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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



Graeme Forbes, Department Chair

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.

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FACULTY ACTIVITIES 2011-2013

David Barnett spent the Spring 2012 semester on sabbatical, working on his forthcoming book, "The Things We Believe." To get a feel for the topic of the book, consider a common belief among scientists: that the Earth is warming. There is this thing—that the Earth is warming—such that most scientists believe it. What is this thing? First, it is the sort of thing that can be believed, doubted, and feared. While most scientists believe that the Earth is warming, some politicians doubt that the Earth is warming, and most environmentalists fear that the Earth is warming. Second, it is something that is true or false: either it is true that the Earth is warming or it is false that the Earth is warming. Third, it is the meaning of various sentences. The English sentence "The Earth is warming" means that the Earth is warming. Fourth, it is not tied to any language in particular. There are sentences of Japanese and Swahili that mean that the Earth is warming. Fifth, it apparently does not depend on languages or minds for its existence. If there had been no languages or minds—due, say, to a difference in the way life on Earth had evolved—it still would have been true or false that the Earth is warming; thus, this thing—that the Earth

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.



Alastair Norcross

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



Rob Rupert

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

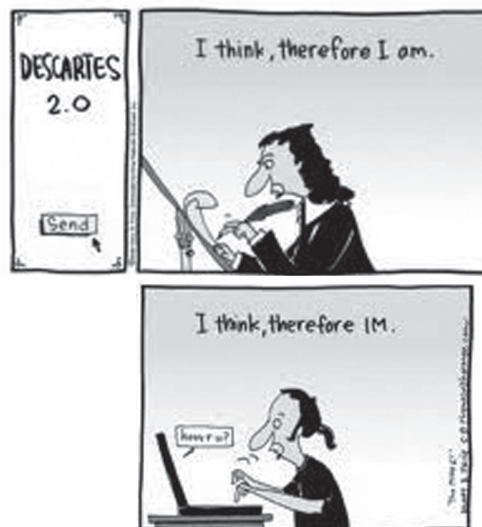
of Philosophy, Psychology and Computer Science, along with the CHA and the Dean's Fund for Excellence. Unlike the other two meetings, this was a one-off, since the SPP meets in different places in different years. But I'm sure we'll see many other scholarly societies meeting here in the next few years. 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



John Carnes

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. □



is warming—would still have existed. 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.

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 critiquing 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 Tuyl Lecture on geoscience to the School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

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,



Alison Jaggar

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

Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, co-edited with Jeanette Bicknell. The issue is titled "Song, songs and singing," and the aim was to introduce the neglected topic of songs to the philosophy of music. Fisher and Bicknell also wrote the introductory essay, "Making Room for Song." The special issue will appear in Feb. 2013 and will be simultaneously published as a book, *Song, Songs and Singing* by Wiley-Blackwell. He also helped organize a session at the Pacific APA in April 2013 on "Words and Music." In fall 2011 he delivered comments at the American Society for Aesthetics annual meeting on a paper applying Hume's remarks on beauty to nature. He also developed a new account of the distinction between high and low art in his chapter on "High Art versus Low Art" for the 3rd edition of the *Routledge Companion to Aesthetics* (to appear April 2013). His paper "Environmental Aesthetics" was reprinted in the second edition of *Reflecting on Nature* (2012). He warmly thanks Claudia Mills for generously allowing him to use her office while she is away being Distinguished Visiting Professor at DePauw University.

Graeme Forbes survived another third of his term as Chair, achieving administrative triumphs whose number makes them unlistable in this Newsletter. He also had two papers come out, one in *Analysis* and the other in Richard Schantz's long awaited (at least by the contributors) *Prospects for Meaning*. He gave three talks in the year, one a Work-in-Progress talk in the department, the other two at the University of Vienna and at the conference "The Philosophy of Kit Fine" in Romania. He also assumed the mantle of the philosophy editor-in-chief of *Linguistics and Philosophy*, though he will not be fully engaged in that until his term on the College Personnel Committee ends this May and he can start living again.

Ben Hale published several academic articles and non-academic essays this year, including one heavily cited piece—"The Veil of Opulence"—in the *New York Times*. At the beginning of the year, he was invited by the Royal Family of Qatar to speak at the inauguration of the Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics in Doha. He also spoke at the San Diego State University, Colgate University, the University of Buffalo, and the ISEE Conference. Over the summer he was elected vice president/president of the International Society for Environmental Ethics. He will serve a three year term first as VP and then another three years as President of ISEE. In the fall, acting as a co-PI, he was awarded a \$400,000 NSF grant to create a series of short video episodes on the normative dimensions of climate change.

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.



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.

