We Know Anything?: A Debate*, co-authored with Bryan Frances, was published by Routledge. He also appeared on multiple podcasts, which he lost count of, and his Fake Nous blog exceeded 5,000 subscribers.

Dan Jacobsen's book, *Rational Sentimentalism*, coauthored with Justin D'Arms, was published by Oxford University Press

and the only job I got offered was a temporary one here. I had only lived in big cities up to that point (L.A., Oakland, and Seoul), and as far as I knew, Boulder was a tiny town in the middle of nowhere. I didn't look forward to coming here. But after I'd found out what it was really like and also made friends in the department, it became my dream to come back permanently.

Julia: Brian and I went to grad school together, but he graduated a few years before me. This was the time of the financial crisis when the job market had just collapsed. Brian was very fortunate to get an instructor position at CU in 2009, when I had just finished my second year of graduate school. So, during the next four years, I spent a lot of time in Boulder and in the department, visiting Brian and getting to know everyone. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming, and I always loved talking philosophy with people at CU. We were sad to leave in 2013 when I finally got my PhD. At the time, people would sometimes say how nice it would be if they could hire us back one day, but it seemed like a pipe dream. So, when the opportunity to come back finally came up, we were extremely excited. The whole hiring process took a long time and we were so nervous that it would fall through, but eventually it all worked out. We finally feel like we have a home now, we love it here!

Q: You have worked briefly at the Australian National University in the fairly recent past. Did you come away with any sense of differences in the way academic philosophy is pursued there and here in the States?

Brian: ANU brings in a lot of people from around the world every year to work there temporarily. So the majority of the people I interacted with there were not Australian. But the Australian philosophers I do know work on the same sorts of things and publish in the same sort

of journals as the non-Australian philosophers I know.

Julia: ANU is a very international department, so it didn't feel particularly Australian. Like in most places, there are some topics that get discussed a lot, but it's mostly because of the department's research specialties, not because it's in Australia. They do have a daily tea time, which is usually well attended, and which has been the breeding ground for a lot of philosophy projects. I miss that! For Brian:

Q: Some years ago you once said that Los Angeles was the best city in the world. Assuming that this is not a result of my bad memory, what would be you say is the best city in the world at present, and why?

Brian: L.A. has better food, weather, and drivers than any place else I've lived. When I go back to visit, it still feels like home. But I don't know if I could live there anymore: the traffic gets worse and worse, and now that I've lived places where I barely had to drive, it's harder to deal with. For Julia:

Q: How did you come to be in the USA? Do you miss your home country?

When I was an undergraduate, I noticed that most of the philosophical texts I was interested in were published in English. My English was good enough for reading, but not for writing philosophy. So, I thought it would be good for me to improve my English, and I started applying for study abroad programs in the US. Humboldt had a few partner universities, most of which I had never heard of. I got a spot to study at Brown for two semesters in the 05/06 academic year. I had never heard of Brown, and I was not too happy with the match when I first found out about it. Of course, once I arrived in Providence, I realized how ignorant I had been, and that I had been sent to one of the top departments in the US. Everyone at Brown was very friendly, especially Chris Hill. I took his seminar on



(2023). The book was the subject of an Author Meets Critics session at the 2024 Central Division APA, and will be featured in a book symposium in *Philosophical Studies* with comments by Selim Berker (Harvard), Oded Na'aman (Hebrew University), and Vida Yao (UCLA).



Mitzi Lee (Associate Professor) published a paper on "Skills in Argument" in Christopher Moore and Joshua Billings (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Sophists*, Cambridge University Press 2023, 277-305. The paper focuses on the Sophists' famous claim to be able to argue on both sides of any question, and connects this with an interest in dialectic and logic in the generation before Plato. She continues to work on her book *Justice in Aristotle's Ethics and Political Philosophy* (under contract with Oxford), and this year has been working on the final chapters of the book—on equality, exclusion, race, and citizenship in Aristotle's

consciousness in the first semester, and he encouraged me to apply to graduate school in the US. Before studying at Brown, I had no idea that PhD programs in the US are fully funded. This was welcome news, since I had absolutely no money, and in Germany, applying for PhD fellowships can be a lengthy and uncertain process. So I went back to Germany to finish my degree and applied for graduate school. I almost didn't apply to USC because I had never heard of it, but Chris told me to give them a try since they were up and coming. I ended up getting into USC and a couple of other places, but after visiting USC, I couldn't imagine going anywhere else. I absolutely loved the school and the city.

What I miss most about Germany is the sensible political leadership, and the relative consensus about issues such as having a social safety net, single payer health insurance, and free education. I honestly doubt that I would have become a professor if I had grown up in the US, holding my upbringing fixed. My family is mostly fairly uneducated, chaotic, and bad with money. Germany's education system gave me opportunities that were independent of my upbringing in a way that would have been unlikely in the US. I also miss the bread and things being properly organized (though Matthias helps with that of course, the organization, not the bread).

Q: On your website you mention working with 'aerial silks', about which you say "involves hanging from the ceiling wrapped in fabric." This brings a number of intriguing alternatives to mind. So let me ask: what, or who is wrapped and hanging from your ceiling now?

