



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

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FACULTY AND STUDENTS

GRADUATES (Spring 08)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Matthew Walter Avent, Ryan Vincent Conti, Garrett Taylor Hess, Kimberly Joyce, Mekale Andron McAfree, Joshua Clayton Miller, Matthew Dara Moghis, Sarah Elizabeth Partin, Crystal Joy Ricevuto**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Joshua Adam Bolick, La'Trece Nichol Johnson, Nicole Marie Nasrallah, Christopher James Ripley, James Stalvey, Thomas James Wallace, Mary Lyn von Aue (honors)**
- Graduates at PAR ceremony: **Mary von Aue, Vincent Conti, Kim Joyce, Nicole Nasrallah, Christopher Ripley, James Stalvey.**
- Attending faculty: **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Burgh, Conser, Gauthier, Murrell, Schmid, Turrisi, White, Zervos]**
- Faculty/staff recognized by graduating seniors in May 2008: **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Burgh, Conser, Durham, Gauthier, Habibi, McGowan, Murrell, Pasulka, Schmid, Webster, White, Zervos**

PAR SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

- Elected for 2008-2009: **Brandon Tinklenberg**, President, **Corey Blackburn**, Vice-President, **Alexandra Elfner**, Secretary, **Chason Higgins**, Treasurer/Activities Coordinator. **Dr. Eshleman** replaces **Dr. Berg** as faculty advisor.

NEW FACULTY



David



Henry

- **David Fiordalis**, lecturer. David just completed his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan: "The Buddhist Miracle: Marvelous Events and Superhuman Powers in the Buddhist Literature of South Asia." He also has an M.A. in Asian Religion (Michigan), M.Div. (Chicago), and B.A. (Carleton). David speaks and reads many Asian languages, including Sanskrit, Tibetan, Pali/Prakrit, Marathi and Japanese. He has been familiar with Buddhism since his childhood, has taught both philosophy and religion, and has lived in India, where he worked as a ritual assistant for Brahmin priests in Maharashtra, and where he had a Fulbright. David is currently working on publication of

Pathways Through Buddhism: Essays in Honor of Luis O. Gomez. He will be teaching PAR 232, Asian Religion, and advanced classes in Buddhism at UNCW.

- **Henry Young**, part time. Henry retired emeritus from his chair as Neal F. and Ila A. Fisher Professor of Systematic Theology at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, where he taught since 1980. He has written and edited several books, including *Major Black Religious Leaders*, 2 volumes (Abingdon, 1977, 1979), *The Black Church and the Harold Washington Story* (Wyndham Hall, 1988) and *Hope in Process: A Theology of Social Pluralism* (Augsburg Fortress, 1990) and many articles. He will be teaching PAR 125, Great Books of the World's Religions.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

▪ UNCW PORTZ SCHOLAR CANDIDATE

- **Mary von Aue's** honors paper, advisor Dr. Berg, was selected to represent UNCW in the annual Portz Scholars competition offered by the National Collegiate Honors Council. *Congratulations, Mary!*



▪ UNCW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2008-2009

- **Jamie Brummet**, UNCW Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award for \$1000, advisor Dr. Pasulka
- **Jamie** also received a \$400 CSURF travel award to do research with Dr. Pasulka in



Philadelphia

▪ SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2008-2009

- **Yuri Buechler** - Sankey Blanton Scholarship
- **Jamie Brummitt** - Carol Thysell Scholarship
- **Anna Bijelic** - James Megivern Scholarship
- **Laura Frank, Jonathon Neale** - Bookstore Awards

▪ PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Mary von Aue**, "From Ascetic to Ecstatic: The Reflection of Rabi`a in the development of Sufism,"
- **Laura Frank**, "The Layered Heavens: Buddhist and Christian Gnostic Creation Stories," AAR/SBL SE, Atlanta, Mar 08
- **Brandon Tinklenberg**, "The Problem of Empty Names," Virginia Tech undergraduate research conference, Apr 1, 2008

▪ PAR HONORS 499 in Fall 08

- **Jamie Brummitt, Laura Frank** with Dr. Pasulka
- **Shauna Cooper** with Dr. Eshleman

