



Philosophy is perfectly right in saying that life must be understood backward. But then one forgets the other clause - that it must be lived forward.

- Soren Kierkegaard

Department of Philosophy

News



March 2010

Professor David McNaughton wins Undergraduate Teaching Award

Ceremony held on Thursday, 1 April at 3:00 pm, Turnbull Conference Center

The FSU **Department of Philosophy** offered **congratulations** to FSU **Professor David McNaughton** for his receipt of a **2009-10 University Undergraduate Teaching Award**. Professor McNaughton received his award at the Faculty Awards Ceremony, which was held at the **Turnbull Center** on **April 1** at **3:00 pm**.



March 26, 2010

Professor Alfred Mele's interview on Big Think

The FSU **Department of Philosophy** would like to call your attention to an **interview** posted on **Big Think** with **FSU Professor Alfred Mele**. In the interview, Dr. Mele discussed some of his work on free will and his hopes for his **Big Questions in Free Will** project, which is sponsored by a grant from the **John Templeton Foundation**.



April 2, 2010

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 2 April at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **spring portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, April 2, 2010 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Mitch Green** from the University of Virginia. His talk was titled **"Perceiving Emotions"**.



February 19-21, 2010

6th Annual S.W.A.P. Conference and 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium

February 19-21, 2010 in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The **Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.)** partnered with the **Department of Religion's** 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium to host an interdisciplinary graduate student colloquium from February 19-21, 2010 in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium. This was the fifth annual conference held by S.W.A.P at Florida State University. You may visit the **conference website** to get more information and view the **conference schedule**.



February 5, 2010

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 5 February at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department began the **spring portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, February 5, 2010 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Stephen Stich** from Rutgers University.



January 23, 2010

Free Will and Moral Responsibility Workshop Saturday, January 23 in 204 Longmire

Dr. Alfred Mele of the **FSU Department of Philosophy** hosted a **Free Will and Moral Responsibility Workshop** on **Saturday, January 23, 2010** in **204 Longmire**. The presenters were **Dr. Stephen Kearns**, **Dr. Michael McKenna**, **Dr. Helen Beebee**, and **Dr. Randolph Clarke**. A schedule of the talks can be found [here](#).



January 15-17, 2010

Werkmeister Conference on Experimental Philosophy Friday, January 15 to Sunday, January 17 2010 in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The **FSU Department of Philosophy** presented **The William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Conference on Experimental Philosophy** on **15-17 January 2010**. This was the **10th year** that the department hosted the conference since its inception back in 2001. **The Werkmeister Conference** is an **annual event** on a selected topic in philosophy held in honor of **Professor William H. Werkmeister** and his wife, **Lucyle T. Werkmeister**, and is graciously sponsored by the **William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Endowment Fund**.



November 3, 2009

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation Friday, November 6 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** concluded the fall portion of the 3rd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 6 November 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student-run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The final talk of the fall semester was given by **Brandon Warmke**. The title of his talk was "**The Deep Structure of Forgiveness**".



October 16, 2009

**Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation
Friday, October 16 at 3:30 pm
in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** continued the fall portion of the 3rd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 16 October 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student-run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The second talk of the fall semester was given by **Jay Quigley**. The title of his talk was "**Reasons Enough: Defending Parfit's Objectivism about Reasons**".



September 27, 2009

**Department Party at the FSU Reservation
Sunday September 27, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

The Fall 2009 department party was held at the **FSU Reservation** (also known as "the Rez") on Sunday September 27, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This party is organized by the **PGSA** at the beginning of the academic year, and is open to FSU Department of Philosophy graduate students, faculty, and their guests.



September 25, 2009

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation
Friday, September 25 at 3:30 pm
in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** began the fall portion of the 3rd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 25 September 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student-run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The first talk of the fall semester was given by **Joshua Shepherd**. The title of his talk was **"The Integrative View of Moral Reasons for Action"**.



