



## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

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### FACULTY AND STUDENTS

#### PAR RPT DECISIONS

- **Herb Berg** recommended for promotion to **Professor**
- **Diana Pasulka** recommended for tenure and promotion to **Associate Professor**



**Herb**



**Diana**

#### 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.

#### STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **UNCW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR 2008-2009**
  - **Jamie Brummet**, UNCW Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award



- **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**
  - **Ryan Neale**, "Nestorius the Orthodox: A Second Look at a Denounced Heretic" won 1st prize for among student papers presented at the North Carolina Association for Religious Studies in October. Other students attending the conference were **Samatha Lopresti** and **Christopher Winchester**, accompanied by **Dr. Murrell**.
- **PAR 491 DIS students** in Fall 08

- **Chason Huggins** with Dr. Eshleman
- **Brittany Andrews** with Dr. Murrell
- **Nikolas Redden, George Xanthos** with Dr. Zervos
- **Evan Watson** with Dr. Berg
- **Grant Breuer** with Dr. Habibi
- **PAR 499 Honors**
  - **Anna Bijelic** with Dr. Gauthier
  - **Shauna Cooper, Michael Gillis** with Dr. Eshleman
  - **Brandon Tinklenberg** with Dr. Turrisi
  - **Jamie Brummitt, Laura Frank** with Dr. Pasulka

**ALUMNI SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY – Alumni in graduate or professional school include**



- **Karl Amelchenko**, 2006, Wake Forest Law School
- **Pamela Bozeman**, 2006, M.A. program in Religious Studies at UNCC
- **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, Masters of Divinity at Erskine Seminary
- **Meredith Bailey Bumbarger**, 2008, MA divinity program at the University of Dayton in Ohio.
- **Everett Caldwell**, 2006, M.A. program in New Testament Studies, Harding University, Memphis TN.
- **Michelle Clark**, 2006, Holocaust Studies U. of Texas Dallas.
- **Elicia Joi Cox**, 2006, MA in philosophy at San Francisco State University.
- **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, Masters program Labor and Human Resources at The Ohio State University.
- **Emily Elizabeth Gallimore**, 2007, Master of Divinity, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte)
- **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, Masters in Labor and Human Resources, Ohio State University
- **Catherine Inglesby**, 2003, Psychology of Religion Master's Degree Program Heythrop College, UK
- **Crystal Lubinsky**, 2000, Ph.D. program in Religious Studies University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- **James Miller**, 2006, PhD MA program, Brandeis University for Social Policy and Public Affairs.
- **Matthew McGregor**, 2007, Law School, University of New Orleans
- **Jonathan Morton**, 2006, Seminary, the Masters College, Lost Angeles, CA
- **Evian E. Patterson** 2002, Master of Public Administration Robert Wagner School of Public Service, NYU
- **Crystal Ricevuto**, 2007, Wake Forest Law School
- **Sarah Rollens**, 2007 PhD program in Religious Studies, University of Toronto
- **Michael Runkle**, 2006, Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA.
- **Matt Sayball**, 2006 Philosophy M.A. program, Virginia Tech
- **Ian Sheffer**, 2006, Medical School Temple University, Master of Bioethics Program at Penn
- **Andrea Smaxwell**, 2006, Golden Gate School of Law San Francisco CA
- **James Stalvey**, 2007, Masters School, Divinity, Sun Valley, CA
- **Mona Taylor**, 2007, Masters in Public Administration program UNCW

## FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY August-November includes

- **Ferenc Altrichter**
  - “Locke and the problem of innate ideas,” *Clarity* 7-8 (Fall 2008), 167-90
- **Herb Berg**
  - *Elijah Muhammad and Islam* (NYU Press, forthcoming in F08 or early S09)
- **Teddy Burgh**
  - 2008 Wachsmann Prize for *Listening to the Artifacts: Music Culture in Ancient Palestine* (2006), awarded by the Society for Ethnomusicology
- **Matt Eshleman**
  - “The Misplaced Chapter on Bad Faith,” *Sartre Studies International* 14:2 (F08)
  - “Foucault, Skepticism, and the Grand Rise of Social Engineering” SPES, Duquesne, Oct 08
- **Don Habibi**
  - “Two Utilitarian Approaches to Human Rights” International Society for Utilitarian Studies, UC Berkeley, Sep 08
- **Scott James**
  - *Evolutionary Ethics: An Introduction* (Blackwell, under contract July, 2008)
- **Sam Murrell**
  - *Afro-Caribbean Religions: An Introduction to Their Historical, Cultural, and Religious Traditions* (accepted by Temple University Press, due to be published in 2009)
  - “Civil Disobedience, Law, and Religion: an Uncomfortable Trinity,” NCRSA, Western Carolina, Oct08
- **Diana Pasulka**
  - “Death Wears a Friendly Face: the Child Psychopomp in Culture and History,” Religion and Visual Culture group, AAR, Chicago, Nov 08
- **Tom Schmid**
  - “The Politics of Reconciliation,” *International Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming in F08 or early S09)
- **Heath White**
  - “Mattering and Mechanism: Why Mechanism Undermines Meaning in Life” presented to the Society of Christian Philosophers, Riverside CA, Oct 2008
  - *Inferentialism and Practical Reason: Towards a New Theory of Practical Reasoning, Intention, Desire, and Evaluative Belief* (VDM, 2008)

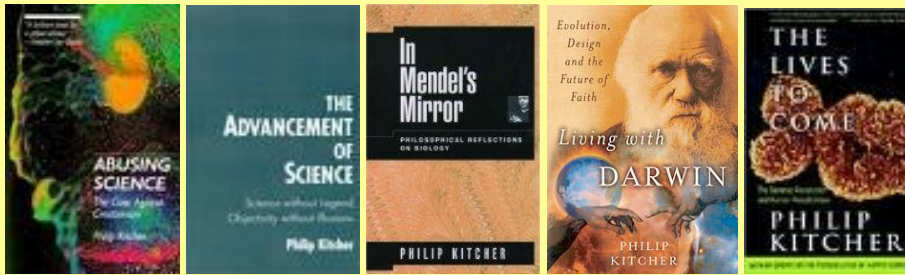
## EVENTS

**B. Frank Hall Speaker for 2008-2009 is Philip Kitcher**, John Dewey Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University,  
Public Lecture “Living with Darwin: Evolution and the Future of Faith”  
730 Thursday, April 16, Burney Center



Co-sponsored by Evolution Learning Community and Academic Affairs

Dr. Kitcher is an internationally renowned philosopher, and the author of many books on science, ethics and evolution including *Abusing Science*, *The Advancement of Science*, *In Mendel's Mirror*, *Living with Darwin*, and *The Lives to Come*



## ALUMNI NEWS

**August's focus alumnus is Rev. Ray Allen Buchanan, 1972.** Rev. Buchanan is the **2008 Citizen of the World Award** Recipient given by the International Affairs Council (IAC) ([www.iacnc.org](http://www.iacnc.org)). The IAC has given the Citizen of the World Award annually since 1995 to honor the North Carolinian who, in the eyes of the selection committee, has done the most for the internationalization of the state. Rev. Buchanan is the co-founder and president of Stop Hunger Now, a model for providing rapid, cost-effective responses to international crisis situations. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Divinity from Shenandoah University and Conservatory. For more on Rev. Buchanan's Stop Hunger Now organization, see <http://www.stophungernow.org/site/PageServer>



- Please remember to **update your email** if you change it, as well as **send in any information about yourself you want posted to [schmidt@uncw.edu](mailto: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](mailto:amelkj6@law.wfu.edu) 910.352.9044
- **Paul Atkinson**, 2003, continues to develop his musical career. See [www.paulatkinsonmusic.com](http://www.paulatkinsonmusic.com) or [www.myspace.com/paulatkinsonmusic](http://www.myspace.com/paulatkinsonmusic). 704-641-1705. personal email: [pbamusic@gmail.com](mailto:pbamusic@gmail.com).
- **Robert Barnes**, 2003, PAR/HST and GLS grad, 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, says hello. Gordon reports his marriage to **Madelaine (Maddi) Pick**. (See above).
- **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."
- **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, is married to Brenda Soriano Buchanan; they had a beautiful baby girl on Feb 3, Karina Sun Buchanan; he finished his 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Masters of Divinity at Erskine Seminary, and is a 2nd Lt in the Air Force Reserves as a Chaplin Candidate. [leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com](mailto:leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com).
- **Meredith Bailey Bumbarger**, 2008, starting the MA divinity program at the University of Dayton in Ohio this fall.

