

# OU PHILOSOPHY NEWSLETTER

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

It is with great pleasure and some relief that I greet you following my rookie year as chair of the department. I apologize for sending out the last newsletter so late. That is just one example of how quickly the year seemed to fly by.

The academic year 1996-97, like most of its predecessors, held many exciting and challenging events. The David Ross Boyd Lectures, given by Martha Nussbaum in October 1996, were highly successful. As we come to a final decision about the DRB lecturer for next year, we hope to duplicate the excitement and enrichment that Professor Nussbaum provided. All Philosophy Department faculty members are finally connected to the OU network, so that we are all now "hardwired" to the WEB. Moreover, we are currently "wiring" the graduate assistants as well. Zev Trachtenberg successfully negotiated the sometimes-treacherous rapids of the tenure and promotion process. Congratulations, Associate Professor Trachtenberg! Several Philosophy and Ethics & Religion majors graduated. Graduate students completed four M.A.'s and five Ph.D.'s. Perhaps the only down side to the year was Tom Boyd's announcement that he would be retiring in May. Fortunately, we acquired the exceptional services of Mark Thomas (ABD, Rice University) for this year, as we begin our search for a permanent appointment to the Kingfisher Chair in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion.

The academic year 1997-98 promises to be no less exciting and challenging than the last one. As noted, we will be seeking to fill the Kingfisher Chair and to arrange for the fall 1998 David Ross Boyd lecturer. Preparations have already begun for the third annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on April 4, 1998, with keynote speaker Marilyn Friedman (Washington University/St. Louis). We welcome back Neera Badhwar from her year-long tenure as Laurence Rockefeller Fellow at Princeton University's Center for Human Values. Ed Sankowski continues his work as an Administrative Fellow in the Provost's office. We are excited about another excellent class of new graduate students. We also enjoyed meeting new undergraduate majors (and seeing "veterans") at the second annual Majors' Reception in early October. These are just a few of the events we have enjoyed or still have to look forward to this year.

I would like to thank all our alumni who have responded to our previous newsletters and various questionnaires. It is important to us to hear from you, especially as we try continually to improve our program. Let us know how you are doing!

Hugh H. Benson, Chair

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## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

In late February and early March 1998, OU alumni will be contacted as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Annual Giving Campaign. During this time, an OU student will call to update you on recent college activities, and to ask for your pledge of support to the 1997-98 College Campaign. This past year, more than 2,500 CAS alumni pledged in excess of \$200,000 to the college, and the goals for the coming year are even more ambitious.

You may choose to designate half of your CAS Annual Giving Campaign gift to the Department of Philosophy, with the other half going to support college wide activities. Your department gift will go to support various developmental activities for the Philosophy Department faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students (for example, the Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium, the department's speakers series, travel to professional meetings and workshops, and the purchase of computer equipment for teaching and research use). Funds designated to the college will be used to support scholarships and developmental activities for students and to support faculty in a variety of ways, including teaching and research equipment, travel to professional meetings, and activities to promote professional development.

When our student calls, please feel free to tell us a little about yourself so that we can update our records, or ask questions about the college and OU. We hope that you'll give some thought to the level at which you feel you're able to contribute. In many ways, the future of the College of Arts and Sciences, the college President Boren calls the academic heart and soul of the University of Oklahoma, is in your hands.

Paul B. Bell, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

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### TOM BOYD RETIRES

To the great regret of his colleagues and students, Tom Boyd decided to retire at the end of the Spring 1997 semester, after 28 enormously successful years of teaching at the University of Oklahoma. By retiring now (rather than several years hence), he is able to be with his wife, Dr. Barbara Griggs Boyd, who is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Aurora, Colorado.

During his almost three decades at OU, Tom taught more than 20,000 students, and taught them with an infectious enthusiasm and great skill. His student evaluations were regularly among the highest in the entire College of Arts and Sciences. Tom was not only a great teacher; he was a valued colleague and a genuinely good and decent person. To say that we will miss Tom is like saying that the Chicago Bulls will miss Michael Jordan when he retires. Both are irreplaceable.

Although he is formally retired, Tom will continue to be associated with the department and the university. He will, for example, stay on a few dissertation committees until the students finish their program. He will also remain active in the university's Advanced Programs.

Tom leaves OU with the affection and admiration of his colleagues and students. We hope--nay, insist--that he not forget the way back to Norman.

