



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

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FACULTY AND STUDENTS

GRADUATES (Spring 07)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Ian Brockett, Robert Brown, Alfred Lerch, Matthew McGregor, Joseph Sanguinetti, Ian Sheffer**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Pamela Bozeman, Emily Gallimore, Paul Hendrix, Jonathan Lemaire, April Rozzelle, Jeremy Simmons, Zane Whitner.**

Pictures from the spring graduation ceremonies are posted on the PAR website (currently being updated) and the glass case in the main hallway.



Students: Bozeman, Gallimore, Hendrix, Lerch, McGregor, Simmons, Sheffer, Whitner, Rozzelle

FACULTY RECOGNIZED (by graduating seniors)

- Dec 06: **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Burgh, Gauthier, Habibi, Murrell, Pasulka, Schmid, Zeros**
- May 07: **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Conser, Gauthier, Habibi, McGowan, Murrell, Pasulka, Schmid, Zeros**

NEW FACULTY

- **Jeffrey Durham, Assistant Professor, Asian Religion.** Jeffrey received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia (2004), his B.A. from University of Texas at Austin. His areas of research interest include Hindu and Buddhist traditions, and he has mastered, among

- other languages, Sanskrit, classical Tibetan, ancient Egyptian, Greek, Latin, and ancient Mayan. He has a book, *The Immortality Project: Seven Adventures in the Archaeology of Religion*, and several articles, including "Sensory *Sam€dhi*: Textual Transcendence Technologies in Prajñ€p€r€mit€ Literature" and "Rationalization & the Ratnak™~a Reforms" under review. Jeff is currently teaching at St. Thomas Aquinas College, and will join us in the fall, when he will be teaching, in addition to other classes, a 495 seminar "The Immortality Project" (W 630-915).
- **Matthew Eshleman, Assistant Professor, History of Philosophy.** Matthew received his Ph.D. from Duquesne University (2005), his B.A. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota. His area of research interest is history of philosophy, with a special interest in French philosophy from Descartes to Derrida, and is developing a book project on Jean-Paul Sartre's *Being and Nothingness*. He has published "The Cartesian Unconscious" *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, "Sartre and Foucault on Ideal Constraint," *Sartre Studies International*, and "Two Dogmas of Sartrean Existentialism," *Philosophy Today*, and presented papers in the US and Canada. Matt is currently teaching at the University of Toledo, and will join us in the fall, when he will be teaching, in addition to other classes, a 495 seminar "French Existentialism" (TR 5-615).
 - **Scott James, Assistant Professor, Ethics.** Scott received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland (College Park, 2005), and a B. A. in philosophy from Connecticut College. His area of research interests are normative ethics and meta-ethics, with special interests in the relationship between ethics, cognitive psychology and evolution, and in the concept of beneficence. He has published "Good Samaritans, Good Humanitarians," *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, "Human Evolution and the Possibility of Moral Realism," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and has *Making Sense of the Inevitable: A Reader in the Philosophy of Death* under review. Scott is currently teaching at the University of Kentucky, and will join us in the fall, when he will be teaching, in addition to other classes, a 495 seminar "Foundations of Ethical Theory" (MW 2-315).
 - **Eva Kort, Lecturer, Philosophy.** Eva received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida (Gainesville, 2001), and a B.A. from Indiana University. Her area of research interest is applied ethics with the interest in the application of the concept of personal identity. She has published "Stillingfleet and Locke on Substance, Essence, and Articles of Faith," *Locke Studies*, "Indecent Bodily Exposure: A Reply," *Professional Ethics: A Multidisciplinary Journal* and has presented papers across the US. Eva will be teaching PAR 101, Invitation to Philosophical Thinking, and PAR 110, Logic.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **PAR SCHOLARSHIPS**
 - **Book Store Scholarships** awarded to **Laura Frank** and **Jamie Brummit**
 - **Blanton Scholarship and Coca-Cola Scholarships** awarded to **Josh Bolick**.
 - **Thyself Scholarship and Megivern Scholarship** awarded to **Mary von Aue**.
- **CHANCELLOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** in Spring 07 (A's in all classes):
 - **Josh Bolick**
 - **Jamie Brummit**
 - **Vincent Conti**
 - **Samona Taylor**
- **HON 499s** in Spring 2007:
 - **Ian Sheffer** with Dr. Gauthier
 - **Mary Von Aue** with Dr. Berg
- **DIS students** in Spring and Summer 2007:
 - **Mary Aue, Ann Conner, Morgan Gerszewski, Allison Tuszynski, Zane Whitner** with Dr. Berg
 - **Samona Taylor** with Dr. Habibi, Dr. Schmid (Sum I)
 - **Keith Barnhardt, Allison Casey, William Coppage, Lauren Frank, James Stalvey, Mark Xanthos** with Dr. Zervos

