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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

It is hard to believe that another year has flown by, but I suppose that it is to be expected when so much is going on. Perhaps the most important activity this year was the successful completion of both of our national searches. We are pleased to announce that **Chris Stephens** (Ph.D., Wisconsin) and **Manyul Im** (Ph.D., Michigan) joined our program in the fall of 2000. Chris works in the philosophy of biology and the philosophy of mind, and Manyul works in Chinese philosophy and ethics. Having seen the best young philosophical talent in the country, we could not be happier that Chris and Manyul decided to join us.

There have been many other notable events since the appearance of the last newsletter (the spring of 2000): (a) continuation of our active colloquium series; (b) our fifth annual undergraduate colloquium; (c) our sixth series of David Ross Boyd lectures (with Jerry Fodor, of Rutgers University); (d) graduation of a number of Ph.D. students (one of whom—Barry Vaughan—was awarded one of the two University Dissertation Prizes in the social sciences and humanities), as well as a larger number of M.A. and B.A. students; (e) the addition of several new 3000-level courses; (f) publication of a variety of journal articles, book chapters, and a book, and the presentation of papers at numerous regional, national, and international venues; (g) the funding of a new undergraduate scholarship; and (h) the renovation of the main offices.

The next year promises to be as chock-full of exciting events as the last one. This spring we will be hosting our sixth annual undergraduate colloquium, and a symposium in honor of Linda Zagzebski's appointment to the Kingfisher Chair in the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. In the fall, we will welcome our seventh David Ross Boyd lecturer—Robert Nozick, of Harvard University. The Philosophy Department continues to participate in a variety of interdisciplinary ventures—including ones connected to issues related to the environment, cognitive science, and artificial life. As always, we find ourselves renewed and invigorated by the arrival of new graduate and undergraduate students (and, of course, by the continued stimulation of "veteran" students). This is an exciting time in the life of the department, and we intend to keep it going.

I would like to thank all our alumni who have responded to our previous newsletters and various questionnaires. A special "thank you" goes to those of you who have contributed financially to the department. But hearing from all of you is important to us as we try continually to improve the department. The Philosophy Department has a Web site at <http://www.ou.edu/ouphil> Among other things, the site has an on-line form that alumni can fill out to provide information about themselves. Let us know what and how you are doing!

Hugh H. Benson, Chair

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

We're number one!

Of course, those who have been watching OU for the past several years knew that already, even if it took Bob Stoops and company to bring it to the attention of the rest of the world. The football national championship is just the exclamation point on OU's emergence as an institution committed to become the best that we can be, whether in men's football, women's softball, classroom teaching or research.

The university and the college are so much better today than in the past that it is worth reflecting on how we got here and to think about what we need to do to sustain the momentum. The formula for our success in both athletics and academics is not a secret. It involves strong leadership, talented people and focus—focus on the mission, focus on the goals that must be reached to accomplish the mission, and focus on the tasks that need to be done to accomplish the goals.

Leadership starts at the top. We have been fortunate to have the visionary leadership of David Boren, who has challenged us to settle for nothing short of excellence. But just as Bob Stoops' success hinged on his assembling a remarkable team of assistant coaches, so our success in academia has hinged on assembling a team of talented academic leaders. President Boren has sought to promote from within and recruit from without individuals who could provide energetic leadership at all levels of the university. We also have assembled an outstanding leadership team in the College of Arts and Sciences. It includes the staff in the dean's office, faculty, staff and alumni of the college. It especially includes the chairs and directors of the college's 30 departments, schools and programs, who provide outstanding leadership to the college's faculty, staff and students.

Talented people respond to good leadership and accomplish challenging goals. At OU we have sought to recruit the best, and we have had great success. We not only have the largest number of students and faculty in OU's history, but they are, by every measurable indicator, the best in OU's history. Although we have had excellent students and faculty in the past, what is different today is the depth of the talent that has been assembled. OU's ability to attract the best people is at the heart of our successful pursuit of excellence.

Finally, let's think about focus. At OU we are focused on accomplishing our key missions of teaching, research, and professional and public service. To be successful we need adequate fiscal, physical and human resources. Although state funding remains woefully inadequate, we have had real growth every year for five years. But the key to success has been the almost unbelievable growth in private giving which has quadrupled our endowment and given us the means to recruit and retain talented faculty.