August 19-20, 2009

2009 Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference
Wednesday August 19 to Thursday August 20, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Academic & Professional Program Services (APPS) sponsored the **2009 PIE Teaching Conference**. The conference was held in the New Classroom Building (HCB), on Wednesday and Thursday, August 19 and 20, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All new teaching assistants are required to attend the conference and complete the requirements to earn the PIE Teaching Certificate. For more information, visit the **conference site**.



August 18, 2009

New Graduate Student Orientation
Tuesday August 18, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The Graduate School at FSU hosted the **New Graduate Student Orientation** for all incoming Fall 2009 graduate students. For more information, visit the **[orientation site](#)**.

Outstanding TA Award Nomination

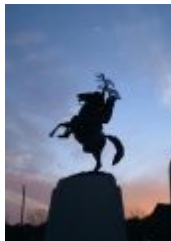
Congratulations to the Philosophy Department's own **Jamie Feldman** for being nominated for an **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**. Information about the OTAA and the procedure for nominating teaching assistants for the award can be found **[here](#)**.



17 April 2009

Philosophy Department Colloquium Friday, 17 April at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department concluded the **spring portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 17 April 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Stephen Downes** from the University of Utah.



26 March 2009

Professor Joshua Gert awarded Howard Fellowship from Brown University

Congratulations to **FSU Professor Joshua Gert** for his award of a **Howard Fellowship**. Professor Gert is among approximately ten other recipients of the Howard Fellowship. The fellowship is sponsored by the George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation, and it seeks to lend support to those working in various fields by funding projects in a different subject area each year. More information about the Howard Fellowship can be found **[here](#)**.



10 April 2009

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation Cancelled

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** cancelled the final talk for the spring portion of the 2nd year of its **Friday Presentations**. PGSA plans to continue the talks in the Fall 2009 semester.



27 March 2009

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation Friday, 27 March at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** concluded the spring portion of the 2nd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 27 March 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The second and final talk of the spring semester was given by **Justin Capes**. The title of his talk was **"The Ethics of Frankfurt-style Cases"**.



25 February 2009

FSU Department of Philosophy is ranked #1 in the world for Philosophy of Action by the 2009 *Philosophical Gourmet Report*

The *Philosophical Gourmet Report* for 2009 listed Florida State University's Department of Philosophy as #1 for Philosophy of Action. The *Philosophical Gourmet Report* ranks graduate programs in philosophy by evaluating the graduate faculty in philosophy departments around the globe. You can see the ranking report [here](#).



20-21 March, 2009

5th Annual S.W.A.P. Conference

Friday and Saturday, March 20-21 2009 at Florida State University

The **Society for Woman's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.)** held their fifth annual conference at Florida State University on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21 2009. The keynote speakers were **Louise Antony**, Professor of Philosophy from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and **Marilyn Friedman**, Professor of Philosophy from Washington University-St. Louis. You may visit **S.W.A.P.'s website** to get more information, or take a look at their **Call for Papers**.



27 February 2009

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 27 February at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **spring portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 27 February 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Eve Garrard**, Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Professional Ethics at Keele University. The title of her talk was **"Conditional Unconditional Forgiveness"**.



16 February 2009

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation
Friday, 20 February at 3:30 pm
in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** kicked off the spring portion of the 2nd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 20 February 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student run program allows graduate students in the department the

opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The first talk of the Spring 2009 semester was given by **Joe Long**. The title of his talk was "**The Highs and Lows of Kind Term Reference**".



Award

Professor John Roberts's *A Metaphysics for the Mob: The Philosophy of George Berkeley* named winner of CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title, 2008

The Department of Philosophy congratulates **FSU Professor John Roberts**. His book was named winner of *CHOICE* Outstanding Academic Title for 2008. Information about the award can be found [here](#).



6 February 2009

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 6 February at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department kicked off the **spring portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 6 February 2009 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Charles Wallis** from California State University-Long Beach. The title of his talk was "Gavagai Redux: 'Epistemology Naturalized' Read Through Lockean Spectacles".



