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Geoengineering as the Lesser Evil?



Mount Pinatubo's 1991 eruption sent 10 million tons of sulphur into the atmosphere, blocking sunlight and temporarily cooling the planet by nearly one degree Fahrenheit.

Image courtesy of United Nations Environment Program

The Earth is warming. So, let's shoot sulphur into the stratosphere, block out some of the incoming light, and thereby dampen down the temperature rise. Good idea? Perhaps not; even if it works, this approach won't deal with some major effects of continued emissions, such as ocean acidification. Also, we're not so sure that it will work – at least in the way that we hope, and with no bad side effects. Oh, and who will put the stuff up there, decide how much, and whether this is the right techno-fix to try? (And what happens if we disagree?)

For these and other reasons, proposals to geoengineer our way out of climate change have not achieved much traction in the last twenty years. But times are changing. Recently, the climate scientist, Paul Crutzen, a Nobel Laureate, has reignited the debate by suggesting that we ought to embrace an ambitious geoengineering research program. Crutzen is motivated by pessimism. By far the best response to climate change, he thinks, is to cut emissions. Yet we've known the risk for nearly twenty years now, and emissions have increased rapidly in that time (in the US by more than 15% and globally by more than 30%). Crutzen worries that this will continue, and that if it does, by mid-century or later we might face the imminent prospect of runaway climate change. Such change would be catastrophic, Crutzen says, and this means that we would have little choice but to attempt a techno-fix to prevent it. So, he argues, we should prepare to do that. Otherwise, we won't be ready.

Crutzen's core claim is that geoengineering, though arguably some kind of evil in itself (for reasons such as those sketched above), is a **lesser evil** than the likely alternative. Hence, in an emergency, we should choose it. Such arguments are hard to resist. Still, there are reasons for caution.

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First, it is clear that one reason for claiming that one is in a morally exceptional circumstance is to secure an exemption from the usual norms and constraints of morality. But this should give us pause. After all, morality often seems inconvenient - like truth (as Al Gore reminds us) and when it is, those who have to bear the inconvenience would usually like to avoid doing so. In short, arguments from emergency are vulnerable to corruption. This suggests that we shouldn't accept **simply as a stipulation** that some policy that is said to be an evil (like geoengineering) should be endorsed because it is a lesser evil than some other policy (such as catastrophic climate change). Instead, we should ask important questions, such as: How likely is the emergency situation (where one actually has to decide between these two options) to arise? Is it true that these are the only alternatives? Is the lesser evil really lesser; all-things-considered? And, as it happens, in the case of geoengineering, the answers to these questions seem very much in doubt. Moreover, Crutzen's proposal may not be neutral here. Substantial investment in geoengineering may itself encourage political inertia on mitigation and adaptation, and also facilitate the actual deployment of geoengineering "solutions." In short, Crutzen treats decision to do research and the arising of the emergency situation as if they were causally isolated. But it is not clear what justifies this assumption - indeed, the history of technological innovation suggests otherwise.

A further reason for caution is that the emergency situation is not one that **we** actually face. If the threat of runaway climate change emerges fifty years or more in the future, it will confront future generations. This creates two important differences. The first is that we have more options, some of which may not be "evil" at all. If we have time, we can prepare. The lesser evil argument assumes that the best we can do now to help future people faced with catastrophic climate change is to research geoengineering. But there are other possibilities. For example, perhaps (as some have suggested) we should launch a "Manhattan Project" for alternative energy, or perhaps we should establish a massive international climate assistance program (or both, together with any number of alternatives).

The second important difference is that the potential crisis is to be brought about by our **failure to mitigate** - something that Crutzen accepts that we are morally obligated to do. But if someone puts others in a very bad situation through a moral failure, we usually don't think it enough for them to respond

merely by offering the victims an evil way out. Instead, we believe that they have substantial obligations both to help the victims find better alternatives, and also, if there are none, to compensate them. If this is right, then even if Crutzen's argument were correct in other respects, we should not conclude from it that current people owe future generations **only** research on geoengineering; much more seems required.