When I lived in St. Louis, I was bored with my yoga classes and I wanted to try something new. I found a place near my house offering "aerial silks" lessons, and I was hooked. Basically, imagine two very long strands of fabric hanging from the ceiling, and you can climb up, and do various moves,

wraps, spins, and drops. Many people are probably familiar with this kind of thing from watching circus performances, like in Cirque du Soleil. Of course, this requires specialized equipment, including a building with tall ceilings and strong beams from which to suspend the fabric, so it's not something one can easily do at home. Boulder has two locations offering aerial classes, Frequent Flyers and the Boulder Circus Center. I take classes at the Boulder Circus Center, but unfortunately, right now everything is closed due to the pandemic.

What I enjoy the most about this sport is that it doesn't really feel like exercise. I've never enjoyed running or swimming or going to the gym, I find it painfully boring. This is more like being on a playground and working towards learning new tricks, which holds my interest a lot better.

Philosophical Questions

Q: What philosophical topics, problems or questions especially interest you right now, and why?

Brian: I am writing a book on epistemology right now. It argues that the epistemic standards as we currently understand them are out of touch with what really matters. In each chapter, I discuss a different view about why epistemic stuff is supposed to matter. I argue that, if that view is correct, then the actual epistemic standards—the ones that really matter—are substantially different from the epistemic standards that any philosophers currently endorse. (Ed. Note: Brian's book, *The End of Epistemology As We Know It* was published by Oxford University Press in January 2024)

Different accounts of why epistemic stuff matters give us different accounts of how justification works. As I've been writing the book and getting a better grasp of all of this, I find that my views are changing. So, I don't really have a settled theory of how justification works or why it matters.

political theory. This past year, she taught the 'History of Greek Philosophy' survey course, as well as upper-division classes on Aristotle, and on Plato's dialogues (Gorgias, Phaedrus). This summer, she was invited to take part in the *Symposium Aristotelicum* in Geneva, which will be devoted to Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Book Gamma, the subject of her 2005 book *Epistemology after Protagoras* (Oxford), and hence gives her an opportunity to revisit and revise the theories she developed there.



Bob Pasnau continues to work on a book on the history of the free will problem. He will be a fellow at the Paris Institute for Advanced Studies in March 2024, and is the incoming president of the American Philosophical Association (central division)



In summer, 2023, **Professor Rob Rupert** stepped down as Chair of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate and became Chair of the Department of Philosophy. Over the past academic year, he has continued in his role as

I can tell you a little about the ideas I currently favor. But they are extremely complicated, and I'm guessing you don't want a 10-page essay. Here are some highlights. First, my epistemic views are pretty consequentialist in most contexts. I think that a person can be justified in forming beliefs that are totally contrary to their evidence, or are incoherent, if doing so leads to epistemically good enough outcomes. What make an outcome epistemically good? The epistemic good is generally not truth or knowledge. For the vast majority of topics, it doesn't matter at all what we believe about them—whether our beliefs are true, false, or somewhere in between. Even when it does matter what we believe, in ordinary cases it doesn't really matter if we believe the truth or just something close enough to the truth. This may sound like pragmatism, but I don't think it is. I used to be more of a pragmatist, but I've come to believe that there is distinctly epistemic value that is not practical, and which works in the way I describe. The view so far might make me sound like some kind of anti-truther, but hopefully that's misleading. I do think that it is really important that we are connected to the real world in some significant way; that's part of why skeptical or experience machine thought experiments are upsetting. But this connection doesn't require 100% accuracy. And I do think that the actual, full truth does matter in some cases, and here I do favor a not-fully-consequentialist account of justification. I'm inclined to think that truth matters when we do philosophy, for example, and justification in philosophical contexts doesn't look fully consequentialist. For these beliefs (the ones where the full truth matters) I tend to think that justification has to do with respect for the value of these truths. This

is analogous to how ethical duties can be grounded in respect for the value of persons. Justification of this sort matters to the extent that these truths are worthy of respect.

Julia: I've always been interested in the ways in which we're imperfect epistemic agents. My recently published book "Unsettled Thoughts" is on how to explain what constitutes having more or less rational beliefs, and why it's better for one's beliefs to be more rational (even if they can't be perfectly rational). My new project explores a related theme. When we reason about complicated issues, it takes us time to reach a conclusion, and we often go down some wrong paths and make mistakes before we figure out an answer. However, epistemologists don't tend to be very concerned about these transitional states, they mostly offer theories about when the conclusions of our reasoning are justified, or constitute knowledge, etc. I want to explore this limbo state instead—I am interested in characterizing the nature of the transitional attitudes we form to keep track of our reasoning, before we reach a conclusion. I think those transitional attitudes have their own rationality conditions that are weaker, and distinct from the rationality conditions we apply to conclusions. I'm hoping to publish this research as my second book. The current working title is "Unfinished Business." (Ed. Note: This book is now under contract with Oxford University Press)

Forrest Williams Interview, 4-7-07

[Participants: Forrest, Jason Potter, Simon Sparks, and David Youkey]

Jason: When did you first become aware that there was such a thing as philosophy, and what would you count as your first truly philosophical activity?