*NOTA BENE:* A fund is being established in honor of Tom Boyd and in memory of J. Clayton Feaver (Tom's predecessor in the Kingfisher Chair) to support visiting speakers in the philosophy of religion and religious studies. Contributions should be made out to the "OU Foundation" and designated "Boyd/Feaver Visiting Lecturer Fund."

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### THE SECOND UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

On April 19, 1997, the Philosophy Department held its second Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. It was both well attended and well received by students and faculty. The OU Philosophical Society, the University of Oklahoma Department of Philosophy, and the University of Oklahoma Student Association sponsored the conference. Graduate student Maria Paleologou did an outstanding job in organizing the conference. Randy Ridenour, another one of our graduate students, did an outstanding job in seeking funding for and organizing the conference. Randy and Maria refereed the papers that were solicited statewide. Five papers were presented, two by our majors, and OU graduate students commented on all of them:

Benjamin B. Cryer (Baylor University), "Holocaust Testimony and Existential Responsibility: Foundations for an Ethic of Compassion." Respondent: Kevin Durand.

Jeffrey Maner (Oklahoma Baptist University), "Learn to Dance." Respondent: Daniel Biederman.

Farzad Rezai (University of Oklahoma), "Hume's Ethics." Respondent: Jeffrey McBride.

Ben Thomas (University of Oklahoma), "An *a Fortiori* Free Will Defense." Respondent: Scott Jones.

Morgan Wallhagen (New Mexico State University), "The Fall of Free Will." Respondent: Anita Chancey.

Dustin Denson, William Ferraiolo, Chris Herrera, Maria Paleologou, and Kathleen Poorman-Dougherty (OU graduate students) chaired sessions at the conference.

Tom W. Boyd (Kingfisher College Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, University of Oklahoma) delivered the keynote address--"The Continuing Quest for Connection."

The department would like to thank all the students who participated in the conference and congratulate them for their excellent work. Thanks also to Maria and Ray (Elugardo) for pulling it off!

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#### THE 1996-97 J. CLAYTON FEAVER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Clayton Feaver Award this past year went to Joseph Lee, a pre-med philosophy major who came to the U.S.A. from Korea when he was eight years old. Joseph is a National Merit Scholar, a member of Mortar Board, the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and is on the President's and Dean's list. He intends to go to medical school after graduating.

The Feaver scholarship was established to honor the late J. Clayton Feaver, who occupied the Kingfisher Chair in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics for more than 30 years. Recipients are chosen primarily (though not exclusively) on their academic record from undergraduates majoring in Philosophy or in Ethics and Religion. The award was initiated by Ms. Audrey Ellsworth Maehl, who was the first Kingfisher College Fellow at the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Maehl's continuing generosity makes it possible for the Philosophy Department to award the scholarship each year to some deserving student. Thanks, Audrey!

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#### THE 1996-97 KENNETH R. MERRILL GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

Barry Vaughan was selected to receive the Kenneth R. Merrill Graduate Teaching Award for the academic year 1996-97. Barry traveled from Phoenix, Arizona (where he currently teaches), to Norman for the presentation of the award. He is a worthy successor to Lee Basham, who won the first two awards. The winner of the award is chosen by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Philosophy Department.

Through the continuing generosity of OU Philosophy Department alumnus Dr. Mark Conkling (Ph.D., 1974), the award carries a stipend of \$1,000. Thanks, Mark!

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#### SPEAKERS

The following speakers presented papers to the department in 1996-97: David Armstrong (University of Sydney and Notre Dame University), "The Three Waves: The Main Objections to Materialism about the Mind"; Phillip Cummins (University of Iowa), "Perceiving and Doing in Berkeley's Account of Substance"; Howard Wettstein (University of California, Riverside), "Later Wittgenstein and Direct Reference" and "Religion Naturalized." All departmental colloquia were co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and the OU Philosophical Society.

Martha Nussbaum (University of Chicago) delivered the fourth David Ross Boyd Lectures, October 24-25, 1996. Her three lectures, on the general topic "Emotions as Judgments of Value," were "Emotions as Judgments of Value," "Emotion and Social Construction," and "Emotion and Music."

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#### THANK YOU, UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

The Philosophy Department sent questionnaires recently to philosophy and ethics & religion alumni who graduated between (and including) Spring 1995 and Summer 1996. The survey is part of the department's annual self-assessment study of its undergraduate program. We thank those of you who returned your completed questionnaires. Your replies are very helpful and will help strengthen our undergraduate program.

