

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PHILOSOPHY

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## Going Home!

The time has finally come for the Philosophy Department to move back to its permanent home in Savery Hall. After a two-year renovation, which was part of the University's "Restoring the Core" project, Savery Hall is again ready for occupancy. This ambitious project targeted fifteen historic and architecturally significant buildings on the main Seattle campus that were in dire need of total restoration. And, Savery Hall certainly qualified! The north wing of Savery Hall, which houses the Economics Department, the Sociology Department, and the Center for Social Science Computation and Research (CSSCR) was originally constructed in 1917. The south wing of the building, which houses the Philosophy Department and numerous classrooms, was constructed three years later, in 1920. After 89+ years of continuous use, the restoration entailed gutting the entire building and included a seismic upgrade, all new infrastructure (plumbing, electric, air exchange/heat systems, and elevators), updated ADA access, asbestos removal, new windows, new landscaping, cleaning and restoration of outside masonry, and space reallocation. The building is now quite lovely thanks in part to the vigilant oversight of Jean Roberts and Bev Wessel. Faculty, staff, and students are all looking forward to beginning the 2009-2010 academic year in our "new" old digs on the quad.



South entrance of the newly renovated Savery Hall. Notice the new landscaping, windows, and the innovative air exchange system on the roof, which combines natural ventilation with variable refrigerant-flow cooling.

**An economist, a philosopher, and a sociologist walk into a room...**

**No, it's not a joke...**

**It is the Savery Hall Renovation Open House!**

Please join us at the Savery Hall Open House on Friday, October 16, 2009, from 4:30-7:00 PM. There will be tours, photos, food and drink, architectural information, door prizes, and a panel of faculty members representing Economics, Philosophy, and Sociology... all in one room!

## Words from the Chair



### Professor Ken Clatterbaugh

Fishing in Canada

As I sit down to write an overview of 2008-09, I find, to my surprise, that my perspective on the year is overwhelmingly positive. Arriving at this point was a circuitous route indeed. There were times when I was lower than a snake's belly (to use an old Midwestern colloquialism).

The year began just as the world financial meltdown began. Portfolios shrank, the State budget went from bad to worse, and departmental endowments were underwater. Soon we were told that we had to give money back this year, next year, and the next, which meant an 18% cut to our graduate student support. We were then told to prepare for further cuts of perhaps 8%, 12%, or 19%. In February a hiring and travel freeze went into effect. Colleagues were anxious and depressive, staff members were frightened and insecure, and the graduate students did not know what to expect. And, the news just seemed to keep getting worse. The administration was circling the wagons, resources for retention were gone, and other schools less hard hit began to look like hungry wolves about to run off with our bright young faculty members. And, we suffered losses. Angie Smith took a position on the East Coast to be at the same school as her partner, and Marc Cohen followed through with his retirement at the end of 2008.

But, there were rays of light in the middle of this dark storm.

The department had had permission to search for a faculty member in philosophy of science. We were fearful that this search would be canceled, as most across campus had been. But because we were paying

for most of the position during its first year, we were allowed to continue with our search. The Dean's office stood by us and made the case on our behalf. And Andrea Woody, who was serving as associate chair and chair of the search committee, ran a very successful search that culminated in our hiring John Manchak, a new Ph.D. from Irvine.

Our Advisory Committee had been watching our struggles and saw the need for an outreach coordinator position, which they decided to fund! Thus, Kate Goldyn joined us in January. Kate immediately set to work getting our house in order, updating lists, reviewing our newsletter and communications with our alumni, and helping me with a variety of fund-raising activities. We have made tremendous progress already. Jana Mohr Lone's leadership on the Advisory Committee as well as the membership of that committee gave me confidence throughout the year that we would survive. And, our alumni stepped up and helped us financially so that we could continue to fund our awards, scholarships, ethics bowl team, and colloquia.

By midyear the job market for our philosophy Ph.D.s looked terrible. Many job opportunities across the country were pulled. But, our graduate students persevered and in the end three students ended up with tenure-track positions, a real achievement in such a climate!