This brings us back to political inertia. Elsewhere I have argued that one cause of this, and a big part of the moral problem more generally, is that climate change allows the current generation unfairly to pass on its costs to future people. But it seems likely that the same forces that oppose substantial mitigation and adaptation measures would also oppose substantial compensation proposals. This brings a larger issue into focus. Crutzen claims that research on geoengineering acts as a kind of insurance policy. But there are many such policies; and there is a real concern that "Geoengineering Research Only" gains prominence among them only because it seems most congenial to us, the present generation. In short, perhaps we'd be happy to spend a few million dollars researching technology our generation won't have to bear the risks of implementing, and even happier to think that in doing so we were making a morally serious choice in favor of protecting future generations. But thinking so does not make it the case. Surely we can, and ought, to do better.

This is a short version of a piece written by Professor Stephen Gardiner, which was previously published on Environmental Research Web. Both pieces are drawn from work in progress on geoengineering and climate change.

Gift Doubles Rabinowitz Medical Ethics Endowment

Last year, the Philosophy Department received a generous endowment from the Rabinowitz family. The Benjamin Rabinowitz Philosophy Chair in Medical Ethics was created in honor of Seattle native, Benjamin Rabinowitz, who died of brain cancer in 2001. This year, Jenée Rabinowitz, Benjamin Rabinowitz' mother, gave a gift to this endowment which doubles the original fund. This gift will greatly strengthen the study of medical ethics in the Department and the University, and will also hasten the day when the Rabinowitz chair position will be filled.

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Jenee Rabinowitz is an alum of the University of Washington who holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree. She is especially concerned about environmental issues and the health hazards that they pose.

Hope in the Face of Death

Faculty members Sara Goering and Ingra Schellenberg and graduate student Jason Benchimol organized a day-long symposium in April on the theme of “Dying Hopes: Understanding Hope in the Face of Death.” This symposium was possible thanks to support from both the Program on Values and to a donation from the Rabinowitz family to support philosophical work in medical ethics. The symposium included main speakers Jodi Halpern (University of California, Berkeley), Adrienne Martin (University of Pennsylvania), and Eric Cassell (Weil Medical College, Cornell University), and local commentators Sarah Shannon (Nursing), Tony Back (Oncology), and Ingra Schellenberg (Philosophy and Medical History and Ethics). The event brought together clinicians and academics both from the university and the broader community and served as a forum for wide-ranging – and lively! – conversations.

Meet Philosophy’s Visiting Committee

The Visiting Committee of the Department of Philosophy, which was formed a decade ago, is composed of community members, faculty, and graduate students working to advance the academic excellence and reputation of the department. The committee provides an opportunity for interested citizens outside of academia, as well as members of the university community, to contribute to the Department of Philosophy. The committee has three primary purposes: serving as an advisory council, assisting with public relations, and supporting the department’s fund development efforts. It meets at least three times each year.

The committee is currently involved in helping the department to hire a part-time Development Coordinator, who will be responsible for coordinating the fund-raising, alumni relations, and outreach activities of the department. The committee also organizes at least one departmental event each year and is actively working to advise the department on ways to cultivate its outreach and development efforts through events and various communications with the public.

Community members currently on the committee are David Byrne, Dan Fisher, Lesley Forbush, Jim Frajola, Dan Gerler, Samuel Gerszonowicz, Jana Mohr Lone, Jim Riswold, and Jack Sabin. The department representatives on the committee include Ken Clatterbaugh, Renee Conroy, Ron Moore, Michael Rosenthal, and Beverly Wessel. The committee would like to add several new members this year, and encourages anyone interested in joining the committee to contact Ken Clatterbaugh, Department Chair, at (206) 543-5855, or Jana Mohr Lone, Committee Chair, at (206) 221-6297.

Philosophers in the Schools Program

The Northwest Center for Philosophy for Children, part of the department since 1999, has since its founding in 1996 introduced philosophy to over 1,000 students in more than twenty-five schools around Washington State. Students in philosophy classes taught through the Center range from preschool through high school. Over the past decade, the Center has run over twenty-five workshops for teachers and parents about ways to facilitate philosophy discussions with young people. The Center is also a founding sponsor, with the American Philosophical Association, of *Questions: Philosophy for Young People*, a journal that publishes philosophical work by and for young people.