As we look ahead, the challenges may be even greater than those of the past, but the formula for continued success is the same as the one that got us where we are—strong leadership, talented people and focus. With the continued support of our alumni and friends, I believe that the future can be as glorious as the past and that we have yet to discover how good we can be.

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

NEW ARRIVALS

We are delighted to welcome some very small people who had not made their appearance when the last newsletter came out (in Spring 2000).

Gavin Daniel Heaton was born to Alana and Sean Heaton on April 11, 2000.

Emma Claire Dougherty was born to Kathleen and Michael Dougherty on July 9, 2000.

Susan Katherine Taylor was born to Terrie and Greg Taylor on December 27, 2000. Susan Nostrand is the paternal grandmother.

Brian James Montgomery was born to Emily and Brint Montgomery on February 26, 2001.

Elizabeth Grace Durand was born to Jessica and Kevin Durand (joining Big Brother, Colin) on March 2, 2001.

The following students graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy during the calendar year 2000: **Sommer Irene Anyong** (with distinction), **Beau G. Branson** (with distinction; also earned a B.A. in classics), **April Marie Caldwell**, **Donald Greg Everett** (*Summa cum Laude*), **John Thomas Farrar** (with distinction; also earned a B.S. in physics, with distinction), **Miyuki Fukushima**, **Jeffrey David Harrison** (*Summa cum Laude*; also earned a B.A. in letters), **Mark Philip Molina** (also earned a B.S. in chemistry, biochemistry option), **Ty E. Nance** (with special distinction; also earned a B.S. in physics and in math), and **Emily Therese Niziolek**.

Thirty-two Philosophy or Ethics and Religion majors made the Dean's or the President's Honor Roll in the fall or spring semester (or both). **Rebecca Ann Bartley** was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. **Randy Ray Hoyt** presented his paper "The Choice-worthiness of Justice: A Reconstruction, Interpretation, and Critique of Plato's Argument in *Republic* II-IV," at the OU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (April 2000).

Congratulations to **Rebecca Bartley** for her acceptance into the philosophy graduate program at Rice University!

NEWS ABOUT OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Congratulations are in order for students who graduated with a Ph.D. during calendar year 2000: **Edward T. Cox** (Elugardo), **Kevin K. Durand** (Merrill), **Kathleen Poorman-Dougherty** (Badhwar), **Randall L. Ridenour** (Swoyer). **Eric Scott Jones** (Merrill) has completed all requirements for the Ph.D. and will formally receive the degree in May 2001.

Congratulations also to **Mark Wisdom**, who received the M.A. degree.

The department was pleased to welcome several new graduate students for fall 2000: **Eric Batterson**, **April Caldwell**, **Shunying Cao**, **Gregory Elliott**, **Donald Everett**, **Joseph Mark Gutel III**, **David Kyle Johnson**, **Richard Power**, and **Elliot Welch**.

Brint Montgomery teaches at Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, Okla.). He read his paper "Reconciling Human Responsibility with Animal Ethics" at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society in Indianapolis on March 3.

Scott Jones read papers at three conferences in fall 2000: "Russell and Whitehead: Two Reactions to Romanticism" (Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference); "Surd Evil, God, and Creation" (Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers); "An Interpretation of the Church Suggested by Salman Rushdie's *Midnight Children*" (Southwest Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature).

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Elizabeth (Liz) Wade received the **J. Clayton Feaver Scholarship** for the academic year 1999-2000. Liz, who hails from Elk City, Okla., plans to go to graduate school after she completes a bachelor's degree in philosophy and mathematics this spring. The scholarship is funded by **Audrey Ellsworth Maehl** (M.A., 1955) to honor the memory of J. Clayton Feaver (1911-1995), who was the first Kingfisher Professor of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics at the University of Oklahoma (1951-1981).

Eric Scott Jones was chosen to receive the **Kenneth R. Merrill Graduate Student Teaching Award**. This award is underwritten by **Mark Conkling**, a philosophy department alumnus who received the Ph.D. degree in 1974).