The year is almost over. I am contemplating living in my cabin in Canada for a bit of fishing and a concerted effort of protecting my raspberries from bears. We came out of this crisis intact. Much of our success was the result of Bev Wessel's careful and skillful management of our resources. We will be able to fund our graduate students for the next couple of years, although we reduced the size of our incoming class. We saved all our staff positions, although Sara Caka was bumped from her position. She will be missed. Fortunately she has another position to go to. We protected our operations budget, although we will become more dependent on privately raised funds. The faculty members pulled together and provided good advice and support. Michael Rosenthal, graduate advisor, and Andrea Woody, associate chair, worked overtime to keep us going, as did all the staff.

Thanks go to Judy Howard, Divisional Dean, for standing by us, and providing wise and patient leadership.

We are moving back into Savery Hall in August. It will be good to be home.

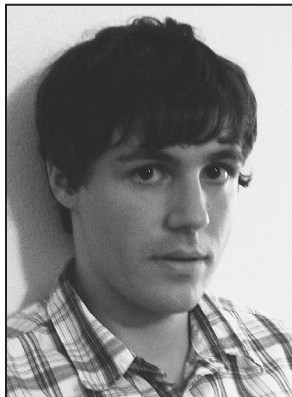
## Coming and Going!

### Angela Smith Takes New Position

After ten years at the University of Washington, Associate Professor Angela Smith is moving on. She has taken a position as an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. There she will join a young and active department which includes six other full-time philosophy faculty members.

Over the years, Angie has taught and was mentor to hundreds of undergraduates and graduate students, supported the department at every turn, and published numerous articles on ethical theory and moral psychology. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues, students, and friends here at the University of Washington. Best of luck to you, Angie!

### New Faculty Member



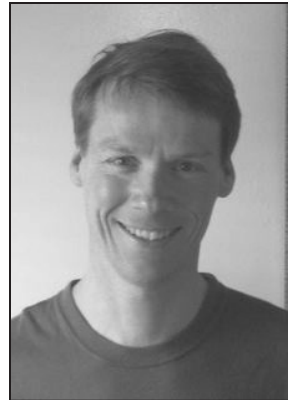
**John Manchak** is the newest Assistant Professor of the UW's philosophy faculty, and we are excited to have him here. As an undergraduate at Brigham Young University, John earned bachelor degrees in both philosophy and physics. In 2009, he earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of California,

Irvine. John specializes in Philosophy of Physics and Philosophy of Science. He is also interested in Epistemology, Logic, and the History of Science. His research has primarily focused on foundational issues in Einstein's general theory of relativity. His dissertation demonstrates a robust sense in which we can never completely determine the structure of our universe - despite what empirical data we may gather. John has also shown that general relativity allows for the existence of time machines of a certain kind.

### Two Postdocs Arrive

The Program on Values in Society expanded this year, offering two postdoctoral research positions to recently minted Ph.D.s. The positions involve teaching, research, and interdisciplinary service; they are intended as a bridge between graduate education and full-time teaching. The program is extremely pleased to have the chance to add two members to its ranks, each of whom will be with us for the next two years.

**Brad McHose** comes to us from UCLA, where he worked on moral and political philosophy. His work focuses on two prominent ideas in contemporary political philosophy, the first that all individuals are morally equal, and the second that we are allowed to show partiality to our friends and associates. The tension between these two ideas has enormous implications, and Brad has started developing an account of international justice that builds on his response to this tension. He is



currently the holder of a postdoctoral fellowship at the Bowen H. McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society at Stanford University. Brad will be teaching on global justice in the Department of Philosophy.

**Lauren Hartzell** comes to us from Stanford University, where she worked on environmental issues within political philosophy.



Her work focuses on the moral issues surrounding climate change, and the proper moral response to scientific uncertainty about the impact of such change. She will be teaching in both the Department of Philosophy and in the Program on the Environment; her position is held jointly with these two units. She will be with us for two years, and then will start a tenure-track job at the University of Cincinnati.

We are extremely proud to have Brad and Lauren joining our community. Please join us in welcoming them to the Program on Values and the Department of Philosophy!

### New Staff Member

The Philosophy Department is pleased to welcome Kate Goldyn as our new Development Coordinator. Kate is responsible for coordinating fund-raising, alumni relations, and outreach activities of the department. She will be working closely with Ken Clatterbaugh and our Advisory Board in cultivating the outreach and development efforts of the department. Kate previously worked for the University of Washington School of Drama and School of Dentistry.