The Center’s “Philosophers in the Schools” program, which brings people trained in philosophy into public schools to do philosophy sessions with students, is bolstered by the class taught each year in the department by David Shapiro, Education Director of the Center. His “Philosophy for Children” class introduces UW students to the methods of *doing* philosophy with young people (as contrasted with *teaching* philosophy to young people) by stressing the development of a community of inquiry, in which students are encouraged to ask their own relevant questions, develop views and articulate reasons for them, and to listen and learn from one another.

This year the Center is expanding its partnership with the Pipeline Project, the UW K-12 outreach program that connects undergraduate students with tutoring and mentoring opportunities in local and regional schools. Some of the students involved in the Pipeline Project will be introduced to the philosophy for children program and will spend the spring semester facilitating philosophy discussions in elementary and middle schools, with the support of a class taught by Center staff at the

Philosophy in Schools cont.

Pipeline Project. Strengthening and developing ongoing relationships with Seattle public schools is at the core of our partnership with Pipeline.

The introduction of philosophy into the lives of K-12 students helps them to develop strong critical and clear thinking skills, and allows them to explore questions about the basic concepts that make up our understanding of the world. Young people curious about the unsettled questions of philosophy are given the opportunity, through the "Philosophers in the Schools" program, to become involved in an intellectual adventure.

Words from the Chair

Kenneth Clatterbaugh, Professor



Ken Clatterbaugh with alum Jim Riswold

This academic year began with the department relocating from Savery Hall to Condon Hall, where we will reside for the next two years. The move about did our staff in, especially Bev who was on the moving committee, oversaw the departmental move, and is building coordinator for both Savery Hall and Condon Hall. The move was handled magnificently, and it turns out that many of the faculty members like their new offices quite well! On the other hand our students are not thrilled with having classes in both Condon Hall and on upper campus. Some of them refuse to make the journey to Condon, so enrollments are down a bit, just as they have been for every other department that has done time in Condon. The newly renovated Savery Hall will hopefully be worth the wait.

Much of the energy expended during the 2007-2008 academic year went to hiring new faculty for the department. Originally the plan was to hire one new faculty member. So, in the summer of 2007, we advertised in two different philosophical areas, thinking we would

hire the most qualified person in one of these two areas. However, in early winter 2008, we received permission to hire a second faculty member! This was, of course great news, but also entailed bringing eight different candidates out for interviews during that one quarter. This works out to about one candidate per week!

The usual process of interviewing candidates, discussing strengths and weaknesses, and assessing what the candidates might bring to the department in terms of research, teaching, and collegiality is at best a challenge that devours time and energy. The faculty, especially those on the search committees, worked long hours to screen the candidates.

At this writing the hiring process has resulted in one new faculty member for the department. Carole Lee, who is profiled in this newsletter on page 6, has accepted the position of assistant professor beginning in fall 2008. Carole brings to the department several areas of research and teaching that have long been needed in the department. She works in the areas of philosophy of psychology, philosophy of mind, social philosophy, cognitive science, action theory, and philosophy of feminism. Her interests complement our departmental strengths in philosophy of science, epistemology, and ethics. And, she promises to be a wonderful colleague. Our second offer didn't work out, and so we will begin the search process all over again in autumn 2008.

In addition to the hiring frenzy this year, a special program entitled "An Evening with Jim Riswold" took place this winter quarter. This event was presented as a thank you to the faculty members, the visiting committee members, and a select group of donors who have done much to bring resources to the department. Jim is an alum and long standing member of the departmental Visiting Committee, who after graduating, became the creative director for the Nike account for Wieden and Kennedy in Portland, Oregon. He has since retired from advertising and now has a second career as an artist. His shows feature mocking images of the world's great dictators made with miniatures and then photographed. Jim takes on dictators such as Hitler, Mussolini, Mao, and Stalin, and uses his art as one colleague very nicely put it "to teach us how to deal with monsters." It was a very successful evening judging from the comments that I received after the event.

In short, the Department of Philosophy is an extremely busy place these days. I will be happy to take a breather from all this activity, and I am delighted to have Michael Rosenthal step in as acting chair while I take a short leave of absence this summer.