26 January 2009

Professor Thomas Nadelhoffer awarded 2009-2010 MacArthur Post-doctoral Fellowship in Neurolaw at the University of California-Santa Barbara

Congratulations to FSU Philosophy Graduate Alumnus Thomas Nadelhoffer (Dickinson College) for his award of a **2009-2010 MacArthur Post-doctoral Fellowship in Neurolaw at U.C. Santa Barbara**. This program explores the relationship between neuroscience and the legal system by supporting scholars conducting research in related areas. For more information, visit the project's [site](#).



Workshop on Moral Responsibility (January 24, 2009)



5 December 2008

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 5 December 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department concluded the **fall portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 5 December 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Susan Wolf**, professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Wolf's talk was titled "**Loving Attention: lessons in love from *The Philadelphia Story***".



21 November 2008

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation

Friday, 21 November at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** concluded the fall portion the 2nd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 21 November 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate

student run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The second talk of the 2008-2009 academic year was given by **Jamie Watson**. The title of his talk was "**A Priori Justification and Testimony**".



15 November 2008

2008 Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB) Competition **Saturday, 15 November at Saint Petersburg College,** **Epicenter, Largo, FL**

The 2008 Ethics Bowl Team competed against other teams from the region on Saturday, November 15. Pictures from the competition are up and can be found on our **Ethics Bowl site**.



November 14-16 2008

Florida Philosophical Association Conference **Friday - Sunday, November 14-16 at the Plaza Ocean Club** **Hotel**

The **Florida Philosophical Association** held its **54th annual meeting** at the **Plaza Ocean Club Hotel at Daytona Beach**. The conference organizers were **Dr. Marina Oshana** (UF) and **Dr. Reinhold Schlieper** (Embry-Riddle). More information can be found on the **conference website**.



17 October 2008

Philosophy Department Colloquium **Friday, 17 October 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall** **Auditorium (DHA)**

The Philosophy Department continued the **fall portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 17 October 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The department welcomed **Professor Gideon Yaffe**, professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California. Professor Yaffe's talk was titled "**Trying by Asking: Solicitation as Attempt**".



3 October 2008

First Annual UF/FSU Colloquium on Practical Philosophy
Friday, 3 October 2008 at 3:00 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of Philosophy hosted the **First Annual UF/FSU Colloquium on Practical Philosophy** on **Friday, 3 October 2008 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The presenters were **Jon Tresan of UF**, and **Piers Rawling and David McNaughton of FSU**.



26 September 2008

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation
Friday, 26 September 2008 at 3:30 pm
in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** kicked off the 2nd year of its **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 26 September 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This graduate student run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The first talk of the 2008-2009 academic year was given by **John Stigall**. The title of his talk was **"Russell's Horseshoe, Lewis' Fish Hook, Hume's Problem"**.



26 September 2008

Statistics-Philosophy Colloquium
Friday, 26 September 2008 at 10:10 am in 110 Rogers (Oceanography/Statistics) Building (OSB)

The **FSU Department of Statistics** kicked off its fall colloquium series on **Friday, 26 September 2008 at 10:10 am in 110 Rogers Building (OSB)**, when it hosted the **Department of Philosophy's own, Joshua Gert**. Professor Gert presented **"Some Remarks on the Nature of Color"**.



12 September 2008

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 12 September 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department kicked off the **fall portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 12 September 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the first talk of the year, the department welcomed **Professor Joseph Mendola**, professor of philosophy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Professor Mendola spoke on "**The Conditional Analysis of Ability**".



25 August 2008

New Faculty

The Department of Philosophy would like to welcome Assistant Professor **James Justus** and Visiting Assistant Professor **Seth Shabo** to FSU.

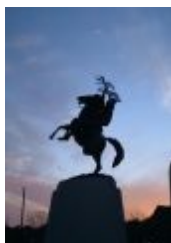


17 July 2008

HPS Colloquium

Thurs, 17 July 2008 at 2:00 pm in 204 Longmire (LON)

The Program in the History & Philosophy of Science (HPS) is proud to announce a talk by **Dr. Joseph Travis**, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor in the Biological Sciences at FSU. Dr. Travis will be speaking on the multiple causes for patterns in nature.