In April 2000, **Larry and Mary Jane Wade**, of Elk City, Okla., established a new award—the **Elizabeth Wade Undergraduate Philosophy Scholarship**—which will normally be awarded to a Philosophy or Ethics and Religion major completing his or her junior year.

NEWS ABOUT THE FACULTY

Neera Badhwar has three pieces that are expected to appear during 2001: "Love" (an entry in the *Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*); a book review in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*; and *Is Virtue Only a Means to Happiness?* The last item is a revised and expanded version of a couple of papers (noted below). It will appear as a monograph, with comments by three people and Neera's reply to the comments. She presented two papers at Utah State University ("Self-Interest and Altruism" and "Happiness") and was a discussant in two Liberty Fund conferences. She is on leave during the spring 2001 semester.

Hugh Benson completed his term (roughly, the academic year 1999-2000) as chair of the Faculty Senate and continued to serve as chair of the Philosophy Department. In the spring he was awarded a Samuel Roberts Noble Presidential Professorship. He participated in various conferences as a commentator and completed a review of Alexander Nehamas's *Virtues of Authenticity*.

Andrew Cohen completed a paper on the ethics of friendship, a version of which he will present at the next annual meeting of the Central Division of the A.P.A. (Minneapolis, in May). He presented a paper about Hobbesian notions of *right reason* at a department colloquium and is working on another one on the value of democratic participation. He taught in Princeton at a weeklong summer undergraduate seminar in the humanities. During the fall, he presented proposals for two new courses, which will increase the number of upper-division Philosophy courses.

Monte Cook read his paper "Robert Desgabets's Representation Principle" at the 2000 Central Division meeting of the A.P.A., and "Descartes on the Creation of Possibilities" at the Northwest Conference on Philosophy. During his sabbatical leave in the fall of 2000, he completed journal-length versions of these two papers and a third paper titled "Desgabets on the Creation of Eternal Truths."

Reinaldo Elugardo read his paper "MA [=the Meaning Assumption] and the Basic Assumptions of Semantics" at an invited symposium of the Canadian Philosophical Association in May 2000. (He later changed the title of the paper to "Semantic Theories and Indirect Speech Reports.") He served as a commentator for papers read at three different conferences. A paper written by Ray and his co-author Robert Stainton—"Logical Form and the Vernacular"—will appear in *Mind and Language*. Their paper "On Grasping Objects and Contents" is under review for publication in the anthology *Epistemology of Language*. After spending the spring semester on sabbatical leave, Ray returned to teaching and became director of Graduate Studies in the fall.

James Hawthorne has been doing research on inductive logic for two papers he is writing on Bayesian induction. From summer 1996 through summer 2000, he served as director of Graduate Studies and Graduate College Liaison. He was elected to the Faculty Senate for a term beginning in fall 2000.

Kenneth Merrill has been working on a paper that explores Hume's use of force and vivacity as a fundamental taxonomic principle in his theory of perception. He is editor of this newsletter.

Wayne Riggs's paper "Understanding Virtue and the Virtue of Understanding" is forthcoming in *Intellectual Virtue: Perspectives from Ethics and Epistemology* (Oxford U. Press). Two other papers are currently under consideration: "Truth, Error, and Beyond" (by *Philosophical Studies*) and "Balancing Our Epistemic Goals" (by *Nous*). Wayne attended conferences on epistemology at Rutgers and at Notre Dame.

Edward Sankowski continued to serve as an associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has three papers forthcoming: "Film, Crime, and State Legitimacy: Political Education or Mis-Education?" (in *The Journal of Aesthetic Education*); "Negotiating Science and Values with Stakeholders in the Illinois River Basin" [with several co-authors] (to appear in a proceedings volume from a conference, *Integrated Decision-Making for Watershed Management: Processes and Tools*); "Environmental Management and Democratic Legitimacy" (to appear in a volume published through the Oklahoma Political Science Association). He made four refereed presentations during 2000: "Democracy and Environmental Management" [a paper distinct from the immediately preceding one] (annual meeting of the American Political Science Association); "Democracy, Universities, and Leadership Education" (also at APSA meeting); "Democracy and Environmental Ethics in South Africa" (meeting of the Mid-American Alliance for African Studies); "Law, Obligation, Punishment, and Democracy: Anthropology's Public Potential" (annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association). A common theme in these papers is democratic legitimacy. Ed continued work as a co-principal investigator in a multi-year project funded by the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Chris Swoyer has two articles and two book reviews forthcoming. He is currently working on two book-length projects—one on structural representation and surrogative cognition, and the other on relativism. During the spring 2000, he did additional work on his text *Critical Reasoning: A User's Manual*. He was selected as program chair for the Southwestern Philosophical Society for next year and will be president of the Society the following year. Chris is on sabbatical leave for the academic year 2000-2001. He continues to serve as an author of the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Zev Trachtenberg continued to do research on the role of stakeholders in environmental policy-making. As part of his work under a grant awarded for the study of the Illinois River in northeastern Oklahoma, he participated in a two-day workshop in