## Global Justice

In April, Program on Values in Society faculty members Bill Talbott, Michael Blake, Adam Moore, Jamie Mayerfeld, Maureen Kelley, and graduate student Janice Moskalik organized a two-day conference, “Global Justice in the 21st Century.” This interdisciplinary conference was mainly supported by the Program on Values in Society and the Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities, with other departments across the UW campus also contributing.

The conference was free and open to the public, and brought together scholars at the forefront of research issues on global justice to consider such questions as: What kind of international legal order should we work for in the 21st century? How should human rights be understood in the 21st century? How should intellectual property rights be balanced against the need for life-saving drugs? What rights should poorer countries have against wealthier ones? How should the international community address global warming?

The keynote address was delivered by Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs (Yale). Other conference speakers included Nicole Hassoun (Carnegie Mellon), Dan Wikler (Harvard), Allen Buchanan (Duke), Angelina Godoy (University of Washington), Brad R. Roth (Wayne State), Joel Ngugi (University of Washington), Mathias Risse (Harvard), and Stephen Gardiner (University of Washington).

It was an exciting and memorable two days. You can see and hear the various speakers of this conference via podcasts at: [www.phil.washington.edu/POV/Presentations.html](http://www.phil.washington.edu/POV/Presentations.html).

## Pain and Suffering

In May, Program on Values in Society faculty member Ingra Schellenberg, along with Psychiatry faculty member Mark Sullivan and philosophy graduate student Janice Moskalik, organized an interdisciplinary symposium entitled “Relief of Pain and Suffering: Too Little or Too Much?” This free public conference was made possible in part by a donation from the Rabinowitz family to support philosophical work in medical ethics.

There are widespread calls to focus more attention on pain and suffering in our health care system, which range from calls by the World Health Organization to honor a “right to pain relief,” to calls about extending the values and tools of palliative care from the dying patient

to the broader group of patients with chronic illness. These calls have produced increased attention to pain and increased use of long-term opioid therapy. This increased use of opioid therapies has been associated with increased accidental deaths and increased opioid abuse. Society broadly, and health care providers in particular, are challenged to find the appropriate response to pain and suffering.

This daylong symposium aimed to discuss the goals, the limits, and the unintended consequences of our efforts to relieve pain and suffering. Historian Keith Wailoo (Rutgers) talked about the cultural history of pain relief in the United States; Robert M. Arnold, MD (University of Pittsburgh) discussed the role of palliative care in pain relief; Jane C. Ballantyne, MD (University of Pennsylvania) discussed the appropriateness of withholding opioid therapies from patients in pain. Comments were given on each by the UW’s own Alex Cahana, Mark Sullivan, and Ingra Schellenberg, respectively. The event brought together clinicians, academics from many disciplines, and members of the public, all of whom have interests in the problems associated with pain management. The discussion was both lively and interesting, making for an exciting and informative day.

## PHIL 500 is a Hit

Starting in the fall of 2007, the department has been developing a new, two-quarter seminar for our advanced graduate students to help, specifically, with getting the doctoral dissertation underway. The course lays out the mechanics of forming a dissertation committee, finding a topic, preparing a research proposal for the general examination, and undertaking an extended program of research in philosophy. It also provides practical information regarding everything from university regulations to funding opportunities, both within the University and nationally, and submitting work to conferences and journals. With different faculty visiting each week during the first quarter, students have the opportunity to ask questions and gather diverse perspectives concerning the writing and content of a dissertation as well as other aspects of professionalization in philosophy. There is also ample time for discussion among students on a large range of issues that vary from how to make good use of our excellent faculty to strategies for coping with writer’s block (“blank screen” syndrome). Problems concerning time management and achieving a balance between teaching and research obligations are also prominent in the discussions.

PHIL 500 cont.

In the second quarter, students present their research to each other for feedback and constructive criticism. The dedication of participants to this process, and the supportive, collaborative environments students have created is impressive (in a way that would bring out envy in many of our faculty). As a department we are still learning ways to help our doctoral students. We hope that the experience of these last two years can inform future developments to improve this seminar. We'll be gathering information through participant surveys this summer. So far the results of the seminar seem quite good, in terms of helping with the important and difficult transition from being a bright student in the classroom to being the creator of new philosophical discourse.