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#### NEWS ABOUT OUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

We begin our list with an addition to the last newsletter: Mark Wisdom received a B.A. in Philosophy (and also in History) in 1996 but was inadvertently left off the list of degree recipients. We hope that this special notice will atone for our sin of omission.

The following Philosophy majors earned B.A. degrees at the end of the academic year 1996-97: Roger Cook, Mitchell Renberg, Sarah Lee, Brian Lamberson, Russell Linton (with distinction), Earl Noble, Joe Passmore (with distinction), Kevin Smith (*summa cum laude*), and Jeffrey Van Grevenhof.

Earning B.A. degrees in Ethics and Religion were Rachel Mobley, Allen Buck, Molly Lynch, Lester Bussell, and Michael Mousa.

Two philosophy majors received awards from the College of Arts and Sciences: Chris Kneifl received the Jack Roe Denton Memorial Scholarship. Kevin Motes received the Sequoyah Heritage Scholarship. The two scholarships are tenable for the academic year 1997-98.

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## NEWS ABOUT OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Nicholas Dean, John Loffland, Brint Montgomery, and Michael Speck earned M.A. degrees.

The following students have completed Ph.D. degrees since the last newsletter (the dissertation director is noted in parentheses): Gordon Dabbs (Ray Elugardo), Bill Ferraiolo (Chris Swoyer), Chris Herrera (Ed Sankowski), Albert Kostelný (Kenneth Merrill), Marilyn Joan Palmer [interdisciplinary] (Ed Sankowski).

Last spring, we welcomed Sean Heaton, Michael Keester, and Shawn Wedel to our graduate program.

The department is pleased to welcome the following new graduate students for Fall 1997: Stephen Brown, Chris Crelia, Neal Hampton, Brian Lamberson, Alan Lutz, Peter Nguyen, John O'Neal, Scott Stearman (returning after two years in Greece and France), Stephen Wagner, Mark Wisdom, and Fuchuan (Richie) Yao.

A number of our current or just-finished graduate students have been busy teaching at "foreign" institutions.

Lee Basham is an instructor in the Department of Humanities and Philosophy at the University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond).

John Bradshaw was a visiting assistant professor in the Department of History and Government at Northeast Louisiana State University. John and Elaine have an heir--Donovan Bradshaw, who was born August 8, 1997.

Bill Ferraiolo completed the Ph.D. degree in May and landed a tenure-track position at San Joaquin Delta Community College in Stockton, Calif.

Chris Herrera is a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota.

Lee Hester was an assistant professor in the Philosophy Department at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He is currently a visiting assistant professor of Philosophy at Oklahoma City University.

Karen Mizell is teaching at Utah Valley State College in Provo, Utah.

Rob Quinn is an instructor in the Department of Humanities and Philosophy at the University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond).

Rafael Rondón is an assistant professor in the Philosophy Department of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. (Rafael completed all requirements for the Ph.D. in September.)

Barry Vaughan is an assistant professor in the Humanities Department of Mesa Community College, Mesa, Ariz.

T. J. Singleton received a Doctoral Study Grant from the Oklahoma State Regents and the Southern Regional Educational Board. T. J.'s grant is part of the Compact for Faculty Diversity Program, an organization that is working to increase minority representation in college faculties.

Bill Ferraiolo received a University of Oklahoma award for an outstanding dissertation in the humanities.

Several current or recent graduate students have been involved in conferences or professional meetings in one way or another, and two have had papers published or accepted for publication.

Lee Basham took part in a Forum--Reincarnation: Perspectives from East and West. Lee presented the Western secular and Judeo-Christian tradition.

Ed Cox commented on a paper--"Springing Forward and Falling Back"--given by Anne Edwards (an OU alumna) at the Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, March 1997.

Bill Ferraiolo presented two papers at philosophy meetings and had two papers accepted for publication:

- "Black's Twin-Globe Counterexample." Annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Kansas City, November 1996. This paper will be published in *Proceedings and Addresses of the Southwestern Philosophical Society*.
- "Antiabortionism and the Rape Proviso." Annual meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, October 1996.
- "Individualism and Descartes." *Teorema*, October/November 1996.