Tulsa that brought together two dozen state and federal officials to discuss policy options for the Illinois. Their proposals will be presented to local residents, who will be asked to respond. Zev is also writing a chapter for a new book on stakeholder involvement in watershed management. The chapter will deal with the question how public participation contributes to the political legitimacy of watershed policy. He continues to serve as the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment (IPE) program.

Linda Zagzebski is working on her inaugural address as the tenant of the Kingfisher College Chair in Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion. (For more information, see the department Web page <http://www.ou.edu/ouphil>) She is co-editor of *Virtue Epistemology*, which will be published by Oxford University Press in late April. During May 2000, she was a visiting scholar in the Theology Department of the University of Uppsala, Sweden. While there, she conducted a brief seminar on the work she was doing, gave a public lecture, and consulted with faculty and graduate students about their own work. She presented her paper "Religious Diversity and Social Responsibility" at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, and at several other places during the year.

PUBLICATIONS

Hugh Benson. Review of Julia Annas, *Platonic Ethics: Old and New*, in *The Classical Journal* (2000), pp. 276-279.

Ed Sankowski and **Zev Trachtenberg** (with several others). "Negotiating Science and Values with Stakeholders in the Illinois River Basin," proceedings volume and CD-ROM from the *Integrated Decision-Making for Watershed Management Symposium: Processes and Tools*, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, etc. CD-ROM available from January 2001. See pp. 511-528.

Linda Zagzebski's book *Virtues of the Mind* was the subject of a Book Symposium in the January 2000 issue of *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Linda provided a précis of her book and wrote replies to the essays about the book. She published "From Reliabilism to Virtue Epistemology," in *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, Vol. 5 (Epistemology). [An expanded version of this paper was published in *Knowledge, Belief, and Character*, edited by Guy Axtell (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000).] "Does Libertarian Freedom Require Alternate Possibilities?" appeared in *Philosophical Perspectives*, Vol. 14 (2000). An abridged version of her previously published article "The Virtues of God and the Foundation of Ethics" was reprinted in *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Kelly James Clark (Broadview Press, 2000). Selections from *Virtues of the Mind* were reprinted in *Epistemology: An Anthology*, edited by E. Sosa and J. Kim (Blackwell, 2000).

NEWS OF THE STAFF

Shelley Konieczny received a **Distinguished Performance Award** from the Hourly Employees Council. Even before the award, we knew that she was distinguished. Congratulations, Shelley!

Susan Nostrand became a grandmother for the first time with the birth (on December 27, 2000) of **Susan Katherine Taylor**, daughter of Greg Taylor (our Susan's son) and his wife, Terrie. Congratulations all around!

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

Gregory (Greg) H. Bassham (B.A., 1982; M.A., 1985; ghbasha@kings.edu) teaches at King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA. His book on critical thinking (written jointly with three colleagues) will be published by Mayfield in July 2001. He made presentations on critical thinking at King's College and at an international conference on critical thinking and educational reform. His essay "The Matrix of Christianity" is forthcoming in *The Matrix and Philosophy: The Movie and the Reality*, edited by William Irwin. "It Means What They Said"—Greg's review of *Constitutional Interpretation: Textual Meaning, Original Intent, and Judicial Review*, by Kenneth E. Whittington—appeared in *The Review of Politics* (Summer 2000). He also has a couple of book reviews in *Teaching Philosophy*.