PUBLICATIONS, HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS

STUDENTS

- **Greg Casaletto** Dec 06 grad highlights the cover of the new CAS magazine on the Humanities
- **Everett Fulmer** and **Matt Sayball** gave papers at the NC Philosophical Society conference on Feb 24 in Chapel Hill
- **Rosa Fuller:** The Evolution of the American Opiate: Alienation in the Age of Secularization and Mass Culture, SECSOR, Nashville, TN Mar 16-18
- **Sarah Rollens:** "Jesus the Appositive Constructions: Theoretical and Methodological Problems in Current Historical Jesus Research" SECSOR, Nashville, TN, Mar 16-18
- **Matt Sayball:**
 - 1st place among undergraduate papers at NC Philosophical Society conference - "Biscuit Conditionals"
 - highlighted in lead story "When is *if* enough?" in the Spring 2007 College of Arts and Sciences magazine
 - presented "Biscuit Conditionals" at University of Iowa's Graduate Student Philosophy Conference April 27-28
 - hired as Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Logic by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth in Bristol, RI
 - one of UNCW's two nominees to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

- **Dr. Berg** and **Sarah Rollens:**
 - "The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinvention and Reinterpretation" accepted for publication in the scholarly journal *Studies in Religion*

FACULTY

- **Dr. Altrichter**
 - ed., *Brain and Mind* (Gondolat, forthcoming 2nd edition), including Altrichter, "Intentionality and Qualia"
- **Dr. Berg**
 - "Early African American Muslim Movements and the Qur'an," *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* 8.1
 - "Context: Muhammad," Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an," ed. A. Rippin, 187-204 (Blackwell, 2006)
- **Dr. Burgh**
 - "Is God Funky or What? Views of God in Popular Music" SECSOR, Nashville, TN, Mar 16-18
 - "Black Biblical Studies and Near Eastern Archaeology" accepted for *Journal for Black Theology*
- **Dr. Conser** has received two honors for his book, *A Coat of Many Colors:*
 - Clarendon Cup, presented each year by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society for the best book of regional history
 - NC Presbyterian Church award for a book on religious history
- **Dr. Gauthier**
 - "Ethical Principles for End-of-Life Decision Making" accepted for *Choice in Dying* (Rutgers forthcoming)
 - contract for *Case-Based Medical Ethics in Practice* (Humana-Springer, forthcoming), with Dr. John Snyder
- **Dr. Habibi**
 - "Human Rights and Politicized Human Rights: A Utilitarian Critique," *Journal of Human Rights* 6:1 (2007), 3-35
- **Dr. Murrell**

- "The Rastafari as a Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible," in R. S. Sugirtharajah, ed., *Voices From the Margin, Interpreting the Bible in the Third World* (Orbis, 2006): 169-188.
- "A Century after Albert Schweitzer's Quest, Where is the Historical Jesus?" SECSOR, Nashville, TN, Mar 16-18
- **Dr. Pasulka**
 - "A Communion of Little Saints," accepted for *The Journal of Feminist Studies of Religion*
 - "Purgatory in the Carolinas" accepted for *Southern Crossroads* (U. of Kentucky, press date 2008)
 - "Pre-modern scriptures in postmodern times: an analysis of the revival movement of pre-modern exegetical practices," accepted for *Postscripts: the journal of scripture and culture*.
- **Dr. Schmid**
 - "The Politics of Reconciliation," accepted for *International Studies in Philosophy* 38:4 (forthcoming)
 - book review of *Stoic Warriors: the Ancient Philosophy behind the Military Mind*, Nancy Sherman, *Ancient Philosophy* 26 (2006), 435-38.
- **Dr. Turrisi**
 - "Creationists-and-Evolutionists-Continue-to-Engage-in-Loud-Public-Display-of-Hostility: A Philosopher Examines Why Fighting about Human Origins is an Oddly Compelling Pursuit" at SECSOR, Nashville, TN, Mar 16-18 2007
- **Dr. White**
 - "Desires in Practical Reasoning," *Philosophical Studies* 129 (2006), 197-221
 - "Stereoscopic Vision," with Mark Lance, accepted for *Philosopher's Imprint*
 - "Fitting Attitudes, Wrong Kinds of Reasons, and Mind-Independent Goodness" accepted for *Journal of Moral Philosophy*
- **Dr. Zervos**
 - book proposal for monograph, *Making the Marian Myth*, under consideration