- **Kathryn Cole Bunthoff**, says hello to 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](mailto: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](mailto:ecaldwe1@harding.edu).
- **Michelle Clark**, 2006, is in the program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas.
- **Elicia Joi Cox**, 2006, has moved to Oakland California, and begun graduate studies in philosophy at San Francisco State University. Contact at [joi\\_cox9@yahoo.fr](mailto:joi_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. 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, is doing Criminal Law in Northern Virginia and DC, and this fall is starting back at George Washington taking graduate courses in international business. 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](mailto:kduncw@hotmail.com).
- **Eddie Dunn**, double major in Comp Science/PAR, named UNCW Computer Science 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, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte) for Master of Divinity.
- **Lauren Griffith**, 2006, "An update on me. 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!"
- **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](mailto:dolmadakia@gmail.com).
- **Mark Jeffords**, 1973 double major PAR/Biology, reports birth of his first grandchild, Joshua, born 12.20.05.
- **Kim Joyce**, 2008, will be with the Peace Corps for two years; her first placement abroad is Azerbaijan.
- **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. Will just became engaged to **Angela Throckmorton**, UNCW 2006, who is working, as is he for now, with PPR in Morrisville, near Raleigh. [willklinger@gmail.com](mailto: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. Edinburgh email address: [s0782895@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Joe.Manley@nhhn.org).
- **David Massey**, 2006, recently married and has a new email: [DavidTimMassey@gmail.com](mailto:DavidTimMassey@gmail.com).
- **James Miller**, 2006, 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... should be right up my alley!"
- **Lacey Morris**, 2008, is teaching English at her high school. [morrilacey@gmail.com](mailto: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... I would like to teach at a university one day!!"
- **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 from GCTS, I took a job to pay bills and have stayed ever since!"
- **Evian E. Patterson** 2002, is pursuing 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](mailto:evianp@gmail.com)
- **Christopher "Chip" Perry** 2006 wishes everyone well! 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](http://WWW.Pontonrealty.com))
- **Kevin Quinn**, 1994, is currently a Senior Technical Writer with Nokia, based in Atlanta.
- **Eric Reaves**, 2006, says hello to old friends and classmates.
- **Amy Robbins**, see **Amy Robbins Guthrie**, above.
- **Sarah Rollens**, 2007, is beginning this fall in the PhD program in Religious Studies at the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, supervisor John S. Kloppenborg.
- **Michael Runkle**, 2006, is at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. Email: [runklemichael@yahoo.com](mailto:runklemichael@yahoo.com).
- **Matt Sayball**, 2006 is continuing his studies at Virginia Tech in the Philosophy M.A. program.
- **NEW** **Ian Sheffer**, 2006, currently in Medical School at Temple University, has also begun this past fall in the "Master of Bioethics Program at Penn. Ian did an Honors project with Dr. Gauthier on the ethics of medically assisted suicide in 2006.
- **Amanda Schoonover**, minor 2005, pursuing a Master's degree in biology, says hello to old friends and faculty.
- **Andy Sleet**, 2005, is living and working in LA. "Each day brings new adventures and possibilities." 1616 N. Normandie Ave., Apt.400 Los Angeles, CA 90027. 323 / 898-6364.
- **Andrea Smaxwell**, 2006, Golden Gate School of Law in San Francisco. Email: [andrea.smaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.smaxwell@gmail.com).
- **Joel Smith**, 1985 says hello to old friends, classmates and faculty. Lives in Kinston, NC. <http://www.m3web.com>
- **Mona Taylor**, 2007, is back at UNCW in the Masters in Public Administration program.
- **Mac Tucker** (1990) is teaching history at Richlands H.S. in NC and says hi.
- **Jason Warnick**, 2004, says hello to classmates and faculty.
- **Margaret Lee Wilkins**, 2006. 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.