Beau Branson (B.A., 2000; bbranson@nd.edu) is in the graduate program in philosophy at Notre Dame University (Notre Dame, Ind.). He finds the workload heavy, but he became engaged on Valentine's Day (no date has been fixed for the wedding). Beau presented his paper "Fogelin's Fix" at the fifth annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (at OU, April 2000).

Tom W. Boyd (twboyd@pcisys.net), longtime member of the philosophy faculty, is now retired and living in the Denver area, from which he sends greetings to all and sundry. Tom and his wife, Barbara, have finished writing a novel, *Where Wild Rivers Meet*, and are now trying to hawk it (Tom's phrase) to an agent—a more demanding task than writing the novel (as is revising). He is working on a book (provisional title *Lusting for Infinity*) in which he seeks to identify and examine what he calls the "religious impulse" that lies at the root of all forms of religion. Tom continues to teach human relations courses through Advanced Programs at OU and to give lectures around the country.

Carol Caraway (Ph.D., 1982; caraway@grove.iup.edu) is a tenured full professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Last year she was a member of Alvin Goldman's Summer Seminar on Social Epistemology at the University of Arizona. She is on sabbatical leave this semester (i.e., spring 2001)—the first sabbatical in her career. She is working on Wittgenstein's epistemology and drawing comparisons between his views and those of contemporary feminists. Carol has been the president/ director of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love since 1992. In that capacity, she writes the society's newsletter, reviews submitted papers, and plans the two yearly sessions sponsored by the society (one with the Eastern Division A.P.A. meeting and the other with either the Central or the Pacific Division).

Ed Cox (Ph.D., 2000) is a visiting assistant professor at James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.).

Jack Doss (Ph.D., 1994; baldeag@seark.net) teaches philosophy and history at Southeast Arkansas College. Jack is teaching an ethics course for the first time this semester (i.e., spring 2001)—improbable as that may seem for one who has taught as long as Jack has. He hopes to introduce a logic or critical thinking course this fall.

Kathleen Dougherty (Ph.D., 2000; kpdougherty@home.com) is on a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Maryland/College Park. The arrival of daughter **Emma Claire Dougherty** on July 9, 2000, eclipsed even so signal an event as receiving the Ph.D. degree. Our congratulations to Kathleen and Mike! Kathleen presented her paper "Self-Knowledge and Reflection" at the Mid-South Philosophy Conference (Memphis) and at the 29th Conference on Value Inquiry (Tulsa).

Kevin K. Durand (Ph.D., 2000; kevjes@arkansas.net) teaches at Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.). He has been elected president of the Arkansas Philosophical Association and president of the Mid-South Philosophy Conference. His paper "The Logic of Morality: Georg Henrik von Wright, Immanuel Kant, and the 'Ought/Can' Inference" has been published by the *Academic Forum*—an interdisciplinary journal of the liberal arts published annually by Henderson State University. He has also secured approval (with Web-space) for the Society of Philosophers (the undergraduate philosophy society) to publish an online journal of undergraduate philosophy papers beginning in the fall of 2001.

Bill Ferraiolo (Ph.D., 1997; bferraiolo@sjdccc.ca.us) has been unofficially granted tenure at San Joaquin Delta Community College (California), subject only to what I assume will be the *pro forma* approval of the Board of Regents. His paper "Death: A Propitious Misfortune" was published in *Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 3/4 (Fall/Winter 2000); it was also presented at the meeting of the National Social Science Association in New Orleans last November. Another paper—"Metaphysical Realism"—is forthcoming in *Dialogos*.

Curtis Hancock (M.A., 1974; Curtis.Hancock@rockhurst.edu) holds the Joseph M. Freeman Chair of Philosophy at Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.). Last fall, he completed his term as president of the American Maritain Association. He is the co-author (with Charles M. Kovich) of a mystery series that has just been released by LiberMedia Publishers. The first book—*The Case of Ockham's Razor*—is now available on audio and is expected to be in print in the fall. It can be purchased at *Borders.com* and should be available soon at *Amazon.com*. Future titles in the series are *The Case of the Muse of Madness* and *The Case of the Owl of Minerva*. The sleuth in the series is a priest, Fr. Dietrich Shrader, who uses philosophical principles to solve crimes.

Jeffrey Harrison (B.A. *summa cum laude*, 2000; jdh122@columbia.edu) is attending Columbia Law School in New York City.