## Upcoming Events 2009-10

☛ **Dale Jamieson**, NYU (sponsored by the Program on Values) Friday, October 9, 2009

☛ **Hypatia 25th Anniversary Conference**, Feminist Legacies/Feminist Futures, October 22-24, 2009. See <http://depts.washington.edu/hypatia/>

☛ **Graduate Student Conference**, November 6-7, 2009 (Speakers TBA)

☛ **Pamela Hieronymi**, UCLA, Friday, November 13, 2009

☛ **Bas van Fraassen**, San Francisco State University/Princeton, Friday, December 4, 2009

☛ **Rebecca Copenhaver**, Lewis and Clark, Friday, February 12, 2010

## Advisory Board Update

The Advisory Board had an active year. The board is composed of community members and faculty, and works to advance the academic excellence and reputation of the department. Meeting approximately six times a year, the board serves as an advisory council for the department, and supports the department's public relations and fund development efforts.

This past year the board funded and hired a part-time Outreach Coordinator, Kate Goldyn, who has

been instrumental in helping the department expand its fund-raising efforts. The board is actively working on outreach to philosophy alumni and the community. In this time of economic uncertainty, the board's emphasis on ensuring that the department has the support necessary for its work is critical to the department's continuing success.

## Philosophy for Children

The Northwest Center for Philosophy for Children has had an exciting year of growth and new opportunities. We expanded our 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, facilitating our ability to reach more Seattle schools.

Teaching a Philosophy for Children class through the Pipeline Project this spring enabled Center staff to develop new connections with several Seattle public schools and to bring 12 college students into K-12 classrooms. Students led philosophical discussions on a variety of topics, including what makes someone a philosopher, identity (using the story of the ship of Theseus), ethics, and the nature of freedom. We will teach this class again in the fall as well as next spring, in addition to our winter class taught every year in the department. We hope that offering Philosophy for Children classes each quarter will strengthen our ability to provide ongoing philosophy K-12 classes in the Seattle public schools.

We redesigned our website, [www.philosophyforchildren.org](http://www.philosophyforchildren.org), which now provides a wealth of resources and suggestions for doing pre-college philosophy, including making available for download a long list of K-12 philosophy curricula materials, all created by Center staff. Director Jana Mohr Lone started a blog last fall, *Wondering Aloud: Philosophy With Young People* (<http://philosophyforchildren.blogspot.com/>), which describes philosophy classes with pre-college students and offers thoughts about doing philosophy with young people, including ideas for how to introduce philosophy in K-12 classrooms and with your own children.

The Center is involved in planning a mini-conference about pre-college philosophy, to be held as part of the American Philosophical Association's Pacific Division meeting in 2011 in San Diego. The Center also continues to sponsor the journal *Questions: Philosophy for Young People*, a publication of philosophical work by and for young people.



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explore, be open to the unexpected, and come to know the world in new ways. Sam, who has up until now never left the United States, will travel from north to south in South America, starting in Caracas and ending in Puntas Arenas. He'll then travel from south to north in Asia, starting in Singapore and traveling to Mount Tai in China, ancient home of the poet Cold Mountain.

Sam is an honors student, a Mary Gates Scholar, a leader in the community of Mary Gates Scholars, and an Eagle Scout. He graduated in June with degrees in Philosophy, Neurobiology, and English with a minor in Music. When he returns from his travels in July of 2010, he will attend Cambridge where he plans to study regeneration of the spinal cord.

## Faculty News

**Steve Gardiner** finished a draft of his manuscript, *A Perfect Moral Storm: Climate Change, Intergenerational Ethics and the Global Environmental Tragedy*, and is serving as the coordinating co-editor of a collection of essays, *Climate Ethics: Essential Readings* (Oxford, forthcoming). In addition, he has had three articles accepted for publication in forthcoming volumes ('Rawls and Climate Change,' 'Climate Change as a Global Test for Contemporary Political Institutions and Theories,' and 'Socrates' Pessimistic Politics').

This spring Steve co-taught a course on ethics and climate change for the Simpson Center for the Humanities with Professor Mike Wallace of Atmospheric Sciences. He also offered a weekend *Teachers as Scholars* seminar on *Ethics and Climate Change* for local K-12 educators, and served as consulting faculty for the *Curriculum for the Bioregion* project (organized by Evergreen State College), which aims to promote the integration of sustainability teaching at colleges and universities around Washington State.