18 April 2008

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, April 18, 2008 at 3:30 pm in 204 Longmire (LON)

The Philosophy Department concluded the **Spring 2008 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 18 April 2008 at 3:30 pm in 204 Longmire (LON)**. For the ninth and final talk of the spring, the department welcomed **Professor Dominic Murphy**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at The California Institute of Technology. Professor Murphy spoke on **"Introspection & Cognition"**. Previous presentations this semester were given by **Gary Watson, Matthew Kotzen, Angela Potochnik, Joel Velasco, James Justus, Russell Powell, Stephen Kearns, and Thomas Nadelhoffer**.



28 March 2008

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, March 28, 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **Spring 2008 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 28 March 2008 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the eighth talk of the spring, the department welcomed **Professor Gary Watson**, Professor of Philosophy at The University of California-Riverside. Professor Watson spoke on **"The Trouble with Psychopaths"**.



21-22 March 2008

2008 History & Philosophy of Science (HPS) Workshop: Do the History of Science and the Philosophy of Science Have Anything to Say to Each Other?

The **Program in the History and Philosophy of Science (HPS)** held its biennial HPS workshop on **March 21-22, 2008 in 204 Longmire**. The theme of the 2008 workshop was **"Do the History of Science and the Philosophy of Science Have Anything to Say to Each Other?"** Sponsored by the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Endowment Fund, the HPS Workshops offer opportunities for several scholars to present works in progress, which are then discussed critically by the attendees. Click **here** for the complete 2008 HPS Workshop schedule.



22-23 February 2008

4th Annual S.W.A.P. Conference Friday-Saturday, 22-23 February 2008

The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.) presented the **fourth annual S.W.A.P. conference** on 22-23 February 2008. The **keynote speakers** for this event were **Ann Cudd** (University of Kansas), who spoke on "**Wanting Freedom**", and **Marina Oshana** (University of Florida), who delivered "**Through the Looking Glass: What Philosophy Looks Like From the Inside When You're Not-Quite-There**". Papers were also presented from invited graduate students on various branches of philosophy applied to issues of race, sexuality, gender, and related topics. For a detailed program, please [click here](#).



18-20 January 2008

Werkmeister Conference on Free Will & Science Friday-Sunday, 18-20 January 2008

The **FSU Department of Philosophy** presented **The William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Conference on Free Will & Science** on 18-20 January 2008. This was the **8th year** that the department has hosted the conference since its inception back in 2001. **The Werkmeister Conference** is an **annual event** on a selected topic in philosophy held **in honor of Professor William H. Werkmeister and his wife, Lucyle T. Werkmeister**, and is graciously **sponsored by the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Endowment Fund**.



03 December 2007

FSU Graduate-Undergraduate Philosophy Department Colloquium Monday, December 3, 2007 from 2-4 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The **FSU Undergraduate Philosophical Association** hosted the **FSU Graduate-Undergraduate Philosophy Department Colloquium** on **Monday, December 3, 2007 from 2-4 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. This colloquium allowed undergraduate philosophy students the opportunity to meet their teaching assistants and instructors. The event also facilitated discussion on philosophy graduate programs, individuals' FSU experiences in philosophy, and general advice for excelling in the field of philosophy. Undergraduate philosophy majors were encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about their academic and professional future in philosophy.



30 November 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, November 30, 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department concluded the **Fall 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 30 November 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the fifth and final talk of the fall, the department welcomed **Professor Angela Smith**, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Washington. Professor Smith spoke on **"Guilty Thoughts"**.



27 November 2007

Philosophy Major Joseph O'Shea named Rhodes Scholar

Philosophy major **Joseph O'Shea** did it again, as he added **Rhodes Scholar** to his impressive list of accomplishments, including **Truman Scholar**, **FSU student-body president**, and **member of the USA Today's Elite 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team**. As a Rhodes Scholar, O'Shea will receive funds for up to three years of undergraduate or post-graduate study in England at the University of Oxford. For the complete story, click **here**.