Forrest: Well, that first question does interest me very much because I knew nothing whatsoever about

Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. He organized the department's most recent Morris Colloquium, held jointly with the annual Boulder Conference on the Philosophy of Science; the event took place on campus in August, 2023, and was entitled "'The Extended Mind' at Twenty-Five"—with keynote speakers Andy Clark and David Chalmers. In spring 2023, Rob published a book entitled *Ten Lectures on Cognition, Mental Representation, and the Self*; it is Volume 30 of *Distinguished Lectures in Cognitive Linguistics*, which documents an annual series of invited lectures delivered to the China International Forum on Cognitive Linguistics. In the fall of 2023, he completed an essay on self-knowledge that will appear in a volume to be published by Oxford University Press. He recently gave a talk at the inaugural installment of a new series of public events at the Jamestown Mercantile, "Science with Strangers", the topic of which was consciousness; the accompanying photo (see page 5, bottom right) shows him in action at the Merc.



In his second year as an Assistant Teaching Professor at CU Boulder, **Ted Shear** has largely focused undergraduate teaching but has also managed to find time and energy to direct toward his research and various hobbies. In July 2023, he traveled with former CU Boulder MA student, DJ Arends, to attend the International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he presented a talk titled "Philosophy (of Science) of Psychedelics". Additionally, his paper "Getting some (non-classical) closure with justification logic", coauthored with Shawn Standefer and Rohan French, was published in the *Asian Journal of Philosophy (SI: Themes from Beall)*. He continues to pursue various projects in logic and decision theory. In July 2023, he will be co-teaching a short course on "Logic & Belief" with Branden

philosophy. I went to college at the age of 17 on a Northwestern scholarship, four-year scholarship and I knew nothing about philosophy, didn't even take a philosophy course. Then the following year for all kinds of complicated reasons I volunteered to go with an overseas ambulance corps that was specifically a frontline corps, that is, an ambulance corps, not a shooting unit, with the British Eighth Army. And the point of that is that I spent three years with the British Eighth Army overseas, and when the war ended I was very concerned about the possible conflict in the future between China and the United States. I didn't even think of Russia at the time as we were allies. So, I tried with two or three friends to go to China and one of them was able to support because he was a medical intern. Anyway, the point of this is that then we were stopped from going there because the American Ambassador, General Whittemore, didn't like the idea of these three Americans coming into China and looking around. He was a Chiang-Kai-shek guy. So there I was, in India, where I'd been repatriated, having applied for visas and waiting to go to China when we were prevented from going there. So, anyway, I decided I'm not gonna go home now, I want to see India. So I stayed for another year and then when our troop ship was on the way to Manila I was offered a job in Shanghai, which you've heard of, Dave, to be followed by a place called Tokyo. So I really had to make a choice, and I realized that I really wanted to go back to college. So I went back to Evanston, to Northwestern, and here's exactly how this next thing happened: I was walking down a street with a friend of mine, this was before college had started, and there was this rather short, mild-looking man who looked at us and said "could you tell me what time it is?". Well, right behind us was a huge bank clock, so I turned around and looked at the bank clock and told him the time, and he said thank you. At that point, my friend

turned to me and said "Do you know who that is?" I had no idea. My friend said, "Well, his name is Paul Henley and he's the new chairman of the philosophy department at Northwestern University." And I was just delighted by the fact that he had asked me what time it was when there was clock directly in his line of sight. To me, that was a plus. So I took his first course, my first course in philosophy.

Jason: What was it?

Forrest: Philosophy 101. We read a Platonic dialogue which, in my sophomore way I thought was absolutely ridiculous; uh, nobody could believe *that*. I think it was the *Phaedo*.

Jason: That's a tough one to start out with.

Forrest: Yes. But all this stuff about recollection, uh, I had just come back from the war, and also, one reason I took the course was because I was very confused after the war. Everything seemed contradictory. We were out there for freedom and democracy and everything else, but we were supporting King Farouk in Egypt and things like that. [ed.: In a continuation of this interview in a future newsletter, Forrest agreed with Jason's description of his own father's reasons for going to college when he returned from the Second World War: to ask and try to answer the question "Why did this war happen?"]

Jason: Yes.

Forrest: So I took Henley's course and eventually we read Lucretius, which I thought was marvelous. It was realistic. And then we read Berkeley's *Three Dialogues*, which I thought was a lot of riddling around about nothing, and then we read William James and I found him very good because he wrote so well. I thought Paul was an excellent teacher. And so, how did I get into philosophy from that? Well, he called me in a day or two after exams (an essay exam in class). He said "I have some plans for you. I

Fitelson at Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institutes (PIKSI-Logic) in Boston. Outside of his professional life, Ted recently adopted a new orange tabby kitten, Finn, to join his fourteen-year-old seal point Himalayan, Zoey. He spends as much of his time as possible enjoying the outdoors (exploring the nearby wilderness through hiking and climbing in Boulder Canyon, skateboarding at the many amazing skateparks in the area, or juggling with his friends in the Boulder Juggling Club).