Upcoming Events 2008-09

2008-2009 Colloquium/Speaker Series

- Oct. 10th - Norman Dahl, Ancient Philosophy and Ethics, University of Minnesota.
- Oct. 15th - Stephen Miles, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota will speak for the Critical Medical Humanities Series.
- Oct. 24th - Robert Reich, Political Science, Stanford University.
- Nov. 7th - Quentin Smith, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Language, Western Michigan University.
- Nov. 14th - Sherri Rousch, Philosophy of Science, University of California, Berkeley.
- Dec. to March - Speakers to be announced. Check our website www.phil.washington.edu/
- April (date TBD) - Medical Ethics Symposium. Check our website soon for details.
- April 17-18 - Conference on Global Justice in the 21st Century. Thomas Pogge, Yale University, keynote speaker on April 17th at 7:30 PM.
- May 1st - Donald Rutherford, Modern Philosophy, University of California, San Diego.
- May 8th - Pamela Hieronymi, Ethics and Philosophy of Action, University of California, Los Angeles.
- May 29th - Susan Wolf, Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Global Justice Conference Scheduled for April 17-18, 2009

Today there is more attention to normative issues of global justice than ever before. This conference will bring together scholars at the forefront of this research to consider questions such as: What would a just global order look like? Will it require new transnational institutions? How can global problems of human rights, health care, poverty, and environmental degradation best be addressed?

Thomas Pogge (Philosophy, Yale University) will deliver the keynote address. Known for his rigorous and original arguments demanding a more equitable distribution of the world's resources, Pogge has become one of the most influential theorists of global justice.

His proposals for reforming the international economic order are laid out in his landmark 2002 book *World Poverty and Human Rights*. Pogge has also written on immigration, humanitarian intervention, and the duties of international nongovernmental organizations.

Hypatia Comes to UW

Professor Alison Wylie, along with colleagues, Lori Gruen (Wesleyan) and Sharyn Clough (Oregon State) were successful in their bid for editorship of *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. For the next five years, the journal will be hosted by the University of Washington through the generous support of the Philosophy Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Simpson Center for the Humanities, and the Graduate School. The *Hypatia* editorial office moved to the University of Washington on July 1st and is located at the Simpson Center for the Humanities.

Gwynne Taraska, a graduate student in philosophy has been hired as Managing Editor, so the journal office is now open for business! Crucial to the success of the proposal for editorship was being able to identify six colleagues in Philosophy and two in Political Science, who list feminist philosophy as a primary area of research and teaching interest. This is a remarkable depth of strength, and hopefully the presence of *Hypatia* will help build on it.

Congratulations 2007-2008 M.A. & Ph.D. Recipients

M.A.

- Mitch T. Kaufman - spring 2007
- Jason D. Benchimol - autumn 2007
- Walter S. Clifton - autumn 2007
- Jeramy S. Gee - autumn 2007
- Joseph T. Ricci - autumn 2007
- Elizabeth A. Scarbrough - spring 2008

Ph.D.

- David Alexander - spring 2008
"Virtuous Circles: A Defense of Limited Epistemic Circularity"
- Ali Majed Hasan - spring 2008
"Skepticism and the Foundations of Empirical Justification"

Undergraduate News

New Alumni

The department is pleased to announce that seventy-five undergraduates received Philosophy degrees this year. Three students completed History and Philosophy of Science majors. All seventy-eight graduates were honored at the department's annual graduation reception on June 12, 2008. The department would like to thank this year's undergraduate graduation speaker, Arianna Beck. Arianna's speech focused on why an employer should be happy to hire a philosophy major.

Undergraduate Awards and Service

Each year the Undergraduate Affairs Committee names an Outstanding Graduating Senior. This award goes to a member of the graduating class who has maintained one of the top grade points in philosophy and in the university. This student needs to be actively engaged in philosophy and make a contribution to the study of philosophy. This year the award went to Danielle McKenzie. Danielle was a tutor for our Philosophy Writing Center and for Seattle Central Community College. The committee also named two Outstanding Continuing Scholars. Students given this award must have taken a substantial number of philosophy classes and maintain a sterling grade point. This year the awards went to Ethan Apter and Stephanie Leary.

The department wishes to thank our Writing Center tutors for 2007-08. Graham Griffiths and Danielle McKenzie both served as tutors for three years. Arianna Beck was a tutor for two years. Graham graduated in March, and Arianna studied abroad in the spring, so Junko Nozawa and Stephanie Leary stepped up to finish out the year with Danielle. Junko graduated in June. Stephanie has agreed to continue her work in the Philosophy Writing Center next year.