▪ PAR 491 DIS students in Fall 08

- **Chason Huggins** with Dr. Eshleman



ALUMNI SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY –

- **Keith Diener, JD, LL.M.**, 2003, currently an attorney in Northern Virginia and DC. Keith's LL.M. thesis was awarded first prize in the 2007 Clive M. Schmitthoff Essay Competition, <http://cisgw3.law.pace.edu/cisg/biblio/data.html>, the award including publication and a \$5000 check.
- **Crystal Lubinsky**, has submitted her Ph.D. thesis proposal, "Forms are Society: The Weaving of Texts, Transvestites, and Readers in Late Antique Syriand and Egyptian Christian Cultures," to the faculty at the University of Edinburgh. (For more on Crystal, see below ALUMNI.)
- **Sarah Rollens**, "Jesus as an Apocalyptic Prophet: A Case Study in Current Historical Jesus Research," accepted for *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft*, and "The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinventions and Reinterpretations," with Dr. Herbert Berg. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* (forthcoming). (For more on Sarah, see below ALUMNI.)
- **Matt Sayball**, Paper begun at UNCW with Dr. Altrichter, "On the Meaning of 'If'" accepted by the *University of Toledo Journal of Philosophy*, "A Discourse on Mary," published in online undergraduate journal, *Prolegomena* v.1 (2007). Matt, now in the M.A. program in philosophy at Virginia Tech, was a featured in <http://www.grads.vt.edu>.
- Alumni beginning grad school this fall include:
 - **Pamela Bozeman**, 2006, M.A. program in Religious Studies at UNCC.
 - **Meredith Bailey Bumbarger**, 2008, MA divinity program at the University of Dayton in Ohio.
 - **Elicia Joi Cox**, 2006, MA in philosophy at San Francisco State University.
 - **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, Masters program in Labor and Human Resources at The Ohio State University.
 - **James Miller**, 2006, PhD at Brandeis University for Social Policy and Public Affairs.
 - **Evian E. Patterson** 2002, Master of Public Administration, Robert Wagner School of Public Service, NYU
 - **Mona Taylor**, 2007, Master of Public Administration, UNCW

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY May-August includes

- **Ferenc Altrichter**
 - "Locke and the problem of innate ideas," *Clarity* (accepted, forthcoming this August)
- **Herb Berg**
 - *Elijah Muhammad and Islam* (NYU Press, forthcoming in F08 or early S09)
- **Teddy Burgh**
 - "Music" for *New Interpreter's Bible Dictionary* (accepted)
- **Walt Conser**
 - "Wilhelm Löhe and the Revolution of 1848," *Logia: A Lutheran Journal* 17 (July 2008)
- **Matt Eshleman**
 - "The Mislplaced Chapter on Bad Faith," *Sartre Studies International* 14:2, F08
- **Candace Gauthier**
 - *Evidence-Based Medical Ethics*, co-authored with John Snyder, MD. (Springer, July, 2008)
- **Scott James**
 - "The Caveman's Conscience: Evolution and Moral Realism," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (accepted)
 - *Evolutionary Ethics: An Introduction* (Blackwell, under contract)
- **Diana Pasulka**
 - "A Somber Pedagogy: Representations of Child Death and Immortality in the Nineteenth Century United States," *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* (forthcoming)
- **Thomas Schmid**
 - "Evolution and Civic Engagement," AASCU, June, 2008



- **Patricia Turrisi**
 - "Problem of the Philosophical Person," *Pluralist* 4:1 (forthcoming)
- **Heath White**
 - Co-authored "Stereoscopic Vision," *Philosopher's Imprint* 7.4 (May 08)

ALUMNI NEWS

August's focus alumnus is Gordon Blanchard, 2005, manager with Kellogg Supply Company and a continuing practitioner of the "art of living." Gordon **NEW** reports his marriage on March 15th "to "the beautiful Madelaine (Maddi) Pick from the North Yorkshire part of England."





Congratulations, Gordon and Maddi!

- Please remember to **update your email** if you change it, as well as **send in any info you want posted to schmidt@uncw.edu**. The PAR Alumni connection will only work if the Alumni connect! In the future, I will send the quarterly report blind copy to all recipients.
- **ALUMNI updates***
 - **Karl Amelchenko**, 2006, is at Wake Forest Law School. Karl is at amelkj6@law.wfu.edu 910.352.9044
 - **Paul Atkinson**, 2003, continues to develop his musical career. See www.paulatkinsonmusic.com or www.myspace.com/paulatkinsonmusic. 704-641-1705. personal email: pbamusic@gmail.com.
 - **Robert Barnes**, 2003, PAR/HST and GLS grad, has been appointed adjunct professor of History at Central Carolina Community College.
 - **Cynthia Bell**, 2005, says hello and reminds everyone "It's up to you!" to make your own life.
 - **Gordon Blanchard**, 2005, **NEW** reports his marriage to **Madelaine (Maddi) Pick**.
(Above). *Congratulations, Gordon!* 
 - **NEW Pamela Bozeman**, 2006, is in the M.A. program in Religious Studies at UNCC this fall. Pamela's research on the New Thought Movement. "My goal is to obtain a Ph.D. in Religious Studies." *Congratulations, Pamela!* 
 - **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, married to Brenda Soriano Buchanan, baby daughter Karina Sun Buchanan, finished his 2nd year in the Masters of Divinity program at Erskine Seminary, and is a 2nd Lt in the Air Force Reserves as a Chaplain Candidate. leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com.
 - **NEW Meredith Bailey Bumbarger**, 2008, is starting the MA divinity program at the University of Dayton in Ohio this fall. *Congratulations, Meredith!* 
 - **Kathryn Cole Bunthoff**, says hello to all her friends. Updated address: 3033 Coral Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45211.
 - **Kevin Campbell**, extends his warmest regards. "I may be the first IT person in history to have read Plato's *Euthyphro* and understood at least 12% of it." Email: kevcamp@duke.edu, web: <http://fds.duke.edu/db/aas/Biology/staff/kevcamp>.
 - **Everett Caldwell**, 2006, is in the M.A. program in New Testament Studies, Harding University, Memphis TN. You can reach Everett at ecaldwe1@harding.edu.
 - **Michelle Clark**, 2006, is in the program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas.