Chris Herrera has had four articles published or accepted for publication during 1996-97:

- "The 'Other' Human-Subject Experiments." *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. (Forthcoming)
- "A Historical Interpretation of Deceptive Experiments in American Psychology," in *The History of the Human Sciences*. (Forthcoming)
- "Informed Consent and Ethical Exemption." *Human Organization: Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, 55 (1996).
- "An Ethical Argument Against Leaving Psychologists to their Statistical Devices." *Journal of Psychology*.

Randy Ridenour participated in a couple of professional conferences:

- "An Example of Technology Use in Humanities Instruction: Bringing Medieval Philosophy out of the Middle Ages." Presented at the Symposium on Technology for Learning Improvement, Spring, 1997.
- "Minds, Machines, and Gödel." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring, 1997.
- "A Response to Jim Shelton's 'Truth and the JTB Account of Knowledge'." Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring, 1997.

Rafael Rondón made several presentations during the past year:

- "Manifestations of Top-Down Globalization: NAFTA and GATT." Spring-Forward Conference for Social and Environmental Justice. San Jose State University, April 1997.
- "Black-Latino Identity and the Fiction of Race." Meeting of the Eastern Division of the APA, Atlanta, December 1996.
- "Some Problems Reconciling Nationalism with Socialism." University of Camaguey, Cuba, June 1996.
- "Misguided Dreams, Hatred, and Loss of Cuban-American Identity." University of Holguin, Cuba, June 1996.
- "Black-Latino Identity and the Politics of Oppression." Eighth International Cuban-North American Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences. The University of Havana, Cuba, June 1996.

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## NEWS ABOUT THE FACULTY

Each newsletter will cover the academic activities of our faculty over a one-year period, from the beginning of one fall semester to the beginning of the next fall semester.

Neera Badhwar returned to the classroom for the Fall 1997 term, after holding a Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellowship at the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, from September 1996 through May 1997. During the past academic year, she commented on two papers: George Kateb's "Socratic Integrity" (Fellows Seminar, Princeton); Logi Gunnarsson's "Understanding by Assessment" (Pacific Division, APA, Berkeley, Calif.).

Hugh Benson delivered the keynote address ("Socrates and the Beginnings of Moral Philosophy") at the fall 1996 meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Society. At the Pacific Division meeting of the APA, he was one of two critics for an "Authors Meet Critics" session devoted to *Plato's Socrates* (by Thomas Brickhouse and Nicholas Smith). He has two papers forthcoming: "A Framework for a Socratic Dynamic Theory" (in *Apeiron*); "Natures, Capacities, and Final Causes in Aristotle" (in *Internationale Zeitschrift für Philosophie*). He is currently working on an analysis of Plato's *Charmides* for the Project Archelos, which is devoted to the creation of an electronic database of Ancient Greek Philosophical texts centering on philosophical positions and arguments.

Monte Cook has a forthcoming paper--"The Ontological Status of Malebranchean Ideas"--in *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*. He commented on Thomas Norton-Smith's "A Constructive Realist's Consideration of Berkeley's Philosophy of Arithmetic," at the annual meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, Kansas City, October 1996. He has also been busy (with the help of Vassiliki Papapostolou) making sure that faculty and graduate students in the department have the best computer equipment that he can find. The department has little money for such items, but the sharp-eyed scavenging of Monte and Vassiliki has turned up castaway machines that can be had for the taking.

Darian DeBolt presented papers at three professional meetings during the past year: "Locke, Madison, Property, and the Fourth Amendment," at the South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference; "Kant and Clint: Dirty Harry Meets the Categorical Imperative," at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, and at the annual meeting of the Mountains-Plains Philosophy Society.

Ray Elugardo has two invited papers forthcoming: "Samesaying," which will appear in *Discussions with Donald Davidson: Truth, Meaning, and Knowledge* (edited by Ursula Zeglen) to be published by Routledge; "Mixed Quotation," to be published in *Philosophy and Linguistics* (edited by Robert Stainton), with a reply by Herman Cappelen and Ernest Lepore. Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* is a critical review of Lynne Baker's *Explaining Attitudes*. Ray has also submitted an invited paper--"Brains With An Attitude" --for a planned anthology on Lynne Baker's philosophy of mind. The collection will include Baker's response to Ray's paper. He commented on Sanford Goldberg's "Why Self-Ascription Is Not Self-Knowledge: The Real Case from Memory," at the Central States Philosophical Association meeting (October 1997). At this meeting, he was elected Vice-President of the association--a position that carries with it the responsibility for organizing next year's program in Ames, Iowa. Ray will be President of the CSPA in 1999, and the annual meeting that year will be in Norman. He is also a member of the APA Central Division Program Committee.

