




PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

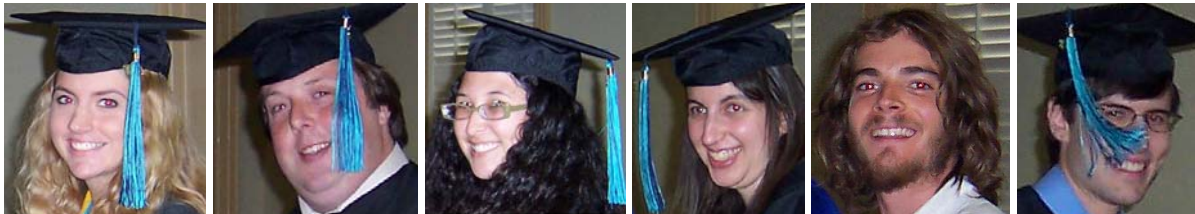
May 15, 2008

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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)**
- Graduate/professional school plans: *Congratulations!* 
 - **Vincent Conti** was accepted to the Masters program in Philosophy at Georgia State University
 - **Matt Moghis** was accepted to the Law School at the University of New Orleans
 - **Crystal Ricevuto** was accepted to the Law School at Wake Forest University
 - **James Stalvey** was accepted to the Masters School, Sun Valley, CA
- 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**



Mary

Vinny

Kim

Nicole

Chris

James

PAR SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

- The Society was very active in 2007-2008, with **Vinny Conti** as President, **Drs. Berg, Eshleman** as advisors.
- 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.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **UNCW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2008-2009**

- **Jamie Brummet**, UNCW Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award for \$1000
- **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
- **CSURF PRESENTATIONS**
 - **Mary von Aue**, "From Ascetic to Ecstatic: The Reflection of Rabi`a in the development of Sufism" Apr 18, 2008
- **CSURF TRAVEL GRANTS**
 - **Jamie Brummet**, May, 2008, \$400 for travel with Dr. Pasulka to do research on her study of the idea of Satan in early Christianity
- **PAR HONORS 499** in Fall 07 Spring 08
 - **Mary von Aue** in S08 with Dr. Berg
 - **Jamie Brummitt, Laura Frank** in S08 with Dr. Pasulka
- **PAR 491 DIS students** in Spring 2008 and Summer I
 - **Mary von Aue, Allison Tuszynski** with Dr. Berg
 - **Akshay Menon** with Dr. Durham
 - **Grant Breuer** with Dr. Habibi
 - **Brittany Andrews** with Dr. Murrell
 - **Sandra Campbell, Alex Elfner, Michael Gillis** with Dr. Pasulka, **Nicole Nasrallah** in Sum I
 - **Brandon Tinklenberg** with Dr. Turrisi
 - **Ryan Vincent Conti** with Dr. White
 - **Michael Gillis, Nicole Nasrallah, James Stalvey, Mark Xanthos** with Dr. Zervos
- **PAR DIS 591 Lauren Vinoski** with Dr. Durham



ALUMNI SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY –

- **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, including her transfer to the U. of Toronto, see below ALUMNI.)
- **Matt Sayball**, "Visualization and Geometric Determination," NC and SC Philosophical Society, UNC, and Midsouth Philosophy Conference, U. of Memphis in February, "Nonconditional Conditionals?" Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, Mar 26-28 in Sydney. 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>.

FACULTY LEAVING

- Sad to report that **Dr. Jeffrey Durham**, Asian Religion, and his wife **Geeta** are leaving UNCW at the end of the terms. Geeta has taken an upper level position with CISCO, and they moving to the corporate headquarters in the San Francisco area, where Geeta has family. We are conducting a search for a one year Lecturer, and will have a search for the tenure track position next year.
- **Professor Emeritus James McGowan** and his wife **Odile** have moved “forever” to their home in France, having spent most of the last decade alternating ½ year in France, ½ in America. **Tom and Catherine Schmid** hosted a “farewell and commencement” party for Dr. McGowan and the Spring graduates on May 9, which was attended by alumni including **Kris and Deborah Jacobs, Will Klinger, Danny Reeves**, faculty including Jim’s former student Professor **Julian Keith** (Psychology), graduates **Vinny Conti** and **Kim Joyce**, and friends of the McGowans.

FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNIZED (by graduating seniors in May 2008)

- **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Burgh, Conser, Durham, Gauthier, Habibi, McGowan, Murrell, Pasulka, Schmid, Webster, White, Zervos**



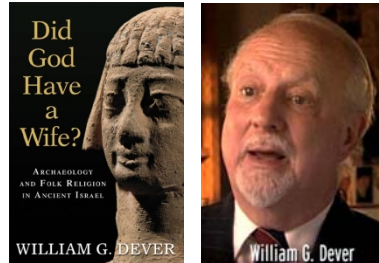
FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY – SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

- **Walt Conser** received the NC Society of Historians’ Ethel W. Twiford Religious History Book Award for his *Coat of Many Colors: Religion and Society along the Cape Fear River of North Carolina* (Kentucky, 2006). Congratulations, Walt!

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- **Ferenc Altrichter**
 - “Locke and the problem of innatism,” to be submitted to *Clarity*
- **Herb Berg**
 - *Elijah Muhammad and Islam* (NYU Press, forthcoming)
- **Teddy Burgh**
 - “Books of *Samuel* Commentary” for *Biblica Africana* (forthcoming)
- **Walt Conser**
 - Co-edited *Southern Crossroads: Perspectives on Religion and Culture* (Kentucky, 2008)
- **Jeffrey Durham**
 - “Irreversibility and Emptiness” American Oriental Society, Chicago S09
- **Matt Eshleman**
 - “,” *Sartre Studies International* 14:2, F08
- **Candace Gauthier**
 - Co-authored *Evidence-Based Medical Ethics* (Humana, forthcoming)
- **Don Habibi**
 - Respondent, “Gert on Hobbes,” APA Pacific, Los Angeles, CA, March 2008
- **Scott James**
 - Co-authored “Evolution and the Possibility of Moral Realism,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming)
- **Eva Kort**
 - “What, after all, is leadership?” *Leadership Quarterly* (forthcoming)
- **Sam Murrell**
 - “Satyagraha & Ahimsa: Mahatma Gandhi’s Weapons of Power,” *Thinking About Religion* 7, 2007-8
- **Diana Pasulka**
 - “Purgatory in the Carolinas” in *Southern Crossroads* (Kentucky, 2008).
- **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)
- **George Zervos**
 - "Response to Shoemaker," in *Scripture and "Canon" in Early Judaism and Early Christianity*," T&T Clark, forthcoming



B. Frank Hall lecture


- **Dr. William G. Dever, "Did God Have a Wife? The Goddess Asherah and Folk vs. State Religion in Ancient Israel,"** given to an audience of about 150 in Morton 100, Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Before the event, we enjoyed a dinner conversation with Dr. Dever, that included numerous students, among them **Vinny Conti** and **Josh Bolick**, each of whom served as President of the PAR Society. Dr. Dever, one of America's most well-regarded biblical archaeologists, was Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Arizona from 1975 to 2002, and **Dr. Burgh's** dissertation advisor. He is author of 26 books, including *What did the Biblical Writers Know and When Did They Know It?* (2001), *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come from?* (2003) and *Did God Have a Wife?* (2005). His present plans include "one more book, on ancient Palestine in the 8th century bce, and retirement to my farm on Cyprus, where my wife is involved in archaeological research."



ALUMNI NEWS

February'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,** is developing his musical career. See www.paulatkinsonmusic.com or www.myspace.com/paulatkinsonmusic. His latest EP, *Music for the Journey*, is at www.cdbaby.com. 704-641-1705. **NEW** 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. ***Congratulations, Robert!*** 