05-26 November 2007

Undergraduate Philosophical Association Professor Series

The **FSU Undergraduate Philosophical Association** would like to thank everyone for their participation in the new **Professor Series**, which consisted of four one-hour **Question & Answer sessions** with **faculty members** from the **FSU Department of Philosophy**. The **schedule** for the series was as follows (all sessions were held in **181 Dodd**):

November 5 (2-3 pm): Prof. David McNaughton

November 14 (1-2 pm): Prof. John Roberts

November 19 (2-3 pm): Prof. Michael Bishop

November 26 (2-3 pm): Prof. Justin Leiber



09-11 November 2007

53rd Annual Meeting of the FPA November 9-11, 2007

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association (FPA) was hosted by the **FSU Department of Philosophy** on **9-11 November 2007**. The event commenced at **7:00 pm** on **Friday, 9 November**, at the **Marriot Residence Inn** (600 West Gaines Street) and continued at **8:00 am** on **Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 November**, in the **HCB Building** on the FSU campus. For a copy of the **annual meeting program**, please click **here**.



09 November 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, November 9, 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **Fall 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 9 November 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the fourth talk of the fall, the department welcomed **Professor Michael Strevens**, Associate Professor of Philosophy at New York University. Professor Strevens spoke on "**Ceteris Paribus Hedges in Causal Hypotheses**".



02 November 2007

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation #3

Friday, 02 November 2007 at 3:30 pm in 181 Dodd

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** will hold the third installment of its new **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 02 November 2007 at 3:30 pm in 181 Dodd**. The third talk of the 2007-2008 academic year will be given by **Clifford Sosis**. The title of his talk will be "**Salvaging Virtue: Personal Perfectionism**".



26 October 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 26 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **Fall 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 26 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the third talk of the fall, the department welcomed **Professor David Schmitz**, Kendrick Professor of Philosophy and joint Professor of Economics at the University of Arizona, and a visiting Professor in the FSU College of Law during Fall 2007. Professor Schmitz spoke on "**Psychological Freedom**".



19 October 2007

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation #2

Friday, 19 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 181 Dodd

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** held the second installment of its new **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 19 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 181 Dodd**. The second talk of the 2007-2008 academic year was given by **Jamie Watson**. The title of his talk was "**Intuition and Judgment: A Dilemma for Strategic Reliabilism**".



12 October 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 12 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **Fall 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 12 October 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the second talk of the fall, the department welcomed **Professor Jorge Secada**, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Virginia. Professor Secada spoke on "**Relations, Causes, Thoughts: Suarez and Descartes**".



28 September 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 28 September 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department kicked off the **fall portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 28 September 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For the first talk of the year, the department welcomed **Dr. Michael Zimmerman**, professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Dr. Zimmerman spoke on **"Self-Defense, Risk, and Rights"**.



28-29 September 2007

2nd Annual FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference Friday/Saturday, 28-29 September 2007

The FSU Department of Philosophy and the Graduate Student Philosophical Association would like to thank everyone who participated in the **2nd Annual FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference** on **28-29 September 2007**. Special thanks goes to **Professor Michael Zimmerman** (University of North Carolina-Greensboro), the **keynote speaker** of the event. The **conference schedule** and **abstracts of papers** are available online.



21 September 2007

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Friday Presentation Friday, 21 September 2007 at 3:30 pm in 204 Longmire

The FSU Department of **Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)** kicked off its new **Friday Presentations** program on **Friday, 21 September 2007 at 3:30 pm in 204 Longmire**. This new graduate student run program allows graduate students in the department the opportunity to present papers to their peers on current research projects as they prepare for upcoming conferences or submissions for publication. The inaugural talk of the 2007-2008 academic year was given by **Adam Feltz** and **Chris Zarpentine**. The title of their talk was **"Do You Know More When It Matters Less?"**.