James Hawthorne is serving as Director of Graduate Studies this year. He recently completed a paper (with Luc Bovens, of the University of Colorado) on the preface and lottery paradoxes: "The Preface, the Lottery, and the Logic of Belief."

Kenneth R. Merrill commented on a paper by Kevin Meeker--"Hume's Skeptical Internalism"--at the Pacific Division meeting of the APA in Berkeley, Calif. (March). He is editor of this number of the newsletter.

Jeff Purinton has a forthcoming paper--"Aristotle's Definition of Happiness (NE I.7, 1098a16-18)"--in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* (1998). He also has an encyclopedia article--"Epicurus"--forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of Empiricism* (1998). He is currently working on papers on Epicurus' attempt to reconcile libertarianism and atomism, Epicurean theology, and Epicurus' claim that "all appearances are true."

Wayne Riggs has a forthcoming paper: "What Are the 'Chances' of Being Justified?" in the July 1998 issue of the *Monist*, the theme of which is "Reunifying Epistemology." He was an invited panelist at the Farber Conference "Can Epistemology Be Unified?" Comments will be published in a *Proceedings* volume by Rowan & Littlefield. Wayne was also an invited panelist at one of the sessions of a series of public panel discussions entitled "Science and Religion Dialogue."

Edward Sankowski has two journal articles forthcoming: "Democracy and Education: Some Deweyan Issues," in *Philosophy of Education*; and "Film and the Politics of Culture," in *The Journal of Aesthetic Education*. He also presented several papers at professional meetings: "Fictional Narratives and Criminal Justice Education," at the International Conference on Criminal Justice Education, CUNY; a paper on the liberal and communitarian aspects of the new South African constitution, at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies, University of Missouri--St. Louis; a paper on democratic issues about the new South African constitution, at a conference on the problems of democracy, University of Missouri--Columbia; "Relativism and Political Advocacy: Retrospective and Current Issues," at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco; "Autonomy, Institutions, and Education," Pacific Division, APA, Berkeley, Calif.; "Democracy and Education: Some Deweyan Issues," at the annual meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society, Vancouver, B.C. Ed is continuing his work as a Faculty Administrative Fellow in the Provost's Office.

Chris Swoyer has a paper out and a review forthcoming: "Reservation and Commitment: Reason's Subversion of Itself," in *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (Vol. 22: *New Directions in Philosophy*); review of *Benacerraf and His Critics* (edited by Adam Morton & Stephen Stich), in *International Philosophical Quarterly*. A previously published paper--"Structural Representation and Surrogate Reasoning"--will be reprinted in a book on representation from MIT Press. He is currently doing research on reasoning (the use of pictures and diagrams in reason, pictorial explanation, social cognition) and relativism.

Zev Trachtenberg was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. He continued to help lead the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment program. In the Fall, he co-taught the Introduction to IPE course, and in the Spring he organized a conference, held at OCCE, Environmental Protection and the Politics of Property Rights. The proceedings of the conference (including Zev's introductory essay) will be published in the *Oklahoma Law Review* (Fall 1997).

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## PUBLICATIONS

Neera Badhwar, "The Limited Unity of Virtue." *Noûs*, Vol. 30, No. 3 (September 1996).

- "Self-Interest and Virtue." *Social Philosophy and Policy*, Vol. 14 (January 1997). Also published in *Self-Interest*, edited by E. F. Paul (Cambridge U. Press, 1997).
- Review of *Women, Culture and Development: A Study of Human Capabilities* (edited by Martha Nussbaum and Jonathan Glover), in *Ethics*, July 1997.

Hugh Benson, "Socrates and the Beginnings of Moral Philosophy," in *Routledge History of Philosophy: From the Beginning to Plato*, edited by C. C. W. Taylor (Routledge, 1997).

- Two previously published papers--"The Problem of the Elenchus Reconsidered" and "The Priority of Definition and the Socratic Elenchus"--were reprinted in *Socrates*, edited by W. Prior (Routledge, 1996).

Darian DeBolt, "Kant and Clint: Dirty Harry Meets the Categorical Imperative." *Southwest Philosophy Review* 13 (January 1997).