Four students deserve a special thank you for organizing and leading our new major's seminar this past year: Arianna Beck, Ivan Heyman, Danielle McKenzie, and Deanna White.

First Values in Society Minor Granted

Philosophy major Kelli Shishido was the first student to graduate with the new Values in Society minor. Students who receive the Values minor must complete a fieldwork experience where it is hoped they will discovered the challenges of implementing ethically sensitive policies. Kelli works with the Sierra Club.

Dean's Medalist!



Graham Griffiths

Graham Griffiths, a double major in Philosophy and Economics was one of five graduating seniors to be awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Medal. These awards are based on grade point average, difficulty of chosen courses, and faculty recommendations.

Professor Angela Smith had this to say about Graham:

"Graham strikes me as a modern-day Renaissance man. As a double major in Philosophy and Economics, and a minor in International Studies, Graham developed the skills to explore complex economic, social, and political issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. He also happens to be an outstanding soccer player, which I discovered one day as I was walking by the IMA soccer fields. I just had to shake my head in amazement that one person could be so good at so many different things."

The department is confident that Graham will continue to make a positive impact wherever he goes from here.

New Faculty Member



Carole Lee

The Philosophy Department is pleased to welcome Professor Carole Lee to the University of Washington. Professor Lee specializes in Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Epistemology, and Philosophy of the Social Sciences. Her research articulates the innovative ways that psychological research focused on rational judgment reconceptualizes traditional philosophical concerns about the nature of interpretation, psychological explanation, rationality, and justification. Before joining the University of Washington, Carole taught at Mount Holyoke College where her courses were cross-listed with the Gender Studies and Psychology and Education departments. She earned her B.A. from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Faculty News

Michael Blake has signed a contract with Oxford University Press to complete a book entitled *Moral Equality and Foreign Policy*. The book is an attempt to work out a conception of justice in international politics which is unapologetic about its moral individualism. He made a first pass at some of the issues in this book in a paper published in December of 2007 by the *Journal of International Affairs*, entitled "Tolerance and Theocracy: How Liberal States Should Think About Theocratic States." The paper was selected by the editors of the journal as its capstone piece for a special issue on Religion and Statecraft, and was made the subject of a small conference at Columbia University. He presented related pieces of work at various places during the past academic year, including Princeton University, Harvard University, the University of San Diego, and the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. He continued, finally, his radio work with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). He co-wrote and performed a three-hour series entitled *The Trouble with Tolerance*, which has been rebroadcast several times this year on the CBC (and on Sirius Radio in the United States), and an episode of the program *Ideas* entitled "The Dog Ate My Homework."

Larry BonJour was delighted to have two doctoral students, David Alexander and Ali Hasan, finish excellent dissertations and find excellent jobs (David at Iowa State and Ali at the University of Iowa). Much of his time this year was spent preparing a long statement of his views in the philosophy of mind for a volume entitled *The Waning of Materialism*. He is also nearly finished with a new introductory philosophy text, intended as a companion to the anthology he edited with Ann Baker. Work in progress includes a revision of his introductory epistemology book for a second edition and an article on apriori knowledge and justification for the *Routledge Companion to Epistemology*. He and his wife, Ann, will spend a month in Europe this summer followed by boating and trailering (as fuel prices permit!)

Stephen Gardiner recently signed a book contract with Oxford University Press for a manuscript tentatively entitled *A Perfect Moral Storm*. The book will explore some of the difficulties inherent in trying to deal with climate change and similar global environmental problems. He also published three articles, one on the principles governing regulation of nuclear

radiation, and another two short pieces on current work in environmental ethics and political philosophy. He is currently working on the book manuscript and three other papers, on topics as diverse as Rawlsian political philosophy, geoengineering, and Socrates' political integrity.

During the year, he was invited to present papers in several places, including a European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop at the University of Oslo; conferences at Oxford University, and the University of Reading; and (his first keynote address) at the annual conference of the British Association for Legal and Social Philosophy. He was also interviewed for a *Weather Channel* special on geoengineering, and by the *Washington Post* for an article on climate change.