18 September 2007

The Anna Forbes Liddell Graduate Fund for Excellence

The **Anna Forbes Liddell Graduate Fund for Excellence** was

recently established by a generous gift from **Dr. Frank Bean and his wife, Mrs. Miki Bean**. This gift honors the life of Professor **Anna Forbes Liddell**, a philosopher and a pioneering proponent of women's rights. **Dr. Liddell was a gifted and influential teacher at Florida State University for 36 years (1926-1962) and held many distinctions and honors.** Besides her teaching and writing of academic philosophy, she was also very active and successful in the Women's Suffrage Movement. As a teenager she marched with the suffragettes; much later in her life she testified before the Florida House of Representatives in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. This gift will support the needs of graduate students in the Department of Philosophy.



25 April 2007

Professor M. Victoria Costa awarded 2007-2008 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship

Congratulations to FSU Professor M. Victoria Costa for her award of a **2007-2008 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship**. This program supports scholars working in critical areas of education research and funds proposals that make significant scholarly contributions to the field of education.



14 April 2007

Conference on Color Saturday, 14 April 2007

The FSU Department of Philosophy hosted its **Conference on Color** on **Saturday, 14 April 2007**, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (Morning Session) and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Afternoon Session), in the **Starry Conference Room** (Room 214, Rovetta Business Building B). Organized by the philosophy department's own scholar of color, **Joshua Gert**, this conference brought together some of the leading scholars of color, including **Alex Byrne, David Hilbert, Justin Broackes, Michael Watkins, and Jonathan Cohen**.



28 March 2007

Philosophy Major Joseph O'Shea named Truman Scholar

Philosophy major Joseph O'Shea has now added **Truman Scholar** to his impressive list of accomplishments, including **FSU**

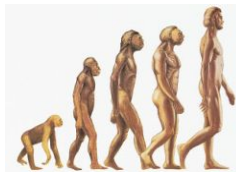
student-body president and **member of the USA Today's Elite 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team**. As a Truman Scholar, O'Shea will receive **\$30,000** to study at the graduate school of his choice, whereupon graduation he will be required to work in public service for three out of seven years. For the complete story, click [here](#).



26 March 2007

In Memoriam: C. David Gruender, Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, (1927-2007)

C. David Gruender, FSU professor emeritus of philosophy and authority on the history and philosophy of science, passed away on **Sunday, 25 March 2007**, at the age of 79. A strong advocate of science education in Tallahassee and the rest of Florida, Professor Gruender taught in the FSU Department of Philosophy from 1967 to 1999 and served six years as the department chair (1972-1978). A **memorial service** will be held **Thursday, 24 May 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Werkmeister Reading Room** of **Dodd Hall**. **Parking** will be available in both the **Dodd Hall and Diffenbaugh Building parking lots** ([map](#)) beginning at **3:30 p.m.**



23-24 March 2007

Werkmeister Conference on the *Origin of Species* Friday/Saturday, 23-24 March 2007

The FSU Department of Philosophy and the Program in the History and Philosophy of Science presented **The William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Conference On the *Origin of Species*** on **23-24 March 2007**. The event took place in **Room 009 Diffenbaugh** on **Friday** and in the **Devoe L. Moore Center, Room 150 Bellamy** on **Saturday**. This was the **7th year** that the department has hosted the conference since its inception back in 2001. **The Werkmeister Conference** is an **annual event** on a selected topic in philosophy held **in honor of Professor William H. Werkmeister and his wife, Lucyle T. Werkmeister**, and is graciously **sponsored by the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Endowment Fund**.



3-4 March 2007

Conference on Virtue & Social Diversity Saturday/Sunday, 3-4 March 2007

The FSU Department of Philosophy would like to thank all of those who attended and participated in the **Conference on Virtue and Social Diversity**, which was held on **3-4 March 2007**. Special

thanks also goes to the organizers of the event, Profs. **Joshua Gert** and **M. Victoria Costa**, and the **FSU College of Business** for permitting the use of the **Starry Conference Room**.



