



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

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FACULTY AND STUDENTS

GRADUATES (Spring 07)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Ian Matthew Brockett, Robert Jared Brown, Alfred Harvey Lerch, Matthew Joseph McGregor, Joseph Lacoste Sanguinetti, Ian G Sheffer, Milo Thomas Townsend**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Pamela Lydia Bozeman, Emily Elizabeth Gallimore, Paul Omar Hendrix, Jonathan Alexander Lemaire, April Nicole Rozzelle, Jeremy Marquis Simmons, Zane Ray Whitner.**

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

RETIREMENTS, THANKS AND FACULTY LEAVING

- **Dr. Guy Beck** is leaving UNCW after serving as Lecturer for two years. Dr. Beck, an accomplished musician in both jazz and classical Indian sacred music, as well as scholar of Hinduism, has received a major grant for study in India for 2007-2008. PAR thanks Guy for his services.
- **Crystal Lubinsky** is leaving UNCW after teaching part time for several years, to begin the Ph.D. graduate program at University of Edinburgh (see below under Alumni). Crystal's success was celebrated, and she was thanked for her services to the department at the April meeting. PAR thanks Crystal for her services.
- **Dr. Maurice Stanley** is retiring from UNCW after teaching part time and then as a Lecturer for many years. Dr. Stanley looks forward to continuing his philosophical studies and writing. He was honored with a book award and thanked at the last department meeting of the year. PAR thanks Maurice for his services.



Crystal and Maurice at April PAR meeting

FACULTY RECOGNIZED (by graduating seniors)

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

NEW FACULTY—TENURE TRACK

- **Jeffrey Durham, Asian Religion.** Dr. Zervos chaired the search committee. 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 *Samādhi*: Textual Transcendence Technologies in Prajñāpāramitā Literature” and “Rationalization & the Ratnakṛā 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, History of Philosophy.** Dr. Turrisi chaired the search committee. 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, Ethics.** Dr. Gauthier chaired the search committee. 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).

HIRING PROCESS

- **Dr. Altrichter** is currently leading a search for a new full time lecturer in Philosophy.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

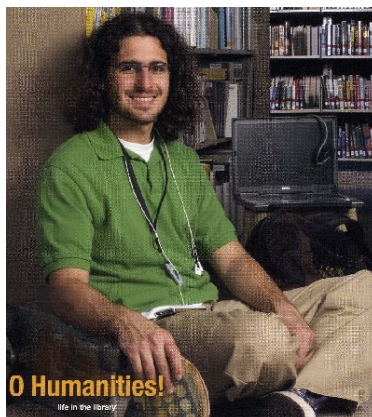
- **Sarah Rollens**--paper presented with Dr. Berg at a national conference (see PUBLICATIONS HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS below) and accepted for publication
- **Matt Sayball**—paper won NCPS Best Undergraduate Paper at state conference, presented at Graduate Student Philosophy conference (see PUBLICATIONS HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS below)
- **CHANCELLOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** in Fall 06 (A's in all classes):
 - **Joshua Bolick**
 - **Sarah Rollens**
 - **Mary von Aue**
- **HON 499s** in Spring 2007:
 - **Ian Sheffer** with Dr. Gauthier
 - **Mary Von Aue** with Dr. Berg
- **DIS students** in Spring 2007:
 - **Mary Aue, Ann Conner, Morgan Gerszewski, Allison Tuszynski, Zane Whitner** with Dr. Berg
 - **Samona Taylor** with Dr. Habibi
 - **Keith Barnhardt, Allison Casey, William Coppage, Lauren Frank, James Stalvey, Mark Xanthos** with Dr. Zervos

GRADUATE STUDY

- **Crystal Lubinsky** will be attending the Ph.D. program at the University of Edinburgh next year. She was awarded a scholarship of \$10,000 for each of the next three years.
- **Sarah Rollens** was accepted at both the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto. She will attend the University of Alberta where she was awarded a full scholarship for 2007-2008.
- **Matt Sayball** was accepted at the University of Iowa, Georgia State University, University of Colorado, and Virginia Tech. He accepted a full scholarship to the M.A. program at VT.

PUBLICATIONS, HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS STUDENTS

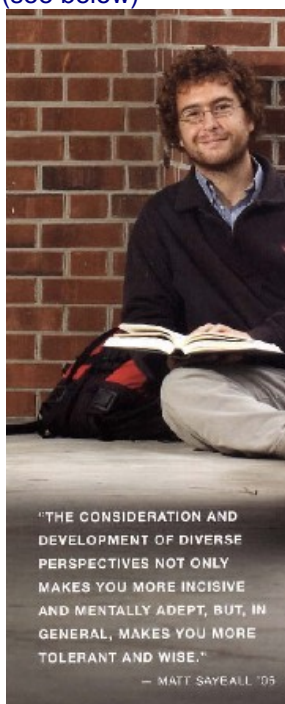
- **Greg Casaletto** Dec 06 grad highlights the cover of the new CAS magazine on the Humanities



Greg on cover of CAS mag

- **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
 - special honor of being one of UNCW's two nominees to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship
 - graduate fellowship (see below)



Matt in "When is *if* enough?"

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

- **Dr. Berg and Sarah Rollens:**
 - "The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinvention and Reinterpretation" at Scripture & Skepticism: The Uses of Doubt in Biblical and Qur'anic Studies (The 2007 Conference of the Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion), University of California at Davis, Jan 25-28
 - Article with same title 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**

- "Islamic Origins and Christian Origins: Scholarly Reinventions and Reinterpretations of Founder Figures" SECSOR, Nashville, TN Mar 16-18
- "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 by several publishers

ALUMNI NEWS

March's focus alumnus is

- **Crystal Lubinsky, 2000**, M.A. NYU 2002, who has been teaching part time for PAR the past couple years, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, received a scholarship of 5,000 GBP (~\$10,000) each year for three years, and will begin there next fall. Her research interest is in early Christianity.



Crystal with gift card and letter of appreciation

- **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.
 - **Michelle Clark**, 2006, began the M.A. and Ph.D. program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas.
 - **Keith Deiner** passed the NC bar exam last summer (congrats!), is in a master's program in international law at GW in the DC area. You can visit him at 6216 Rose Hill Dr., Apt. #2B, Alexandria VA 22310, cell phone 404-664-4271. Email: kdiener1@law.gwu.edu.
 - **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.
 - **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**, see above **STUDENT SCHOLARS, PUBLICATIONS, HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS**,
 - **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** see above **STUDENT SCHOLARS, PUBLICATIONS, HONORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Please remember to update your email address, as well as send in any info you want posted on this quarterly. The PAR Alumni connection will only work if the Alumni connect!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC EVENTS



- B. Frank Hall lecturer **Dr. John Dominic Crossan**, "***St. Paul and the Roman Empire***," Kenan Auditorium, 7 pm, Thursday, March 29, 2007. Dr. Crossan, one of the most famous early Christianity scholars in the world (<http://www.westarinstitute.org/Fellows/Crossan/crossan.html>), received a standing ovation from the audience of about 1000 people! Dr. Crossan also gave a presentation on "Jesus and Women" the next day to Dr. Pasulka's and Dr. Zervos's classes in CIS 1008.