Ray Elugardo, "Descriptions, Indexicals, and Speaker Meaning," in *Cognitive Semantics I*, which is Vol. 10 of the journal *ProtoSociology* (November 1997).

James Hawthorne, "Mathematical Instrumentalism Meets the Conjunction Objection," *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, Vol. 25, No.4, 363-397.

Jeff Purinton, articles on Democritus, Leucippus, Metrodorus of Chios, and Demetrius of Laconia, in *The Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy* (1997).

- "Epicurus on the Degrees of Responsibility of 'Things Begotten' for Their Actions: A New Reading of Epicurus' *On Nature* XXV," in *Epicureismo Greco e Romano: Atti del Congresso Internazionale Napoli, 19-26 Maggio 1993* (Naples, 1996), 155-168.

Wayne Riggs, "The Weakness of Strong Justification," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 75 (2), June 1997.

Chris Swoyer, "Complex Predicates and Conversion Principles." *Philosophical Studies*.

- A previously published paper--"The Nature of Natural Laws"--has been reprinted in *Theory, Evidence, and Explanation* (Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1995).

Zev Trachtenberg, "Subject and Citizen: Hobbes and Rousseau on Sovereignty and the Self," in *Rousseau and the Sources of the Self*, edited by Timothy O'Hagan (Avebury, 1997).

- "Good Neighbors Make Good Fences: Frost's 'Mending Wall,'" *Philosophy and Literature*, Vol. 21 (1997).
- "The Takings Clause and the Meanings of Land," *Philosophy and Geography*, Vol. 1 (1997).
- "Justice and the Takings Clause: Respecting the Plural Meaning of Land," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (1996).

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## AWARDS

The following faculty members received grants, honors, or appointments during 1996-97. We congratulate them all for their fine accomplishments.

Neera Badhwar received an internal NEH award for an NEH proposal for 1997-98.

Hugh Benson received two University of Oklahoma research grants during the academic year 1996-97.

Ray Elugardo received a \$1,000 internal NEH award for the preparation and submission of a proposal for an NEH Summer Stipend Fellowship. Ray's proposal is titled "The Compositionality of Linguistic Meaning"; it is one of the two proposals nominated by OU for the NEH Fellowship.

Wayne Riggs was awarded a Junior Faculty Research Fellowship for the summer of 1997 from the Office of the Vice-President for Research.

Edward Sankowski is co-principal investigator on an approximately \$850,000 grant awarded by the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency. The proposal--about values in watershed management and environmental education--was developed through the Science and Public Policy Program at OU.

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## NEWS ABOUT THE STAFF

One staff member and one former staff member won awards during the past year for their excellent work.

Susan Nostrand received the Distinguished Service Award from the Hourly Employee Council.

Catherine Blaha, a staff member for more than four years (1988-92), received the Distinguished Service Award from the Managerial Staff Association. Catherine is Assistant to the Director in the Science and Public Policy program.

Congratulations to Susan and Catherine for their richly deserved awards.

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## THANK YOU, DONORS!

The Philosophy Department would like to express its appreciation to the following individuals and corporations for their contributions over the years to our OU Foundation Scholarships and Funds. Their generous efforts have helped enrich our students' educational experience and have helped our faculty to conduct their research. Matching contributors are also listed below. We thank you.

Mueller Fund Contributors: Neera Badhwar, Thomas W. Basham, Walter L. Conner, Darian DeBolt, Reinaldo Elugardo, Paul Hang, Virgil M. Harry III, Robert Wayne Hopper, June Howland, Gary Huffaker, Nancy McClelland, Thomas M. Murphy, Janie Robertson, Edward Rousar, Christopher M. Schultz, Alfred D. Stewart, Michael Jay Strait, and Chris Swoyer.

Matching Contributors: Kerr-McGee, General Electric Foundation, Martin Marietta Corporation, and the Edward Rousar Living Trust.

J. Clayton Feaver Scholarship Fund Contributors: Audrey Maehl, Lana Jane Pogue, Michael Silberstein.

Kingfisher College Trust Fund Contributors: Mary K. Harrison, Doane Harrison, John C. Harrison, O.K. Detrick Foundation.

Kenneth R. Merrill Graduate Teaching Award Contributor: Mark L. Conkling.

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## ALUMNAE! ALUMNI!