23 February 2007

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 23 February 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department continued the **Spring 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 23 February 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For its second talk of the spring (6th of the year), the department welcomed **Professor Ken Dorter**, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Guelph. Professor Dorter spoke on "**Weakness and Will in Plato's Republic**".



17 February 2007

FSU-UF Graduate Student Philosophy Conference **Saturday, 17 February 2007**

The FSU Department of Philosophy would like to thank everyone for their participation at the **annual Florida State University-University of Florida Graduate Student Philosophy Conference**, which was held **17 February 2007** at Florida State University in **204 Longmire Hall**.



16 February 2007

Undergraduate Philosophy Major Joseph O'Shea named to USA Today's Elite 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team

Philosophy major and newly elected **FSU Student Government President Joseph O'Shea** is one of just 20 undergraduates across the nation to be **named to USA Today's elite 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team**. For the complete story, click **here**.



9-10 February 2007

3rd Annual S.W.A.P. Conference **Friday/Saturday, 9-10 February 2007**

The Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy (S.W.A.P.) and the FSU Department of Philosophy would like to thank everyone for their participation at the **3rd annual S.W.A.P. Conference for Topics of Diversity in Philosophy**, which was held **9-10 February 2007** at Florida State University. The **keynote speakers** for this event were **Professors Alison Jaggar** (University of Colorado-Boulder) and **Peggy DesAutels** (University of Dayton). The **conference** was held in **204 Longmire**, with **keynote presentations** held in **103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For a **copy** of the **conference program**, click **here**.



19 January 2007

Philosophy Department Bayles Lecture **Friday, 19 January 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**

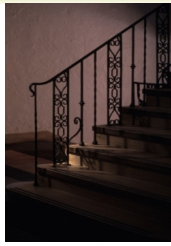
The Philosophy Department kicked off the **Spring 2007 portion** of its **annual colloquium series** on **Friday, 19 January 2007 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For our first talk of the spring (5th of the year), we welcomed **Professor Bernard Gert**, Stone Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy at Dartmouth College. **Professor Gert presented the honorary Bayles Lecture** as he spoke on "Pleasure and Pain".



21 December 2006

Professor Alfred Mele awarded 2007-2008 NEH Fellowship

Congratulations are in order for **FSU Professor Alfred Mele** on his award of a **2007-2008 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship** for work on his upcoming project, ***Intentions in Action: Action Theory and Action Science***.



08 December 2006

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 8 December 2006 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Department of Philosophy welcomed the fourth speaker of its **Fall 2006 colloquium series**. **Professor Adrienne Martin**, who is senior fellow at the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on **Friday, 8 December 2006 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The title of her paper was "Hope and Exploitation".



29 November 2006

Professor Michael Bishop is co-author of one of the Top 5 Downloaded Articles in *Noûs*

"**The Pathologies of Standard Analytic Epistemology**" (*Noûs* 39.4 [2005]: 696-714), an article co-authored by **FSU Professor Michael Bishop** and **J.D. Trout** (Loyola University-Chicago), has been named by **Blackwell Publishing** as **one of the Top 5 Downloaded Articles** in *Noûs*, one of the premier philosophy journals.



02 November 2006

The Great Debate: Is There a God?

The Department of Philosophy co-sponsored (with the **Center for Inquiry Community of Tallahassee** and the **FSU Department of Communication**) a debate on the existence of God between **Richard Swinburne**, Oxford Don, and **R. Joseph Hoffmann**, Chair of the Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion. This event took place on **Thursday, 2 November at 7:00 pm at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center**.

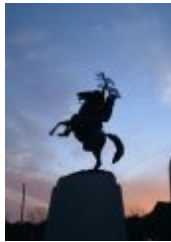
Additionally, the Department of Philosophy welcomed **Richard Swinburne** as the third speaker of our **Fall 2006 colloquium series**. Dr. Swinburne spoke on **Friday, 3 November 2006 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. The title of his paper was "What Makes Me Me".