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: *So the Femgov team sits in a room somewhere debating the content of these metrics?*

AJ: We want to challenge the assumption that academics and professional experts are the only people who know what poverty really. On the one hand, it can be disrespectful simply describing people as poor if we refuse to recognize the value of the wealth that allegedly poor people regard themselves as possessing. On the other hand, it can be equally disrespectful to refuse to acknowledge deprivations that people regard themselves as suffering, implying that they do not know what is really important in their lives. When impoverished people dispute standards that they find alien, it is not uncommon for "experts," including philosophers, to insult them further by asserting that they have adaptive preferences, false consciousness, or are just plain ignorant. In addition, ascriptions of poverty are often used as a rationale for misguided interventions touted as lifting out of poverty those designated as poor. My team thinks it is wrong for interventions to occur in



◇ Apart from that, most of his work recently has focused on ethical questions associated with intervention ecology and environmental remediation. In other areas, he again coordinated Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress with Alastair Norcross and continues as co-editor of the Routledge journal *Ethics, Policy & Environment*.

◇ During 2012, **Bob Hanna** published 5 papers, 2 of which were re-prints, with 5 more new papers forthcoming, finished a co-authored book MS and had it accepted for publication (*In Defense of Intuitions: A New Rationalist Manifesto*, co-authored with the four other members of The Intuitions in Philosophy Research Group, forthcoming from Palgrave Macmillan in 2013), finished another solo book MS (*Cognition, Content, & the A Priori: A Study in the Philosophy of Mind & Knowledge*), did 11 invited talks in 4 different countries, refereed 18 articles for journals, taught 2 courses, & otherwise had his idea of a so-called good time.

◇ **Chris Heathwood** earned tenure in 2012. He won a research fellowship at Princeton's University Center for Human Values, where he is in residence for the 2012-2013 academic year, working on a book on well-being. He presented a paper on the nature of value facts to the Madison Metaethics Workshop and to the philosophy departments at Cambridge, Nottingham, and Edinburgh Universities. He completed an encyclopedia entry on hedonism about value as well as a piece on subjective theories of well-being for the *Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*. His paper "Could Morality Have a Source?" appeared in print. After repeated injuries from running, he joined a cult (Bikram Yoga), where he hopes he is less likely to hurt himself.

◇ **Adam Hosein** In the fall of 2012, Adam was on teaching leave and visited at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, and the Hoover Chair, UCL Louvain. During the year he presented in several places. With Adam Cox (NYU Law) he presented on immigration at the law and philosophy workshop the University of Chicago Law School. He gave his paper, "Where are you really from? Ethnic Selection in Liberal States," at the Program on Values in Society, University of Washington, Seattle, ICREA Barcelona, the University of Leuven, and UCL Louvain. He presented "Democracy, Paternalism, and Campaign Finance," at the Society for Applied Philosophy, Oxford, and the Pacific APA. And he gave "Contractualism, Politics, and Morality," at the Bled Philosophy Conference, Bled, where he also discovered borovnica.



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.

GF: *Congratulations on all this. Readers who want more details should go to <http://www.genderpovertymeasure.org/>. Looking at all the hard work this particular project has involved, it's not surprising to me that you've reached the rank of Distinguished Professor!*

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. □



Michael Huemer completed a masterpiece of philosophy, *The Problem of Political Authority* (Palgrave Macmillan 2012; only \$32 from Amazon!). This book shows that there are no legitimate governments, that you don't have to obey the law, and that the ideal society is an anarchist one. He wrote some more papers defending Phenomenal Conservatism, and a paper in praise of political passivity. He gave lectures at UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Chapel Hill, UC San Diego, and a TEDx event in Denver (the last one is available on Youtube).

Alison M. Jaggar In 2012, Alison gave talks at several international conferences (Austria, Canada, Norway) and at several universities. She continued her work as Research Coordinator at the Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature at the University of Oslo. Alison is proud that Kacey Warren successfully defended her dissertation (Kacey is currently teaching in our department) and that David Meens successfully defended his Master's thesis (David is now pursuing a Ph.D. in the College of Education). Alison won the Elizabeth D. Gee Award for advancing women in academia, interdisciplinary scholarly contributions and distinguished teaching. She also won a "Best Should Teach" Boulder Gold Award.

Dan Kaufman has been laying low and taking care of business.

Matt Kopec His article entitled "We Ought to Agree: A Consequence of Repairing Goldman's Group Scoring Rule" was published in *Episteme: A Journal of Individual and Social Epistemology* in June. He presented his paper "Clines, Clusters, and Clades in the Race Debate" at the Twenty-Third Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association in November. He presented his paper "Race in Population Genetics: Comments on Hardimon and Maglo" at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association in December. He received grants from the History of Science Society and the CU Dean's Fund for Excellence to cover the cost of travel to these conferences.