From **Julia Staffell**: I am currently working on my second book, which is under contract with Oxford University Press. The working title is "Unfinished Business: Rational Attitudes in Reasoning." My aim in this book is to study the nature of deliberation in progress in order to better understand how we produce genuine insight in this stage of intellectual limbo. I take an interdisciplinary approach that integrates formal and traditional epistemology and philosophy of mind with empirical resources from cognitive science. I advance two novel contributions to our study of human reasoning: First, I offer a descriptive theory of the nature and function of the attitudes that we form while reasoning. I distinguish between *transitional* attitudes and *terminal* attitudes. Transitional attitudes are attitudes that we form towards possible answers to some question at the start of, or during our reasoning about how to answer it. Terminal attitudes, by contrast, are formed as conclusions of our reasoning about how to answer a question. These two species of attitudes differ in the roles they typically play in our deliberations. Transitional attitudes reflect our view of how things are in light of our still-in-progress reasoning—they help us record our

am teaching a graduate seminar next semester and I want you to register for it." I didn't know what to say, but he went on to tell me my exam was the best in our class (which had about 150 students or something like that). Then when I took his advice and registered for the seminar, he did the same thing to me. From then on he was always telling me what to do. The first day of the seminar he said everyone had to write a short paper on the reading for that week. There were about eight or nine of us and our papers were turned in before the first class meeting on the week's reading, so he already had read all of them. At the first such class session he announced that each week the best paper for that week would be read by the student who wrote it, and then looked at mine and asked me to read mine, which, tremulously, I did. When I finished, he declared that from now on he expected all the graduate students to at least meet the standard of the one undergraduate in the course, gesturing in my direction.

Jason: So in other words, you were subject to paternal coercion?

Forrest: Yes, but the thing is, I enjoyed it and I took it very seriously. The quarter before I graduated, he went at it again. He called me and said that the PhD comprehensive exams are going to be given in a month, and you are going to take them. And I said, "But I'm not qualified! I'll probably fail it," and he said, "Yeah, you probably will, but if you fail it, I'll throw it in the wastebasket, and if you pass it then I'll keep it and then you won't have to take it next year, or the year after that." So, what could I lose? And as it happened, I passed it, went on to take more courses that qualified me for a Masters Degree. At which point, Henley they took it upon himself to recommend me for a Fulbright Scholarship to study for a year in Paris at the Sorbonne, which I was fortunate enough to receive.

[short break]

Forrest: But more to the point of your original question, I think, the year before I went to Paris I was had the good fortune to meet the French philosopher, Jean Wahl, and he was teaching that year at the University of Chicago. There was a guy who was translating a very short essay of his, *A Short History of Existentialism*, which he asked me to help him translate into English. Do you know it?

Simon: Yes.

Forrest: I don't know whether my name is on it. . . .

Simon: It is. So even before you went to France your interest was in existentialism, phenomenology, these areas in philosophy. . . .?

Forrest: No, it wasn't. It was only after meeting Jean Wahl and working on translating this short book, and that got me interested in Sartre. Oh no, wait, that's not right. This was so long ago. But in fact I *had* already gotten interested in Sartre and phenomenology, so Simon, you were right. Henley, although he knew very little about that approach to philosophy, had a policy of hiring the best people he could find while also making sure there was variety in the Northwestern philosophy department. He didn't want it to become narrow. And he hired William Earl, whose fields was phenomenology. And yes, it was because Bill Earl got me interested in phenomenology that I was interested in translating the short work of Wahl's on existentialism. Anyway, the result of all this in any case was that I got the Fulbright and went to the Sorbonne. . . .

Simon: What year was this?

Forrest: Gosh, let's see, I went over in 1950. I was just married.

Jason: So your first course was in 1946, or '47?

Forrest: Let's see, my first course was 1941 when I was 17, but I was only there for one year. I came back in 1946, that's right. So, I went to Paris, looked up Jean Wahl, and he was

preliminary take on our evidence. Due to their provisional nature, their availability as bases for assertion, action, and further reasoning is very limited. Terminal attitudes, on the other hand, are the attitudes we form after completing our deliberation. Being the conclusions of our reasoning, they are readily available to be asserted and to be used as premises in further reasoning and decision making. My second contribution is a theory of what makes transitional attitudes rational. Our degrees of confidence in various possible answers can fluctuate considerably throughout our deliberation before we settle on terminal credences as conclusions of our reasoning. This does not make these transitional attitudes bad—just because more thorough reasoning might lead us to change our minds, it does not mean that our initial take on the evidence was irrational or defective. Yet since existing normative theories of rationality and justification are best suited for evaluating the *conclusions* of our reasoning, they are a poor tool for evaluating transitional attitudes. These theories can only view transitional attitudes as faulty estimates of what the evidence supports, thereby completely missing their role as important stepping-stones towards a more thoroughly considered conclusion. To remedy this, I propose a new notion of rationality, which I call *pro tem* rationality (*pro tem* = for the time being), that explains in what sense transitional attitudes can be rational, even if they are ultimately revised. This new notion of rationality is intended to complement existing theories of rationality or justification, such as evidentialism or reliabilism, which are best interpreted as applying to terminal attitudes, or so I argue. Since the distinction between *pro tem* and *pro toto* rationality cross-cuts, rather than replaces, existing theories of rationality, it is compatible with many different ways of theorizing rationality and justification, such as externalist and internalist views, ideal and non-ideal views, and formal and non-formal views.