ALUMNI NEWS



August's focus alumnus is

- **Jane Howard Crutchfield (Janey, 2003):** "I have been living in Colorado for three years now. I initially came out here to do a volunteer program called Americorps, where I volunteered at elementary schools and Boys' and Girls' Clubs around Denver. When that was over I stayed out here to be an assistant teacher at one of the elementary schools. About a year ago, I decided to get my Real Estate license and do that in addition to working at the school. During my free time, I love to hike, camp, rock-climb, and snowboard (in the winter). I love it out west, but I miss Wilmington a lot -- surfing, the beach, and the people. I plan on eventually moving back there one day." Contact at 1625 S. Birch St, apt. 70, Denver CO 80222, 720-201-8877.

- **ALUMNI updates***

- **Karl Amelchenko**, 2006, is at Wake Forest Law School. Karl is at amelkj6@law.wfu.edu 910.352.9044
- **Paul Atkinson**, 2004, reports that his new EP, "Music for the Journey" been completed. See www.myspace.com/paulatkinsonmusic or www.paulatkinsonmusic.com. Paul was also actively involved in the recent U2Charist event at Kenan Auditorium, April 21. Paul's phone: 704-641-1705.
- **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, began the Masters of Divinity program at Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC. leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com.
- **Everett Caldwell, 2006**, began the M.A. program in New Testament Studies at Harding University, Memphis TN, this past spring. Everett is still studying Greek and reports he was "well prepared" for his work at Harding. If you want to contact Everett, you may reach him via ecaldwe1@harding.edu.
- **Michelle Clark**, 2006, began the M.A. and Ph.D. program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas.
- **Jane Crutchfield**, 2003, says hello to all her friends Denver. See greetings from Janey above.
- **Keith Diener, JD, LLM**, passed the NC bar exam last summer, his M.A. program in international law and LL.M. work at George Washington, and took the Virginia bar. He recently co-authored *Competitive Conditions for Foreign Direct Investment in India*, online at: <http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/docs/pubs/332/pub3931.pdf> You can visit him at 6216 Rose Hill Dr., Apt. #2B, Alexandria VA 22310, cell phone 404-664-4271. Email:



- kdiener1@law.gwu.edu. Keith at graduation from GW law school:
- **Emily Elizabeth Gallimore**, 2007, was accepted to (and will be attending) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte Campus) for the Master of Divinity program beginning in September.
- **Whitney Fautleroy, 2006** received a rave review while serving as the Interim Youth director at Winterpark Presbyterian Church, where she "single-handedly revitalized the youth program beyond our expectations in a few months." Among other projects, she involved the youth in local and world community issues via a 30 hour famine for world hunger, the Good Shepard program, and raising money for the homeless.
- **Catherine Inglesby** began the Psychology of Religion Master's Degree Program at Heythrop College, UK this past fall. **New** email: dolmadakia@yahoo.com.
- **Mark Jeffords**, 1976-77 double major PAR/Biology, a pilot with US Air, reports birth of his and Cindy's first grandchild (congrats!), Joshua, born 12.20.05.
- **Will Klinger**, 2005, double major with Anthropology, is in the MA program in Public Archaeology at the University of South Florida, willklinger@gmail.com.
- **Crystal Lubinsky, 2000**, begins the Ph.D. program in Religious Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, this fall. Edinburgh email address, just in case anyone wants to say hey: s0782895@sms.ed.ac.uk.
- **David Massey**, 2006, has taken a full time position in the UNCW admissions office (congrats!). His new email is masseyd@uncw.edu.
- **Evian E. Patterson** is now a Program Assistant at the Center for International Training, Academy for Educational Development, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 884-8192, epatterson@aed.org; www.aed.org
- **Sarah Rollens, 2006**, began graduate school in the M.A. program in Religious Studies at the University of Alberta.
- **Michael Runkle, 2006**, reports that both he and **Andrea Smaxwell, 2006** are doing well in law school at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA

and the Golden Gate School of Law in San Francisco respectively (congrats!).
Email: runklemichael@yahoo.com.

- **Matt Sayball, 2006** began his graduate studies at Virginia Tech in the Philosophy M.A. program.

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