Sara Goering worked with Kelly Fryer-Edwards (UW Medical History and Ethics) and Suzanne Holland (University of Puget Sound, Department of Religion) on a Greenwall Foundation grant on genetic justice issues, in collaboration with the UW Center for Genomics and Health Care Equality. They published a co-authored article "Transforming Genetic Research Practices with Marginalized Communities: A Case for Responsive Justice" (*Hastings Center Report*, March/April 2008). With Wylie Burke, the team now has a contract with Oxford University Press for an edited book *Genetics in Translation: Achieving Benefit and Justice along the Translational Pathway*. With Joon-Ho Yu (Public Health Genetics) and Malia Fullerton (Medical History and Ethics), Sara also co-authored the paper "Race-based Medicine and Justice as Recognition: Exploring the Phenomenon of BiDiL" (forthcoming in *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*).

In spring, Sara collaborated with faculty from Medical History and Ethics, Disability Studies, and the Treumann Katz Bioethics Center at Children's Hospital to organize a Greenwall grant-funded project on the ethics of growth attenuation (highlighted in the Seattle area case of the "Ashley treatment"). The grant involves two meetings of national experts, and a written report that maps areas of consensus and deep disagreement regarding growth attenuation. A symposium to share the results of the workshops with the UW community will take place in early 2009. Sara also gained acceptances for publication of two other papers: "'You Say You're Happy, But...': Contested Quality of Life Judgments in Disability Studies and Bioethics" (forthcoming in *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*) and "Postnatal Reproductive Autonomy" (forthcoming in *Bioethics*).

Faculty cont.

Adam Moore has published five articles, "Defining Privacy," *Journal of Social Philosophy* (Summer 2008), "Justifying Informational Privacy Rights," *San Diego Law Review* (Spring 2008), "Personality-Based, Rule-Utilitarian, and Lockean Justifications of Intellectual Property," in *Information and Computer Ethics*, edited by H. Tavani and K. Himma (John Wiley & Sons, 2008), "Privacy, Intellectual Property, and Hacking: Evaluating Free Access Arguments," in *Internet Security: Hacking, Counterhacking, and Society*, Ken Himma Ed. (Jones & Bartlett Publishers, 2007), and "Privacy," with Randal Kemp. *Library Hi Tech*, (2007). Adam has presented three papers: "Ethics and Information Technology," 40th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS 08), January 7th - 10th, 2008; "Justifying Informational Privacy Rights," Conference on Informational Privacy, April 27-28, 2007, University of San Diego Institute for Law and Public Policy; and "Intellectual Property and the Ethics of File Sharing," CSU Longbeach, Odyssey Program, Monday, March 19th, 2007.

Along with his most recent book project - *Privacy Rights: Moral and Legal Foundations* - Adam has two articles under review, "Drug Testing and Privacy in the Workplace," and "Privacy, Accountability, and the Patriot Act."

Ron Moore's book, *Natural Beauty*, was published this year, and Ron travelled to the College of Charleston where he was invited to discuss the book. He will also be going to North Hampton, Massachusetts, late this year to face an author-meets-critic panel at the American Society of Aesthetics annual meeting. He is currently working on a new book dealing with the legal rights of artworks and other issues at the intersection of legal and aesthetic normativity.

As University Marshall, Ron had the distinct pleasure of putting the University of Washington robe and hood on his holiness, The Dalai Lama, at a convocation held to confer on him an honorary doctorate.

Michael Rosenthal did everything in twos this past year. He published two papers: "Spinoza and the Philosophy of History," in a chapter in *Interpreting Spinoza*, edited by Charles Huenemann, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008; and "Spinoza on Why the Sovereign Can Command Men's Tongues But Not Their Minds," appeared in *Nomos, volume XLVIII: Toleration and Its Limits*, edited by Melissa S.

Williams and Jeremy Waldron, New York: NYU Press, 2008. He organized two conferences in the Winter: "Sovereigns and Subjects: Jewish Political Thought and Experience in the 20th Century," with the Jewish Studies Program, and then the "Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy." He presented two papers, one at the Eastern and another at the Pacific APA. And in the spring he took over two administrative positions in the department: while Ken Clatterbaugh was on leave, he served as Acting Chair, and he succeeded Andrea Woody to become the next Graduate Program Advisor.