Matthias Steup (see photo page 9 top right column) coedited two volumes (one with Kevin McCain and Scott Stapleford: *Seemings. New Arguments, New Angles*. Routledge 2023, the other with Blake Roeber, Ernest Sosa, and John Turri: *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*, 3rd edition. Blackwell 2023). In addition, he published three papers: "Credentialist Foundationalism"

considered my official mentor. He handed me two books: one of them was Husserl's *Ideen* [ed.: *Ideen zu einer reinen Phänomenologie und phänomenologischen Philosophie* {*Ideas: General Introduction to Pure Phenomenology*}] and the other was Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception* and he said "You've got a week to get these read." [laughter]

Simon: What was the atmosphere like at the Sorbonne at this time?

Forrest: It was very conservative, but I was lucky because Jean Wahl was committed to introducing newer thinkers whose works, like Husserl's *Cartesian Meditations*, while often written before the war, were not part of the regular curriculum at the Sorbonne. That was focused on Neo-Kantian works and Descartes, of course, and mavericks, like Paul Ricoeur, Edmund Husserl, Sartre, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Jean Hippolite, Michel Foucault (whom I met at Wahl's apartment)... This sort of new era was infected with a revolutionary spirit, very much in reaction to the war.

[The interview continues and will either be included in excerpted form in a future annual newsletter, or more ideally, in full and linked in a future department newsletter—Ed.]

Honors and Awards

David Boonin was awarded a Faculty Fellowship for Spring 2024 by CU's Center for Humanities and the Arts.

Idowu Odeyemi was awarded the Harper Ph.D. Fellowship by the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization for AY 2023-2024. The fellowship is worth \$4,000 per AY.

Dawn Jacob was awarded a grant in February 2024 from the A&S Gift Fund for the project "POPCO expansion: Philosophy For Children (P4C) in BVSD elementary schools."

Idowu Odeyemi has been awarded The Center for African &

African American Studies Summer Fellowship for his research proposal on "Blameworthiness in Colonial Wrongs". The Fellowship comes with a \$6,000 stipend.

Philosophy major **Taylor Johnson** received a 2023 ASCEND award in June, 2023 for her work in promoting diversity and inclusion in the College of Arts and Sciences. She was also selected to receive a 2024 Jacob Van Ek Scholars Award. This year, CU Boulder's College of Arts & Sciences honored 23 faculty-nominated students to recognize superior academic achievement and distinguished service to the University of Colorado Boulder and the community at large. The prestigious award is made possible by Jacob Van Ek, the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from 1929 to 1959.

On June 21, 2023, **Robert Pasnau** was elected President of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. See this interview with him in the A&S Magazine [here](#).

July 25, 2023, **Iskra Fileva** was named one of this year's Outstanding Graduate Mentors by the Graduate School. The award is based on nominations and support from graduate students, faculty, and staff. See the full article in the A&S Magazine [here](#).

December 4, 2023, CU Philosophy alumna **Kendy Hess** was offered a Senior Research Fellowship at the University of Oxford for the 2024-25 academic year. Kendy (who is currently Brake Smith Professor of Social Philosophy and Ethics College of the Holy Cross) graduated from the PhD program in 2008. She wrote a dissertation on the ontological status of corporate entities under the supervision of Professor Graham Oddie.

Alastair Norcross won a 2024 Boulder Faculty Excellence Award in the category of Leadership and Service (<https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/excellence-awards-0>).

Ajume Wingo has been named a recipient of a 2024 Thomas Jefferson Award. The award honors those



in *The Philosophy of Keith Lehrer: Essays on Knowledge and Freedom*, edited by Mylan Engel Jr. and Joseph Campbell. Synthese Library: Studies in Epistemology, Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science. Springer, forthcoming; "Control over and Responsibility for Belief" in Tyler Cyr, Andrew Law, and Neal Tognazzinni (eds), *Freedom, Responsibility, and Value: Essays in Honor of John Martin Fischer*. Routledge, 2023; and "The Chemistry of Epistemic Justification" on *Seemings. New Arguments, New Angles*. He also gave two talks: "Epistemic Responsibility," the Keynote Talk at the 5th FINO Graduate Conference Contemporary Issues Across Ethics and Epistemology, June 21-22, Pavia, Italy; and "Problems for Phenomenal Explanationism," Authors-Meet-Critics Session on Kevin McCain and Luca Moretti: *Appearance and Explanation* at the Central Division Meetings of the APA, Denver, February 22-25.