- **Cynthia Bell**, 2005, says hello and reminds everyone “It’s up to you!” to make your own life.
- **Gordon Blanchard**, 2005, says hello. Gordon  reports his marriage to Madelaine (Maddi) Pick. (See above). *Congratulations, Gordon!* 
- **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, began the Masters of Divinity program at Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, SC. leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com.
- **Kathryn Cole Bunthoff**, says hello to all her friends. Updated address: 3033 Coral Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45211.
-  **Kevin Campbell**, extends his warmest regards. For the last 5 years he has been working at Duke University, and currently is the IT Manager for the Department of Biology (<http://fds.duke.edu/db/aas/Biology/staff/kevcamp>), “where I enjoy helping our faculty with their research and teaching. I believe 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.
- **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.
- **Kathryn Cole** (see Kathryn Cole Bunthoff above)
- **Jane Crutchfield**, 2003, says hello to all her friends from Denver. Janey was our Alumni in Focus in March. 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, a member of the NC and Virginia bar. Contact: 6216 Rose Hill Dr., Apt. #2B, Alexandria VA 22310, cell phone 404-664-4271.  email: kduncw@hotmail.com. Keith accepted a position as an associate attorney with <http://jdnlawoffice.com/> doing litigation, and headed to court for the first time in May. His LL.M. thesis, after a few minor revisions, was accepted as a finalist essay in the Clive M. Schmitthoff essay competition. *Congratulations, Keith!* 
-  **Eddie Dunn**, double major in Computer Science and PAR, has just been named UNCW Computer Science Dept. Systems Administrator. *Congratulations, Eddie!* 
- **Kevin English**, 1988 says hello to graduates and faculty. Kevin is currently a senior account manager at Eplus technology, inc. in Raleigh, NC.
- **Whitney Fauntleroy**, 2006, served as the Interim Youth director at Winterpark Presbyterian Church. She is currently deciding which offer to accept from among several programs, including the Princeton Theological Seminary.
- **Emily Elizabeth Gallimore**, 2007, is attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte Campus) for the Master of Divinity program.
- **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, 2nd year in UNCW MBA program. Lauren has a career goal of becoming a corporate human resources director. “Quite a stretch from PAR, but all those ethics courses put me on the right track!”
- **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, “The Several Eyes of Fragmented Light,” at the Ann Flack Boseman Gallery, 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.
- **Jennifer Kasprzycki**, 1996, lives and paints in Hawaii. See her website at <http://jenniferkasprzycki.com/bio.html> and artist statement at <http://jenniferkasprzycki.com/>.

- **Will Klinger**, 2005, completed his MA in Public Archaeology at the University of South Florida. He sends his best to all his classmates and teachers. willklinger@gmail.com.
- **Catherine Sexton Knepper**, 2002, says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty from Iowa, where she 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, reports **NEW** that she has submitted her Ph.D. thesis proposal, won a bursary from the Fondation Catholique Ecosaise to study French in Paris for a month—*congratulations, Crystal!* , -- and is active in student politics. 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, has taken a full time position in the UNCW admissions office (congrats!). His new email is masseyd@uncw.edu.
- **James Miller**, 2006, says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty.
- **NEW Adam Murray**, 2001, finished his Masters in Library and Information Science at Greensboro in 2006 and was appointed Assistant Professor and Head of Acquisitions of Waterfield Library at Murray State University (KY). "A year later, the faculty staged a coup and got our boss tossed out and I was named Interim Dean of the Library. I've spent the last six months learning the joys of administration in an academic institution."
Congratulations, Adam! 
- **NEW Tim Myrick**, 1983, currently Registrar and Director of Enrollment Management at Gordon-Cromwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC, stopped in to visit in March. Tim is happily married and has two children. "After graduating from GCTS, I took a job there just to pay some bills before going out into the world and have stayed ever since!"
- **Evian E. Patterson** 2002, is a Program Assistant, Center for International Training, Academy for Educational Development, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 884-8192, epatterson@aed.org; www.aed.org
- **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, reports he is doing well, had a successful career in IT working for a software development firm, and is now getting his M.A. in English at Auburn University. Recalls especially fondly Dr. Turrisi and Dr. McGowan.
- **Eric Reaves**, 2006, stopped in the PAR office to say hello on Sep 21, and says hello to old friends and classmates.
- **Amy Robbins**, see **Amy Robbins Guthrie**, above.
- **NEW Sarah Rollens**, is in the M.A. program in Religious Studies at the University of Alberta. Sarah reports she had a paper accepted (see above under Alumni Professional Activity), and has been very pleased with the department, but is transferring into the PhD program at the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. She is receiving tuition + \$13,000 of funding (from various sources) per year, guaranteed for 5 years.
Congratulations, Sarah! 
- **Michael Runkle**, 2006, is at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. Email: runklemichael@yahoo.com.
- **Matt Sayball**, 2006 is continuing his studies at Virginia Tech in the Philosophy M.A. program. **NEW** As noted above (ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY), he presented papers at three professional conferences and had an article accepted for publication.
Congratulations, Matt! 

- **Amanda Schoonover**, minor 2005, is pursuing a Master's degree in biology, and says hello to old friends and faculty.
- **Andy Sleet**, 2005, is still going strong in the film business in LA. "I miss my friends back in Wilmington but each day brings new adventures and possibilities." 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, Michael in San Diego. 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>
- **NEW Mac Tucker** (1990) is teaching history at Richlands High School in North Carolina and says hi to Drs. Alrichter, Gauthier, Habibi, Gauthier, Schmid and Turrisi.
- **Jason Warnick**, 2004, says hello to classmates and faculty.
- **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 with his job, house, and "half a pilot's license."