Steve gave a number of talks and keynote addresses this year at various universities and conferences including the University of Oslo, Clemson University, Ohio University, the University of California at San Diego, the University of Washington, the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference in Pullman/Moscow, and the American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) conference. In June, Steve was a presenter at a workshop on geoengineering organized by the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC in preparation for its report to Congress on the topic.

**Sara Goering** took a year's leave of absence from teaching to care for her infant son Graham. She did, however, continue with several collaborative research projects. The Seattle Working Group on Growth Attenuation and Ethics completed their report, and Sara helped to present a preliminary draft of their paper in January at a Simpson Center-funded symposium on campus. The paper has now been submitted for publication. In addition, Sara continued work on a Greenwall-funded grant on genetic justice issues for the medically underserved. That research group now has a contract with Oxford University Press for an edited book entitled *Genetics in Translation: Achieving Benefit and Justice along the Translational Pathway*. In what must have been a moment of super-mom fantasy, Sara also submitted several abstracts for papers to be included in other edited volumes, and now has to face the consequences of having them accepted. Two of these are papers about disability studies pedagogy (one with UW co-authors about the disability studies curriculum transformation project, the other about Sara's philosophy and disability course). The other paper is for a volume on motherhood and philosophy, and will address the prevalent parental fantasy of having an "off-button" for children, with reflections on parenting, the desire for control, and the usefulness of thought experiments in philosophy. Sara's paper "Mental Illness and Justice as Recognition" will be published in *Philosophy and Public Policy Quarterly*, and her book review of *Philosophy in the Schools* appeared in the *Columbia Teacher's College Record*.

**Lynn Hankinson Nelson** spent the fall quarter of 2008 in Arizona where she served as a visiting professor in the "Biology and Society" program at Arizona State University (Tempe), and as co-director of the Medicine and Humanities Scholarly Project for the University of Arizona's Medical School in Phoenix.

In October, Lynn presented a keynote address at Rowan University at the recognition ceremony for a new major in Philosophy that Lynn helped to envision and argue for when she served as chair of that department in the early 1990's. Her talk was entitled "Why Philosophy Matters in the 21st Century." In March, Lynn presented the keynote address to the first Western Canadian Undergraduate and Graduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Victoria. Her talk, "The Social Brain," emphasized research undertaken at UW's Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences. This research demonstrates the importance of interpersonal experience in the acquisition of a first language and the implications for philosophical and scientific theories of language acquisition and educational policy.

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With coauthor Jack Nelson, Lynn has published “How Knowers Emerge and Why This is Important to Future Work in Naturalized Epistemology” in an anthology, *The Future of Naturalism*, which includes papers given at an invited conference at the University of Buffalo.

**Carole Lee** joined the University of Washington in Autumn 2008. Although naturalized epistemologists tend to look to psychological theories to inform their theories of justification and rationality, Carole’s research has focused on the opposite direction of influence: she identifies how theories of rationality and justification inform the content of psychological theories. Her article “Applied Cognitive Psychology and the ‘Strong Replacement’ of Epistemology,” published in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, argues that the content of our theories of justification figure directly into the description of psychological algorithms/processes. In trying to identify the historical and conceptual framework for this phenomenon, she gave a talk at the Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable on “Davidson’s Galilean Roots: Methodological Rationalism in Psychology.” In the spring, Carole began research with Christian Schunn (Psychology, University of Pittsburgh) on social biases in peer review processes and the implications these have on accounts of “rational” discourse and deliberation in scientific communities.

**Adam D. Moore** published three articles during this past year, “Defining Privacy,” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, “Justifying Informational Privacy Rights,” *San Diego Law Review* 45, and “Personality-Based, Rule-Utilitarian, and Lockean Justifications of Intellectual Property,” in *Information and Computer Ethics*.

Adam’s most recent book project (*Privacy Rights: Moral and Legal Foundations*) is now complete and will be published with Penn State University Press this summer or fall. In this manuscript, Professor Moore offers a definition and defense of individual privacy rights, an account of how these rights should be codified in the law, and an application of the proposed theory to drug testing, computer security, and public accountability.

In addition to all this writing, Adam presented talks at five conferences over the past year which included the University of Washington; the Liberty Fund Conference, San Francisco; the Liberty Fund Conference, Indianapolis; the Pacific Division of the APA; and the 40th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.