Grad Student Updates 2023-2024



Idowu Odeyemi is a philosophy PhD student. His areas of interest are applied epistemology, moral, social, and political philosophy. He has published paper

in the University community who advance the ideals of Thomas Jefferson. Professor Wingo was honored at a ceremony on Monday, April 24 in the Flatirons room in C4C.

Julia Staffel has won a Graduate School 2023-2024 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award this past May 2024.

Owen Forbes was the winner of this year's Jentzsch Prize goes to the best graduate student paper of the year. The prize was created to honor Gus Jentzsch, a PhD student in our department during the late 1960s whom faculty regarded as a gifted philosopher and who died of Hodgkin's lymphoma. Gus chose to spend his last summer doing philosophy with his advisor, Jim Kimble, rather than go on vacation. for best graduate student paper of the year. Owen's prize-winning paper is called "Metaphysical Laws and the Directionality of Grounding" and has already been published in the March 2024 edition of *Synthese*.

Idowu Odeyemi was awarded this year's Stahl Prize, given each year in memory of Professor Gary Stahl, who taught at CU from 1962 to 1996. It recognizes a graduate student who has made a significant contribution toward bringing the discipline of philosophy to bear on some demanding and crucial human problem.

Matthew Wennemann and **Connor Kianpour**, respectively, won this year's Mills Teaching Prize (for the Best Teaching Assistant) and Morrison Teaching Prize (for the Best Graduate Part-Time Instructor). The awards are honoring two retired members of our department (Claudia Mills and Wes Morrison) who were known, among other things, for being extraordinary teachers.

Taylor Johnson and **Ellie McDonald** were the awarded winners of the Morris Judd Scholarship in AY 2022/2023 and AY 2023/2024, respectively. The prize is named for Morris Judd, a former Instructor in the Philosophy Department at CU who taught a variety of courses



including several in the values area. The Department held Judd to be an outstanding teacher, but his appointment at the University was discontinued in the early 1950s when he refused to answer questions about whether he had ever been a Communist. You can find more information about his story here: http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_13137226.

This year's Socrates Prize, awarded each year to the undergraduate philosophy major with the highest overall GPA, went to **Tyler Fredericks**.

This year's prize for the best Undergraduate History of Philosophy Essay was awarded to **Ellie McDonald**. The prize is awarded to the best undergraduate essay submitted by a philosophy major or minor on any topic in the area of history of philosophy (where the history of philosophy is understood as including figures, texts, topics, and debates prior to 1950). The essay must be one that was submitted in a philosophy course and received no less than an A-.



articles in these areas: "Protohistory: Unending Intuitions" in *Metaphilosophy* and "African Communitarian Ethics: An Externalist Justification for Altruism" in *The Philosophical Forum*. In the 2023-2024 academic session, he was awarded the Benson Center Harper PhD Fellowship and the Center for British and Irish Studies Ogilvy Research Fellowship. He was also accepted into the 2023 Open Student Workshop at the University of Oxford. This is a fully-funded workshop by the Oxford Global Priorities Institute. His essay "Living in America, Leaving Nigeria" was recognized as one of the 18 notable essays by a Nigerian in 2023.



Consistent with his intent to be a multi- and cross-disciplinary scholar, **Jonathyn Zapf** received his M.A. degree in Religious Studies from CU-Boulder in the fall of 2023. Early in the spring of 2024, he completed the Center for Teaching and Learning's certificate in college teaching. Despite not being a theologian, he presented a paper at Rutgers's analytic theology conference in early March, concluding that, despite appearances to the contrary, 'ultimism' isn't, in fact, all that. When not writing professional updates and completing his dissertation (expected fall 2024), Jonathyn has been enjoying caretaking his four little tax dodges, one of which should be visible nearby.

**Commencement
2024**

Presentation of Degrees

Doctorate of Philosophy

Connor Kianpour

Emily Slome

Master of Arts

Daniel Arends Jr.

Henry Campbell

Charles Doremieux

Eric Fox

Gabriel Kaul

Zelda Kieser

Kristoffer Lauridsen

Katie McCabe

Matthew Ray

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Honors Graduates

Quinn Beato* *summa cum laude*

Curran Collier* *summa cum laude*

Paul Hans* *magna cum laude*

Samantha Haygood *summa cum laude*

Taylor Johnson* *summa cum laude*

Sophia Khan* *summa cum laude*

Ellie McDonald* *summa cum laude*

Hannah Richardson* *summa cum laude*

Karina Aguilar-Ontiveros

Matthew Barnes

Brandon Belgrad

Alexander Bovenzi

Alexandria Boyce

Paul Castellano*

Rhiannon Chasansky

Ross Combs

Breccan Corzine*

Mitchell Crist

Henry DeGraff*

Haylie Dickinson*

Charles Doremieux

Anna Downing

Alexcis Escandon*

Tyler Fredericks*

Hannah Haubert*

Bradley Haynes

John Henley

Gregory Hernandez

Connor Houghton*

Mia Johnston

Andrew Karres

Sophia Lane*

Karl Lapham

Zion Meier*

Sofia Nohe

Jacob Parker

Brad Peebles

Joshua Perez

Harrison Perfect

Jamie Powderly

Maxwell Prue*

Luca Raso*

Matthew Ray*

Cecilia Rosedale

Kaliyah Saunders Boden

Andrew Schwartz*

Samuel Senseman

Sydney Strecker*

Margot Strother

Angelo Tassone

Sarah Tice

Finn Toole

Xianqi Yuan

Mitchell Zonies

*with Distinction
(GPA 3.75 and above)

**Presentations, Published
Works & Notable Events**

June 2023

Megan Kitts successfully defended her dissertation, "Obligations in Conception: Essays in Reproductive Ethics." Congratulations, Dr. Kitts!