Kathrin Koslicki Highlights for 2012: Dr. Koslicki was mostly on teaching leave during 2012, but participated in the team-taught Proseminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology. Whatever time may have been freed up by the lighter-than-normal teaching load, though, was easily filled by a busy service schedule during the Spring of 2012, when she served as Chair of Graduate Admissions and Chair of the newly created Climate Committee. For the academic year of 2012/13, she was awarded the Alvin Plantinga fellowship at the University of Notre Dame's Center for the Philosophy of Religion and, in connection

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-Existent," 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.)

Andrew Chapman, *In Defense of Intuition*, forthcoming book, co-authored with Robert Hanna, Henry Pickford, and Tyler Hildebrand (forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan)

Beth Johnson, "Animals, Phenomenal Consciousness and Higher-Order Theories of Mind," *Philo* 14, no. 2 (2011): 1-22.

Ryan Jenkins, "Is Stuxnet Physical? Does it matter?" (forthcoming) in *Journal of Military Ethics*

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

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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

Our 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

Ryan Jenkins, "Is Stuxnet Physical? Does It Matter?" United States Air Force Academy

Beth Johnson presented two papers at the Center for Philosophy of Religion, the University of Notre Dame

RMPC

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 from 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 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 Satisfactionism: A New Theory of Personal Welfare*, was completed under Chris Heathwood, with committee members Ben Hale (ENVS), Bob Hanna, Alastair Norcross, and Michael Tooley.

Christian Lee successfully defended his PhD dissertation on Monday, August 20th, 2012. His dissertation, entitled "Adding Goods," was completed under Michael Tooley, with committee members Michael Huemer, Alastair Norcross, Graham Oddie, and John Gibert (Classics).

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. □



Wes Morriston took one more job at the kalam cosmological argument. His response to Craig's response to his earlier "Endless Future, Beginningless Past, and the Actual Infinite" has now appeared in *Faith and Philosophy*. A new paper, "Skeptical Demonism: A Failed Response to a Humean Challenge," has been accepted for publication in an OUP volume on skeptical theism. Three other papers, "Is faith in the Ultimate rationally required?", "Doubts about the Kalam Cosmological Argument", and "The Problem of Apparently Abhorrent Divine Commands" are in press (the first in *Religious Studies*, the second in an Oxford University Press volume, *Debating Christian Theism*, and the third in the *Blackwell Companion to the Problem of Evil*).

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 best-selling 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. Keynote 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.

Lowe 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. □

in Konstanz, Germany, on May 17 and 18, 2012, where he read a paper entitled "Causation and Probability". His publications in 2011-12 were as follows: "Hume and the Problem of Evil," in *Philosophy of Religion: The Key Thinkers*, edited by Jeffrey J. Jordan, London and New York, Continuum, 2011, 159-86. "Naturalism, Science, and Religion," in *The Nature of Nature*, edited by Bruce L. Gordon and William A. Dembski, Wilmington, Delaware, ISI Books, 2011, 880-99. "Are Nonhuman Animals Persons?" in *The Oxford Handbook of Animal Ethics*, edited by Tom L. Beauchamp and R. G. Frey, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2011, 332-70. "Against Presentism: Two Very Different Types of Objection," in *Future of the Philosophy of Times*, edited by Adrian Barton, New York, Routledge, 2012, 25-40. "Inductive Logic and the Probability that God Exists: Farewell to Skeptical Theism," in *Probability in the Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Jake Chandler and Victoria S. Harrison, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2012, 144-64.

Ajume Wingo published a number of papers in the past year, including: "Governance, Development and Transformation in Africa: Research, Learning, and Policy Priorities," Workshop, Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies, Oct. 16, 2012; "Virtue (Moral and Epistemic): Can we be Taught to Act and Believe Wisely?" Conference, Stanford University, School of Education, Oct. 12-13, 2012; "Elections by Contract in African Communities," London School of Economics (LSE), at a conference entitled "Domesticating Global Justice: Africa Perspective," July 6-7, 2012. "Elections by Contract," African Studies Program 50th Anniversary and Reunion, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 21, 2012. "Elections by Contract: A Covenant of Individual Freedom and Legitimacy," THINK! Lecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2012. "The Perils of Leadercentrism in African States," -presented at the Conference on Cooperative Engagement for Partnership Capacity: Africa as a Model for Whole of Government, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Monterey, January 2012, the Empire and Economics Conference, University of Johannesburg, Jan. 5-6, 2012, the Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, January 2012, and the Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, January 2012. He also attended the Africa Command Academic Symposium: A Partnership of the U.S. Africa Command and Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, July 9-12, 2012. □

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*

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Michael Ferguson
Neillie Fields
Jackson Gardner
Marcus Goodgaine
Kelsey Gross
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Tyler Schloesser
Danielle Scimeca
Nicholas Smiley–Kallas
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Stacia Telsey
David Tracey
Joshua Volkman

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Addison Ellis

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David Meens
Robert Moore

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