**Ron Moore** was elected (by a college-wide vote) to the College Council for a four-year term. The College Council reviews all tenure and promotion cases in the College of Arts and Sciences. This year, the Council was also actively engaged in advising the dean on ways of dealing with the budget reduction mandate all departments faced this fall. Ron’s arthritic hip had gotten so bad that he could not carry the mace as University Marshal at this year’s UW Commencement. (He is hoping that hip replacement surgery this summer will permit him to return to his Marshal duties next year). Ron’s recent book, *Natural Beauty: A Theory of Aesthetics Beyond the Arts* has been getting some good critical ink, and Ron has been invited to speak about the book in several forums (College of Charleston; American Society of Aesthetics meeting in Northampton, MA; and the Simpson Center’s New Books in Print series). An author-meets-critics symposium on the book will appear shortly in *Ethics, Place, and Environment*. He is also writing a chapter for an Oxford University Book on Aesthetic Theory for Canadians. (Canadians? Why Canadians?)

**Jean Roberts** is happy to report that her Routledge *Philosophy GuideBook to Aristotle and the Politics* is finally in print. She is looking forward to the end of her other most time-consuming project in recent years, serving on the Savery Hall Renovation Committee.

**Michael Rosenthal** was a Fellow this summer at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (*Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften*) of Goethe University in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. He will be researching philosophical debates about Jewish political identity in Germany during the First World War. He has also received a Royal Research Fund Fellowship from the UW to support his work on this project. He published a related paper, “Spinoza and the Crisis of Liberalism in Weimar Germany,” in *Hebraic Political Studies*. In addition, his essay, “Spinoza, History, and Jewish Modernity” appeared in *Philosophers and the Hebrew Bible*. He also presented papers at Princeton University, Boston University, and the APA Pacific Division in Vancouver, BC. Michael was also invited to participate in a working group on the philosophy of Hans Jonas sponsored by the Tikvah Project at Princeton University, and he will participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar at Stanford University. He also serves as Director of the Graduate Program for the department.



## Here is Your Chance - Tell Us What You Want!

In an effort to more effectively meet the needs and wants of our alumni, we are conducting an online survey, and would appreciate your input. The survey takes only a few minutes and will provide us with valuable information on how we can better meet your needs. Please help us out and go to [www.phil.washington.edu/](http://www.phil.washington.edu/) and click on "Newsletter Survey." Thank you.

Faculty cont.

**Bill Talbott** completed his second volume on human rights, *Human Rights and Human Well-Being*, to be published by Oxford University Press in early 2010. He also helped to organize the Program on Values in Society Conference on Global Justice in the 21st Century that was held at University of Washington in April 2009. He is a member of a group of University of Washington faculty working to establish a human rights center at the University. In the Washington State 2009 legislative session, legislation establishing the center was passed and signed by the governor. Bill would also like to find a way to establish a center for global ethics within the Program on Values in Society in the near future.

**Alison Wylie** had an intense year of transitions as the new editor of *Hypatia, A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. The journal has a new publisher (Wiley-Blackwell), and the editors and local advisory group will be hosting a major conference next October to mark the journal's 25th anniversary: "Feminist Legacies/Feminist Futures" (see <http://depts.washington.edu/hypatia/>). Working with an organizing group that includes History and Philosophy of Science colleagues Andrea Woody (Philosophy), and Simon Werrett (History), Alison coordinated a successful second year of activities for the Simpson Center-sponsored Science Studies Network: a year-long biweekly colloquium on the theme "Democratizing Science," with three visiting speakers. In addition, Alison has several new articles and two special issues in print, and she gave a number of keynote addresses on community-based collaborative practice in archaeology: the 2008 Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture (Archaeology Divisions, American Anthropological Association), the 2009 Stillman Drake lecture (Canadian History and Philosophy of Science Society), the 2009 keynote for the Columbia History of Science Group at Friday Harbor, and a President's Lecture.

## Alumni News

### Dr. Carl Anderson, B.A., 1971

After graduating from the UW, Carl Anderson earned an MA at the graduate program in philosophy at the University of Massachusetts. While he was a student there, he acquired a German shepherd dog that tragically died of complications from canine distemper. This experience, combined with a love of German shepherd dogs, convinced Dr. Anderson to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. After working in a large two-hospital practice for six years, Dr. Anderson established his own smaller practice in the Eastlake neighborhood of Seattle where he can offer more personalized care.