27-28 October 2006

FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

The FSU Department of Philosophy and the Student Philosophical Association would like to thank everyone for their participation at this year's **FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference**, which was held **27-28 October 2006**. The **keynote speaker** of this event was **Professor James Dreier** (Brown University). The **conference schedule** and **abstracts of papers** are available online.



09 October 2006

PhD Graduate Student Chris Zarpentine Wins 2006 Florida Philosophical Association (FPA) Outstanding Graduate Philosophy Paper Award

The Department of Philosophy would like to congratulate current PhD graduate student **Chris Zarpentine** on **receiving the 2006 FPA Outstanding Graduate Philosophy Paper Award**. This award includes a monetary prize, the opportunity for Chris to present his paper at the upcoming **2006 FPA Annual Conference**, and the publication of Chris' paper in ***The Florida Philosophical Review***. **Past philosophy department graduate student recipients of this award include: Jeremy Kirby (2004) and Jason Turner (2003).**



24 September 2006

2006 Philosophy Department Picnic

The Department of Philosophy held its annual fall picnic on **Sunday, 24 September 2006** from **12:00 noon to 5:00 pm**. The picnic was held at the **FSU Reservation** (for more information about the Reservation and directions, go to: <http://fsu.campusrec.com/reservation/index.shtml>).



01 September 2006

Philosophy Department Colloquium

Friday, 1 September 2006 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)

The Philosophy Department kicked off its **annual colloquium series** this **Friday, 1 September 2006 at 3:30 pm in 103 Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA)**. For our first talk of the year, we welcomed **Dr. Ish Haji**, professor of philosophy at the University of Calgary. Dr. Haji spoke on "**Hard Incompatibilism, Value, and the Repugnant Conclusion.**"



28 August 2006

New Faculty

The Department of Philosophy would like to welcome Professors **Michael Bishop, Randolph Clarke, Marie Fleming, Justin Leiber, Michael McKenna**, and Visiting Assistant Professor **Robert Arp** to FSU.



03-30 July 2006

Philosophy Department Donates 1,000 Books to the FSU Libraries

In collaboration with James Rhoades, FSU Libraries liaison with the Department of Philosophy, the **FSU Libraries has received 1,000 books as a donation from the Department of Philosophy**. The full story appears **here** on page 5 of *The State*, vol. 41.1 (July 3-30, 2006).

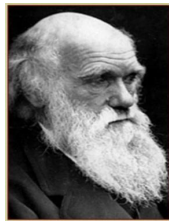


12 June 2006

PhD Graduate Student Adam Feltz Wins 2006-2007 Kingsbury Writing Award

The Department of Philosophy would like to congratulate current PhD graduate student **Adam Feltz** on being named as **one of the recipients of the 2006-2007 Kingsbury Writing Award**. This

university wide fellowship is awarded annually to four graduate students who exhibit "excellence of thought and expression, creativity, and originality." **Past philosophy department graduate student Kingsbury awardees include: Lisa Watkins (2005-2006), Thomas Nadelhoffer (2004-2005), Charles Hermes (2003-2004), Jeremy Kirby (2002-2003), Adam Sipos (2001-2002), and Peter Hanowell (2000-2001).**



17 May 2006

Public Forum: "Keeping Science & Religion Separate in Schools: THE VIGIL AFTER DOVER"

This forum was the first public, high-level, in-depth discussion by leading authorities in evolutionary biology, theology, philosophy, anthropology, and constitutional law on the implications of *Kitzmiller et al v. The Dover School District et al* since a federal ruling was handed down in that case—the nation's first trial on intelligent design—on Dec. 20, 2005. **Professor Michael Ruse** was among the panelists to discuss the Dover aftermath. Professor Michael Ruse is the Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University.



10 April 2006

Professor Alfred Mele Receives 2005-2006 Graduate Teaching Award

On 10 April 2006, **Professor Alfred Mele** was presented with the 2005-2006 Graduate Teaching Award for his excellence in graduate teaching. Recipients of this award are deemed outstanding in the many aspects of teaching which contribute to successful teaching and learning. Professor Mele is the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University.