- **NEW Elicia Joi Cox**, 2006, has begun graduate studies in philosophy at San Francisco State University. Contact at jo_i_cox9@yahoo.fr, 2840 Salvio St. Concord, CA 94519. 757.493.1689.
- **Kathryn Cole** (see Kathryn Cole Bunthoff above)
- **Jane Crutchfield**, 2003, says hello to all her friends from Denver. Contact at 1625 S. Birch St, apt. 70, Denver CO 80222, 720-201-8877.
- **Charles Davis, Jr.**, 1997, says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty.
- **Keith Diener, JD, LLM**, 2003, is doing Criminal Law in Northern Virginia and DC, and this fall is starting back at GW taking graduate courses in international business. **NEW** Keith's LL.M. thesis was awarded first prize in the 2007 Clive M. Schmitthoff Essay Competition, <http://cisgw3.law.pace.edu/cisg/biblio/data.html>, the award including publication and a \$5000 prize! Contact: 6216 Rose Hill Dr., Apt. #2B, Alexandria VA 22310, cell phone 404-664-4271. email: kduncw@hotmail.com. *Congratulations, Keith !*
-  **Eddie Dunn**, double major in Computer Science and PAR, has just been named UNCW Computer Science Dept. Systems Administrator.
- **Kevin English**, 1988 says hello. Kevin is a senior account manager at Eplus technology, inc. in Raleigh, NC.
- **Whitney Fautleroy**, 2006, is planning to enter seminary.
- **Emily Elizabeth Gallimore**, 2007, is attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte), Master of Divinity program.
- **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, **NEW** "I graduated last week with my MBA from UNCW, and have been accepted to The Ohio State University for an adjoining Masters in Labor and Human Resources. Go Buckeyes!" *Congratulations, Lauren !* 
- **Loretta Grady**, 1985, says hello to classmates and faculty, and wishes a special "Be Well" to Dr. Shinn.
- **Amy Robbins Guthrie**, 2004, had an art showing with her husband Brandon, Oct 25-Nov 14 in the Warwick Center.
- **Mike Hargett**, 1976, says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty. Mike owns and manages Hargett Realty and Development, here in Wilmington, 18 S. Water St, 28401, 254.0509.
- **Catherine Inglesby**, 2003, began the Psychology of Religion Master's Degree Program at Heythrop College, UK this past fall. email: dolmadakia@gmail.com.
- **Mark Jeffords**, 1973 double major PAR/Biology, pilot with US Air, reports birth of his first grandchild, Joshua, born 12.20.05.
- **NEW Kim Joyce**, 2008, will be serving with the Peace Corps for two years, beginning this December; her first placement abroad will be in Azerbaijan. *Congratulations, Kim !* 
- **Jennifer Kasprzycki**, 1996, lives and paints in Hawaii. Websites: <http://jenniferkasprzycki.com/bio.html> and <http://jenniferkasprzycki.com/>.
- **Will Klinger**, 2005, completed his MA in Public Archaeology at the University of South Florida. He stopped by at the commencement party this spring, together to say hello and talk with former teachers. **NEW** Will just became engaged to **Angela Throckmorton**, UNCW 2006, who is working, as is he for now, with PPR in Morrisville, near Raleigh. *Congratulations, Will and Angela!*  willklinger@gmail.com.
- **Catherine Sexton Knepper**, 2002, lives with son James and husband (a philosopher at Drake University). For her thoughts and creative interests, see <http://www.editorialdepartment.com/content/view/85/115/>; <http://www.editorialdepartment.com/content/view/516/439/>.
- **Robert Landry**, 2005 says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty.
- **Thomas W. Lee**, 1974 says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty.
- **Crystal Lubinsky**, 2000, in the Ph.D. program in Religious Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has submitted her Ph.D. thesis proposal, **NEW** passed her first year exam board, studied French in Paris, and is active in student politics, where she is the

Vice-Convenor and Ecclesiastical Representative on the Post-Graduate Committee at the Divinity School. Edinburgh email address: s0782895@sms.ed.ac.uk.