Ingra Schellenberg joined the University of Washington in 2007. She is a core member in the Program on Values, and her position is a cross-appointment between the Departments of Philosophy and Medical History and Ethics. Since she arrived, she has taught several different versions of 'Introduction to Medical Ethics' in her two home departments, as well as courses in moral psychology and philosophy of psychopathology. These three courses capture the main areas of her research as evidenced by the papers she presented in the last few months: "How Paranoid Delusions Support Simulation Theory," "Clinical Ethics Consultation: The Pervasiveness of Patient Manipulation," and a joint paper, "How Lethal is Lethal? Value Judgments and the Categorization of Congenital Anomalies" (with Andrew Courtwright and Mia Doron). Ingra has also been participating in clinical ethics activity as a member of the ethics advisory committee for the University of Washington Hospitals, and a contributor to the ethics consultation service.

Angela Smith presented a paper entitled "Attitudes and Control" at a conference entitled "Agency and Responsibility: Perspectives from Ethics, Metaphysics, and the Emerging Sciences of Brain and Behavior," at Indiana University. She has also continued to work on her (seemingly unfinishable!) paper "Guilty Thoughts," which she presented at Florida State University and Washington and Lee University during the fall quarter. In the spring, she turned her attention to a new project examining the normative underpinnings of tolerance as an attitude. She presented a paper entitled "The Trouble with Tolerance" at Willamette University in March. This upcoming fall, she will be an Ethics Fellow in the Program on Society and the Professions at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

Faculty cont.

Bill Talbott participated in a December Eastern Division APA author-meets-critic session on his first volume on human rights, *Which Rights Should Be Universal?* He is still working on the second volume on human rights, *Human Rights and Human Well-Being*. He previewed some of the arguments from the second volume in his presentation, "Toward a Revival of Consequentialist Human Rights Theory" at Harvard's Kennedy School conference "Human Rights and the New Global Order" in May 2008. He will preview other arguments at a Pacific Division APA symposium on "Consequentialist Foundations for Liberal Rights" in Vancouver, BC in April 2009. With any luck, his second volume will be published in 2009.

Bill has continued to teach the philosophy of human rights course twice each year; once during the regular academic year as a large lecture course, and again in the summer as a class of thirty students. The philosophy of human rights is a core course in the human rights minor, so it attracts students from a large variety of majors and always fills up to whatever the enrollment is set for.

Andrea Woody traveled to the Netherlands in August to participate in the inaugural meeting of the new Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP). Later in the fall, she led an interdisciplinary team investigating the epistemic status of objects at the nanoscale, as part of an NSF workshop on representations of nanotechnology. She is also currently developing both historical and philosophical projects related to the rise of optimal control theory in chemical physics, especially in relation to new laboratory work being done by Herschel Rabitz at Princeton University. In April, when she started a sabbatical, Andrea stepped down as faculty advisor for the graduate program after six years in the position. Her involvement with graduate students over the last several years has been one of the most satisfying aspects of her job, but she is now looking forward to committing the extra time to her teaching and research. After spending part of her sabbatical in London and Austria, Andrea returned to Europe this summer to participate in a conference on reduction within the physical sciences. She is also working with the local performance venue, On the Boards, to develop a podcast lecture, "Knees to Neck: How and What the Body Can Represent", in coordination with Canadian choreographer Marie Chouinard's new work "Orpheus and Eurydice" to be performed here in October.

Alison Wylie - Fall quarter the Science Studies Network (SSNet), sponsored by the Simpson Center for the Humanities, kicked off its program of seminars and conferences. Alison coordinated the organizing committee for SSNet, along with philosophy graduate student, Brandon Olsen. Alison recently was notified that the SSNet has been funded for a second year and is busy planning this year's colloquia around the theme of "Democratizing Science." See <http://depts.washington.edu/ssnet/>

Through the winter and spring quarter Alison served as interim Chair of the Department of Anthropology, where she holds a cross appointment. She's happy to report that Anthropology now has a long-term chair, Bettina Shell-Duncan, and will be working with her this next year as Associate Chair. Quite independent of Alison's term as chair, Anthropology ran a weekly departmental colloquium on "Epistemologies of Anthropology," which was a great success, and testimony to the wide relevance of philosophy!