Besides teaching at the State University of New York College at Potsdam, Judith Little (Ph.D., 1994) has been active presenting papers:

- "Two Feminisms: Sexual Differences versus Gender Neutrality." NEH Faculty Seminar, SUNY-Potsdam, June 1996.
- "Commentary on Zillah Eisenstein's 'Imagining Feminism'." NEH Faculty Seminar, SUNY-Potsdam, June 1996.
- "Can Feminist 'Reasonable Comprehensive Doctrines' Affirm John Rawls' Political Liberalism?" Southwest Missouri State University, July 1996.
- "Responsibility for Character." Philosophy Forum, SUNY-Potsdam, February 1997.

- "Feminist Dystopian Characterizations of Liberalism and Communitarianism." Women's History-Month Session on Contemporary American Women and Culture, SUNY-Potsdam, March 1997.

Judith is the founding co-editor of an electronic journal, *Injustice Studies*.

Michael Silberstein organized and hosted an ambitious Conference--Reasons to Believe: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Naturalistic vs. Non-Naturalistic Perspectives--at Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania in July 1997. All told, there were about 70 participants, comprising keynote speakers and concurrent speakers. Michael went to Denmark in August, to present a paper at the International Brain and Self Conference in Copenhagen and Elsinore. The papers from the conference will be published in a special issue of *Journal of Consciousness Studies*.

A number of Philosophy Department alumni from years past teach at schools around the country. The following list is as exhaustive as we could make it. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Fred Bender (M.A., 1968). University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Emeritus

Mrinal Kanti Bhadra (Ph.D., 1971). Burdwan University. West Bengal, India. Emeritus.

Charles S. Brown (Ph.D., 1982). Emporia State University. Emporia, Kan.

Carol Caraway (Ph.D., 1982). Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, Pa.

Orville Verdell Clark (M.A., 1964). University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Green Bay, Wis.

Barney Jack Doss (Ph.D., 1994). Southeast Arkansas Technical College. Pine Bluff, Ark.

Joe Lloyd Dunham (M.A., 1963). Aurora University. Aurora, Ill.

Anne Edwards (Ph.D., 1993). Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tenn.

Randolph M. Feezell (M.A., 1973). Creighton University. Omaha, Neb.

Matthew Hallgarth (M.A., 1992). United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

Curtis Hancock (M.A., 1974). Rockhurst College. Kansas City, Mo.

Wesley Harmon (M.A., 1976). Southern Nazarene University. Bethany, Okla.

Harold B. Hoyt (Ph.D., 1970). San Antonio College. San Antonio, Texas. Emeritus.

Charles Hudlin (Ph.D., 1985). United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

Peter Hutcheson (Ph.D., 1979). Southwest Texas State University. San Marcos, Texas.

Philip Hwang (Ph.D., 1978). Director, Korean Institute of Philosophy and Religion. Seoul, Korea.

Donald E. Jones (Ph.D., 1979). University of Central Florida. Orlando, Fla.

Royce P. Jones (Ph.D., 1972). Illinois College. Jacksonville, Ill.

Alvin E. Keaton (M.A., 1966). New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, N. M.

Judith A. Little (Ph.D., 1994). State University of New York College at Potsdam. Potsdam, N.Y.

Loy Littlefield (M.A., 1962). Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, Ohio.

Richard L. Oliver (Ph.D., 1977). San Antonio College. San Antonio, Texas.

Clarence Parker (Ph.D., 1973). University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, Okla.

Judith Presler (Ph.D., 1973). University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Charlotte, N. C.

Arthur H. Prince (Ph.D., 1996). Tennessee State University at Covington.

Murali Ramachandran (M.A., 1985). University of Sussex. Brighton, East Sussex, England.

Albert B. Randall, Jr. (Ph.D., 1972). Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tenn.

Doren Recker (Ph.D., 1983). Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, Okla.

Ingrid Shafer (Ph.D./Interdisciplinary, 1984). Oklahoma University of Arts and Sciences. Chickasha, Okla.

Yukio Shirahama (M.A., 1968). San Antonio College. San Antonio, Texas.

Imad T. Shouery (Ph.D., 1967). Indiana State University. Terre Haute, Ind. Emeritus.

Michael Silberstein (Ph.D., 1994). Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pa.

Earl W. Spurgin (M.A., 1988). John Carroll University. Cleveland, Ohio.

Alfred D. (Fred) Stewart, Jr. (M.A., 1968). Midwestern University. Wichita Falls, Texas.

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