Joseph Wilson's "Stable Isotopes in Unstable Times" is now available at *Extinct: The Philosophy of Paleontology Blog*.

Connor Kianpour was invited to write a post for Marcus Arvan's "New Work in Philosophy" Substack about his paper, "Strong Comic Immoralism."

Kyle York's paper "A Couple Reasons for Monogamy" has been accepted for publication by *The Journal of Social Philosophy*.

August 2023

Dawn Jacob's "Writing To Learn and Engage In the Philosophy Classroom" was accepted for publication in vol. 9 of *AAPT Studies in Pedagogy*.

Connor Kianpour was interviewed for the Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2023/08/10/should-i-be-laughing>

Dom Bailey's 'A Chrysippean Modality' will appear in *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.

Derick Hughes' "Humility's Independence" was accepted for publication in *Philosophia*.

Alan Sumler's new book, *Intoxication in the Ancient Greek and Roman World*, will be released by Lexington Books in December 2023. His first book, *Cannabis in the Ancient Greek and Roman World*, is now available as an e-book on Amazon.

Ky York received certification in LBTC (Logic-Based Consultation) from The National Philosophical Counseling Association.

Alastair Norcross was interviewed in CU Connections about his role in leading this year's Faculty Council. See the interview [here](#).

Daniel Jacobson's chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of Ethics and Art*, "Immoralism and Contextualism," has just been published: <https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/46863/chapter/414149115>

Idowu Odeyemi's "What Did the Anti-Affirmative Action Group Get Wrong About Affirmative Action?" has been accepted for publication in the blog of the American Philosophical Association.



September 2023

Iskra Fileva's essay, "Is it hubris to think we matter?", has been published in the CU Boulder Arts & Sciences Magazine.

Tyler Huismann (former PhD student, now at Univ. of Oklahoma) has just had his book, *Aristotle on Accidental Causation*, accepted at Cambridge University Press. The book is a substantially revised version of his dissertation.

Connor Kianpour's paper, "Reciprocity of the Oppressed", has been accepted for publication in *Social Theory and Practice*. It will be in print in early 2025. **Connor** also presented his paper, "Comic (Im)moralism, Error Detection, and the Problem of Immoral Jokes," on the "Controversial Art and Freedom of Expression" panel at the Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshop.

Carol Cleland and Michael Dietrich received a book contract from Springer for their forthcoming edited collection *Anomalies in Science*.

Carol Cleland and **Joe Wilson's** paper, "Time in Historical Natural

Science" was published in Lestienne and Harris (eds.) *Time and Science* (World Scientific Publishing).

Michael Tooley's "Wes Morriston's 'Skeptical Demonism' Argument from Evil and Timothy Perrine's Response" has been published in the philosophy of religion journal *Sophia*.

Kyle York was featured in the CU Boulder Arts & Sciences Magazine: <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2023/09/25/budding-philosopher-makes-qualified-defense-monogamy>

October 2023

Carol Cleland participated in a by-invitation-only science workshop on the origin and nature of life (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University), September 12-15.

Daniel Jacobson gave a lecture at Cornell on Friday, Oct. 6. Title: "Mill Does Not Have A Harm Principle".

Idowu Odeyemi's paper "Proto-History: Unending Intuitions" has been accepted for publication in the journal *Metaphilosophy*.

Connor Kianpour was recently featured on the "Ends & Means" podcast talking about the ethics of immoral jokes—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRx-as8jf1E>

Idowu Odeyemi's article "The Case for Affirmative Action" has been accepted for publication in *The Republic*.

Kyle York's essay "If a Fox Could Talk" was published in the book *The Ethics of Fur: Religious, Cultural, and Legal Perspectives*.

Emily Slome's paper "Moral Testimony Pessimism and Moral Answerability" was accepted for presentation at the 2024 APA Pacific Division Meeting in March.

December 2023

Ajume Wingo's nonprofit organization in Cameroon was featured in the College of Arts and Science's magazine. See the article [here](#).

January 2024

Five of our philosophy majors presented at the AAPT Teaching Hub in New York (at the Eastern APA) this year. The majors and their poster titles are listed below:

Paige Adzema, "Unmasking the Patriarchy: Exploring bell hooks' insights in Philosophy Education"

Tess Kuczun, "Epistemology of Animal Oppression: How We Teach Children About Animals."