Peter Hutcheson (Ph.D., 1979; ph02@swt.edu) continues to teach in the Philosophy Department at Southwest Texas State University (San Marcos, Texas), where he was promoted to the rank of full professor in 1999. His article "Introducing the Problem of Evil" was published in *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (June 1999); "An Implication of Omnipotence" appeared in *Southwest Philosophical Studies* (April 2000); and a review article about David O'Connor's *God and Inscrutable Evil: In Defense of Theism and Atheism* appeared in *Philo*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (1999).

Donald E. Jones (Ph.D., 1979; donjones@mail.ucf.edu) has resigned as director of Liberal Studies at the University of Central Florida (Orlando, Fla.). He will return to full-time teaching in the Philosophy Department in spring 2002, after taking administrative leave in the fall of 2001. Don hopes to visit Norman during his leave next autumn.

Royce Jones (Ph.D., 1972; jones @hilltop.ic.edu) continues to teach at Illinois College (Jacksonville, Ill.). His book *Foundations of Critical Thinking* was published by Harcourt College Publishers in August 2000, and was featured in a Meet-the-Authors reception in the Book Exhibits area the first day of the Eastern Division A.P.A. meeting last December. He has set up a Web site for the book: <http://www.harcourtcollege.com/philosophy/jones> Last summer he attended Logic Conference 2000 at the Sorbonne in Paris. In April 2001, he will read an invited paper, "The Ethics of Presidential Elections," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in St. Louis.

John Link (B.A. in Philosophy and English, 1965; M.F.A. in Painting/Philosophy minor, 1968; link@wmich.edu) is professor of art, Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, Mich.). In October 2000, he had a solo show of his paintings at the Swope Gallery at Ohio University (Chillicothe campus).

Judith Little (Ph.D., 1994; little@potdam.edu) teaches in the Philosophy Department of the State University of New York College at Potsdam. Last fall, she was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor. In April 2000, she was inducted into the SUNY-Potsdam chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She serves as the campus resource person for Critical Thinking Skills. In that capacity, she provides knowledge and suggestions for teachers who are not sure what critical thinking is and (consequently) do not know how to incorporate it into their courses.

Jeffrey McLaughlin (graduate student in the mid-1980s; jmclaughlin@cariboo.bc.ca) is assistant professor of philosophy at the University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. He spent two months in Graz, Austria, where he gave lectures on CyberPhilosophy to Information Management students at *Fachhochschule Joanneum*. He also spoke to members of three universities in Graz and to business leaders on the need for critical-thinking skills for online learners. Jeff writes a regular column for the *WebNet Journal: Internet Technologies, Applications, and Issues*, in which he examines various philosophical issues associated with the Internet and its use.

Karen Mizell (Ph.D., 1997; mizellka@uvsc.edu) teaches at Utah Valley State College, where she is excited to be part of a committee that is putting together a baccalaureate degree program. She has developed four courses that are currently being taught at UVSC. Every student in the college, including trade students—some 23,000 of them—must take an Ethics course. She was elected Educator of the Year (2000) by the UVSC Student Government Association as well as Teacher of the Semester (spring 2000) by the UVSC Athletic Association. She is the founder and coach of the UVSC Ethics Bowl Team, which has been invited to compete against 30 other teams at the National Collegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati on March 2. In fall 2000, she was member of a philosophy delegation to the People's Republic of China, where they visited 10 philosophy departments, in Shanghai, Beijing, Suzhou, and Nanjing.

Harry L. Moore (Ph.D., 1998; hmoore@ionet.net) is an adjunct faculty member in St. Gregory's University (Shawnee, Okla.). His book *The Adjudication of Utilitarianism and Rights in the Sphere of Health Care* is being published as Vol. 4 of *International Healthcare Ethics*.

Clarence Parker (Ph.D., 1973; 108 Burton Place, Edmond, Okla. 73013) continues to teach at the University of Central Oklahoma on an as-needed basis, although he officially retired several years ago. He taught two courses in fall 2000 and may do so again this fall.