Over the years, Dr. Anderson has actively pursued his interest in German shepherd dogs, serving a term as veterinary liaison for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. His other hobbies include running, sports, and tending the family farm on Whidbey Island. Dr. Anderson resides on Portage Bay with his wife Maren and daughters, Brynn and Lael. The family companions include Dekker and Tess (German shepherds), Chia (a Pomeranian), and C.J. and Charlotte (domestic short hair cats).

Dr. Anderson's philosophical training comes into play in many ways as a business owner and a veterinarian. He had these things to say about his education,

*"I treasure my time as a philosophy student. I loved the university atmosphere and all the great minds. I know my philosophy career helped me get accepted to veterinary school. At the time I applied it was statistically three times more difficult to get into veterinary school than medical school. My training in philosophy set me apart, and I was accepted on my first application."*

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*The other plus is that my philosophy training really taught me to think critically... which has been very helpful as a business owner with 14 employees... One of the biggest benefits of my philosophy training comes to play when I have to deal with end of life issues. I am able to communicate different ways of looking at this decision with the companion animal owner and hopefully help them to come to their own decisions."*

**Isabel Guerra Bobo, Visiting International Pre-doc Scholar, 2007 & 2008**

Isabel has finished her dissertation and will defend it in October of 2009. She is teaching at Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain, until February of 2010, at which time she will explore some different research options.

**Brian Bruya, B.A., 1992**

Brian Bruya received his Ph.D. in Comparative Philosophy from the University of Hawaii in 2004. Since then, he has been Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Eastern Michigan University, specializing in Chinese Philosophy. In the past four years, Brian has received two research awards and been named Templeton Senior Fellow to the University of Pennsylvania's special Medici conference in Positive Psychology. Brian has been bringing his research in early Chinese action theory to bear on current philosophy of action and cognitive science. His article "The Rehabilitation of Spontaneity: A New Approach in Philosophy of Action" will be published in *Philosophy East & West*, and his edited volume, "Effortless Attention: A New Perspective in the Cognitive Science of Attention and Action" will soon be out from M.I.T. Press.

**Jeanine Lewis, B.A., 2004**

After graduating from the University of Washington, Jeanine accepted a legal internship with the Fluor Corporation. While there, she earned her mediation certification. During her undergraduate career, Jeanine had met Congressman Norm Dicks while working for ASUW as a federal lobbyist for UW students. She reconnected with him, and was offered a Congressional Internship on Capitol Hill, which she accepted. After that internship, Jeanine returned to Fluor until she landed a job as a Congressional Staff member in the 18th Congressional District of Texas. This was an amazing experience for Jeanine. When hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, the 18th

Congressional District housed a large number of displaced Katrina victims. Jeanine was able to write a proposal which raised over \$100,000 in housing, furnishings, and supplies for Katrina victims. The whole experience was very rewarding for her. For the last four years, Jeanie has worked for Lockheed Martin. There she enjoys the freedom of being able to move about the country for new opportunities while still having the luxury of working with the same company. Her recent assignment includes working for the aerospace division as a Contracts Negotiator in the Silicon Valley of California.

**Charles North BA., 1971**

After medical school in Pittsburgh and residency in Minneapolis, Dr. North spent over 31 years in the US Public Health Service providing care as a family physician and national clinical consultant to Native American Tribes in the federal Indian Health Service (IHS). He worked on the Hopi reservation in Arizona and traveled to Alaska and remote reservations nationwide to improve health services. When he retired in October 2008, he was the Chief Medical Officer for the IHS in Rockville MD. He recently was appointed Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico where he will serve as a family physician and teach public health to medical students and residents. He attributes his passion for social justice and medical ethics to his education in the Philosophy Department.

**Nicholas Price, B.A., 2008**

Nick, who graduated with Distinction in Philosophy, has been admitted to Harvard Law School for autumn 2009.

**Noah Purcell, B.A., 2002**

Noah has been clerking for Supreme Court Justice Souter since August 2008. As a clerk, he helps identify cases meriting the Court's attention, provides information on cases being heard by the Court, and helps draft opinions on those cases. Noah is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

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