Cybele Bronkema, "Logic-Based Therapy—A Revived Educational Approach."

Duncan Levandoski, "Starbucks Coffee and Contemporary Postcolonial Values."

Mackenzie Dubrule, "An Argument for the Moral Wrongness of Prohibiting AI in Academia."

Chris Heathwood's paper "From the Perspective of Prudence, Is It Just as Reasonable to Change Your Desires to Fit the World as It Is to Change the World to Fit Your Desires?" was published in *Res Philosophica* as part of a book symposium on Dale Dorsey's *A Theory of Prudence*.

February 2024

Kimberly Madero's paper *Addressing Bias in Facial Recognition: Implications for AI and Future Technologies* was accepted for presentation at the Minorities and Philosophy Conference at Florida State University (March 2024)

Idowu Odeyemi's paper "African Communitarian Ethics: An Externalist Justification for Altruism" has been

accepted for publication in the journal *The Philosophical Forum*.

Brian Talbot's book *The End of Epistemology As We Know It* was published by Oxford University Press in January of this year.

Connor Kianpour's paper "I Stand With You, But Because I Choose To" was the subject of a workshop hosted by the Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project at USC.

Idowu Odeyemi's paper "African communitarian ethics: An externalist justification for altruism" has been published in *The Philosophical Forum*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/phil.12355>

March 2024

The Undergraduate Philosophy Club, in conjunction with the Women in Philosophy Club, hosted an undergraduate philosophy conference on March 16. See here for conference details: https://corvus042.github.io/tes/phil_conference.html

Kimberly Madero's paper "The Unbalanced Coin of Blame and Forgiveness in the Law: Should Forgiveness Have a Say in Legal Contexts?" was accepted for presentation at the Great Lakes Philosophy Conference in April 2024.

Idowu Odeyemi's essay "Living in America, Leaving Nigeria: Notes on the House that Needs Saving" (published in *The Republic*) was recognized by Afrocritik as one of the 18 Notable essays by a Nigerian in 2023.

Kyle York will be hosting a weekly radio show on KVCU 1190. 'Cloud Physics' will air every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm, and will highlight indie, electronic, and alternative music from a different part of the world. (This week will be Chinese-language music).

Connor Kianpour was at the American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Meeting this past weekend, presenting comments on Zoe Walker's "Dark Comedy: Immorality, Perspectives and Amusement," in which she responds to Connor's published work on the philosophy of humor.

Connor's paper, "The Minority Retort," was cited in a Quillette article: <https://quillette.com/2024/03/04/not-everyone-who-disagrees-with-you-is-an-uncle-tom/>

Tyler Porter's paper "Manufacturing the Illusion of Epistemic Trustworthiness" was accepted for publication in *Episteme*.

James Marks' paper "Monism, Pluralism, and Possible Worlds" was accepted for presentation at the *Issues on the (Im)possible X* conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, this coming June.

Idowu Odeyemi interviewed Professor Briana Toole (Claremont College) about her public philosophy outreach program, *Corrupt the Youth*, which is driven by the notion that philosophy can empower students to become active and engaged citizens.

Philosophy major **Paige Adzema** has had a blog post published on the American Philosophical Association website. Her article is here: blog.apaonline.org/2024/03/13/philosophy-beyond-the-classroom/

April 2024

Hye-Ryoung Kang has published an article in the APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/03/27/what-am-i-really-doing-while-teaching-philosophy/>.

Connor Kianpour presented his paper, "Comic (Im)moralism, Error Detection, and the Problem of Immoral Jokes," at the Pacific APA in Portland, Oregon as part of a session run by the

International Association of the Philosophy of Humor.

Kyle York has started a position as an animal care volunteer for Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Heather Demarest's paper, "Persisting Despite the Relativistic Odds," has been accepted by *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

Heather Demarest with colleagues at Umeå University and the University of Düsseldorf, received a four-year grant from the Swedish Research Council on "the Usefulness of the Laws of Nature."

Idowu Odeyemi's essay, "African Philosophy Cannot Be A Thing" has been published in *The Republic*. <https://republic.com.ng/april-may-2024/african-philosophy-cannot-be-a-thing/>

Erich Riesen (2022 PhD) accepted an offer to be the Sue and Harry Bovay Chair of History and Ethics of Professional Engineering Postdoctoral Research Associate at Texas A&M University, a 2-year research postdoc.

Joseph Wilson has accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position at Fort Lewis College for the 2024-25 academic year.

PhD candidate **Emily Slome** has accepted a tenure track position at SUNY Oswego.

Erich Riesen (2022 PhD) accepted an offer to be the Sue and Harry Bovay Chair of History and Ethics of Professional Engineering Postdoctoral Research Associate at Texas A&M University, a 2-year research postdoc.

Philosophy major **Hollis Griffin** has won the \$250 third-place prize in the March Debate Madness tournament sponsored by the Leeds School of Business and the Daniels Fun Ethics Initiative. The March Debate Madness tournament is an individual, head-to-head, single-elimination debate tournament in which students debate cases in the world of business ethics.