Several of Alison's long-running research projects came to fruition this last year. Two collections of essays she co-edited appeared in print: *Value-Free Science? Ideals and Illusions* (with Kincaid and Dupre, Oxford 2007); and a special issue of the *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*, entitled *Doing Archaeology as a Feminist* (with Conkey, 2007). She also contributed essays to *Agnatolgy: The Making and Unmaking of Ignorance* (ed. Proctor and Schiebinger, Stanford 2008), and to an archaeological collection on *Evaluating Multiple Narratives: Beyond Nationalist, Colonialist, Imperialist Archaeologies* (Habu, Fawcett, and Matsunaga, Springer 2007). She continues to work on a book manuscript on feminist standpoint theory: *Standpoint Matters*.

Stay in Touch & Involved

The faculty, staff, and alum of the philosophy department often wonder what our students do with their lives once they leave the University of Washington. Please drop us an e-mail, or a snail-mail note and let us know what you have been up to! We would love to hear from you, as would your fellow alum.

For those of you still living in the greater Puget Sound region, we invite you to attend our colloquia, symposia, and other activities that take place throughout the year. Check our website for the latest information. <http://www.phil.washington.edu/>

Alumni News

Steven Duncan, B.A., 1976, Ph.D., 1987

Steven Duncan is pleased to announce the publication of his book, *The Proof of the External World: Cartesian Theism and Possibility of Knowledge*, available from Wipf & Stock, ISBN 978-1-55635-109-9. Steven teaches part time at Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, Washington.

Alison Henrich, B.A., 2003

After graduating from the University of Washington with double degrees in Philosophy and Math, Alison went on to Dartmouth College to earn a Ph.D. in math. She has just accepted a tenure-track position in the Math Department at Oberlin College, Ohio.

Noah Purcell, B.A., 2002

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Noah clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Next year he will begin his new job clerking for Supreme Court Justice Souter.

Captain Douglas Waite, B.A., 1972

After graduating from the University of Washington, Captain Waite enlisted in the Navy as an Electrician's Mate and served on two destroyers in the Pacific during the end of the Vietnam War. He then earned a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, (Pasadena, CA) and was ordained in the United Methodist Church. He went on to Seattle Pacific University and Fuller Theological Seminary to earn a Doctor of Ministry in 1994.

In 1983 Chaplain Waite was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. During his long military career, he has served as U.S. Navy Chaplain; U.S. Marine Battalion Chaplain; Command Chaplain of U.S. Naval Hospital in Yodosuka, Japan; Protestant and Command Chaplain of the USS NIMITZ and the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN; Command Chaplain of Naval Air Station Widbey Island (Washington State); Headquarters and Deputy Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard (Washington DC); and Pacific Area Coast Guard Chaplain (Alameda, CA). In 2006, Chaplain Waite became the Naval Surface Force Chaplain, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Coronado, CA.

Captain Waite took part in operation Desert Storm, was deployed to the Arabian Gulf during the time when the USS COLE was attacked, was involved in ministry

at both the Pentagon and the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, has twice opened the U.S. Senate in prayer, and has met and prayed with President George W. Bush. Most recently he was involved in heading the chaplain ministry in Louisiana following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He has been presented with over a dozen awards and medals from various branches of the military during his years of service.

Chaplain Waite has been married to Gail Marie Waite (formerly Anderson) for over thirty-six years. They have five children of whom two were adopted from overseas.

Jasmin Weaver, B.A., 2002

In 2006, Jasmin graduated from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She then worked in Harvard's Office of Budgets and Financial Planning advising the President and other university leadership on financial and policy issues. She now works for Change to Win, a labor coalition.

Restoration of Savery Hall on Track for 2009



As many of you know, Savery Hall is in the middle of a \$61,200,000 renovation. This construction project is part of the University of Washington's campus building restoration project called, "Restoring the Core." This project targets fifteen historic and architecturally significant buildings on the main Seattle campus that are in dire need of total renovation. This June 2008 photo shows the fourth floor of Savery Hall stripped down to its bare bones. The contractors assure us that the building will be ready for move in early fall of 2009! The department is getting excited to move "home" to "the quad."

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