- **Joe Manley**, 1989 says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty. Joe is working at NHRMC. Email: Joe.Manley@nhhn.org.
- **David Massey**, 2006, **NEW** recently married *Congratulations, David!*  and has a new email: DavidTimMassey@gmail.com.
- **James Miller**, 2006, **NEW** is heading this fall to the PhD Program at Brandeis University for Social Policy and Public Affairs. "The program is a mix of Philosophy, Sociology and Political Management... it should be right up my alley!" *Congratulations, James!* 
- **NEW** **Lacey Morris**, 2008, is teaching English at her high school. morrislacey@gmail.com. "I will be here for the rest of the school year, and they might ask me back to teach algebra. If they do, then they are going to pay for me to become certified to teach here on a more permanent basis. Eventually I am going for a Ph.D in philosophy... I would like to teach at a university one day!!" *Congratulations, Lacey!* 
- **Adam Murray**, 2001, was appointed Assistant Professor and Head of Acquisitions of Waterfield Library at Murray State University (KY). "A year later, I was named Interim Dean of the Library. I've spent the last six months learning the joys of administration."
- **Tim Myrick**, 1983, is Registrar and Director of Enrollment Management at Gordon-Cromwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Tim is happily married and has two children. "After graduating I took a job to pay bills and have stayed ever since!"
- **Evian E. Patterson** 2002, is leaving AED, where he has been a Program Office for three years managing programs in Indonesia and Egypt, **NEW** to pursue a Master of Public Administration in the Robert Wagner School of Public Service, NYU, specialization International Public Management, focusing on development of international public service leadership and the improvement of public service systems. New email: evianp@gmail.com *Congratulations, Evian!* 
- **Christopher "Chip" Perry** 2006 wishes the best to everyone! Chip is living now at 639 Bay Harbor Dr. Hampstead, NC 28443 (910) 352-0296.
- **Charles Ponton**, 1982, says hello. He and his wife Wanda have two young boys, Noah and Caleb. (WWW.Pontonrealty.com)
- **Kevin Quinn**, 1994, **NEW** completed his M.A. in English at Auburn University and is currently a Senior Technical Writer with Nokia, based in Atlanta. *Congratulations, Kevin!* 
- **Eric Reaves**, 2006, says hello to old friends and classmates.
- **Amy Robbins**, see **Amy Robbins Guthrie**, above.
- **Sarah Rollens**, 2007, completed her MA thesis at the University of Alberta, focused on urbanization as reflected in the Q document (a literary source for *Matthew* and *Luke*), and starts this fall in the PhD program in Religious Studies at the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, supervisor John S. Kloppenborg. *Congratulations, Sarah!* 
- **Michael Runkle**, 2006, is at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. Email: runklemichael@yahoo.com. Belated news: Mike was on "The Price is Right" in November and won! 
- **Matt Sayball**, 2006 is continuing his studies at Virginia Tech in the Philosophy M.A. program.

- **Amanda Schoonover**, minor 2005, is pursuing a Master's degree in biology, and says hello to old friends and faculty.
- **Andy Sleet**, 2005, is living and working in LA. 1616 N. Normandie Ave., Apt.400 Los Angeles, CA 90027. 323 / 898-6364.
- **Andrea Smaxwell**, 2006, is at the Golden Gate School of Law in San Francisco. Email: andrea.smaxwell@gmail.com.
- **Joel Smith**, 1985 says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty. MA in Philosophy UVa. Lives in Kinston, NC. <http://www.m3web.com>
- **Mona Taylor**, 2007,  has been named Director of Business Development at ProForma DMS, Inc., a software company. In Fall '08 she'll be back at UNCW in the Masters in Public Administration program. *Congratulations, Mona!* 
- **Mac Tucker** (1990) is teaching history at Richlands H.S. in NC and says hi.
- **Jason Warnick**, 2004, says hello.
- **Margaret Lee Wilkins**, 2006, is working for Young Life of Randolph County. Contact via Young Life, P.O Box 1182, Asheboro, NC 27204. (336) 629-7323.
- **Jeff Wunsch**, 2005, says hello and reports he is doing well.