Arthur H. Prince (Ph.D., 1996; 1446 Snowden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38107) stays busy teaching eight classes at four different schools: Baptist College of Health Sciences (Memphis, Tenn.), Christian Brothers University (Memphis), Dyersburg State, Tipton County Center (Covington, Tenn.), and Mid-South Community College (West Memphis, Ark.). Arthur was nominated a second consecutive year for the Dyersburg State College Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award—an award he won for the academic year 1999-2000.

Albert B. (Bert) Randall (Ph.D., 1972; randalla@apsu01.APSU.edu) continues to teach at Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, Tenn.). His 26-months-old granddaughter, Shelby, is "a constant reminder that life is a miracle of joy, wonder and discovery." Well said, Bert!

Doren Recker (Ph.D., 1983; drecker@okstate.edu) continues to serve as head of the Department of Philosophy at Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, Okla.). He is also graduate adviser.

Randy Ridenour (Randy_Ridenour@mail.okbu.edu) finished his Ph.D. degree last year (2000). He is now assistant professor of philosophy at Oklahoma Baptist University (Shawnee, Okla.).

John Kelly Rogers (B.A., 1984; rdbrckbrn@aol.com) has been a professional chef for 15 years, the last six as executive chef at La Casa Sena in Santa Fe, N.M. His new restaurant—**Americana!**—will open in the summer of 2001 on the Santa Fe Plaza. Kelly writes that he had the pleasure of seeing Tom Boyd dining with David Boren at La Casa Sena last summer, and of thanking "Dr. Tom" for all the wisdom he had imparted to Kelly.

Rafael Rondón (Ph.D., 1997; Rafael@easternfreight.com) is now the **Honorable R.R.**, Commissioner, Port of Palm Beach [Florida] District. He is also a member of several other committees or boards: the Black Caucus for Palm Beach County, the Democratic Executive Committee for Palm Beach County, the Solid Waste Authority Advisory Board-Palm Beach County, and five others. As if that were not enough to keep him busy, he is also the managing director of Chemexport Inc. and the president of R & L Consultants Inc.

Edward E. Rousar, III (Ph.D., 1984; eerousar@aol.com) is a clinical psychologist in private practice in California. Ed earned a second Ph.D. from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in 1990.

Michael Silberstein (Ph.D., 1994; silbermd@etown.edu) has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor at Elizabethtown College (Elizabethtown, Penn.).

Earl Spurgin (M.A., 1988; espurgin@jcu.edu) has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor at John Carroll University (Cleveland, Ohio). His paper "What's So *Special* About a Special Ethics for Business?" was published in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (April 2000).

Michael J. Tetzlaff (M.A., 1987; mjt@wam.umd.edu) is a graduate student at the University of Maryland (College Park, Md.), with special interest in the philosophy of neuroscience.

Barry Vaughan (Ph.D., 1999; bfvaughan@mail.mc.maricopa.edu) has been selected as night chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Mesa Community College (Mesa, Ariz.). With well over 100 sections of classes and about 20 adjunct faculty, the department has found it prudent to divide the work of the chair between two persons. As the name suggests, the *night chair* is responsible for schedules, faculty evaluations, etc., that fall into the nocturnal division. Barry was elected senator-at-large for the MCC Faculty Senate. His dissertation won the 1999-2000 OU Provost's Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Don Viney (Ph.D., 1982; dviney@pittstate.edu) teaches philosophy in the Department of Social Science at Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, Kan.). He has recently published two books with Edwin Mellen Press: *Translation of Works of Jules Lequyer* and *Jules Lequyer's "Abel and Abel"* [translated by Mark West], followed by Don's essay "Incidents in the Life and Death of Jules Lequyer." Don is on sabbatical leave during the spring term 2001, his main project being a book for Kluwer Publishers on process philosophy of religion in the 20th century. In February 2001, he gave a lecture—"Jules Lequyer: The French Kierkegaard and his Philosophical Fragments"—as one of the OU Philosophy Department Colloquia.

Spencer K. Wertz (Ph.D., 1970; s.wertz@tcu.edu) continues to teach in the Department of Philosophy in Texas Christian University (Fort Worth, Texas). He has recently published articles, discussion notes, and book reviews in the *Journal of Comparative Literature*, the *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, and *Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature*. He has also presented papers at the meetings of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, the New Mexico/West Texas Philosophical Society, and the Rocky Mountain Division of the American Society for Aesthetics.

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