

# Indiana University P.H.I.L.O.S.O.P.H.Y Alumni Newsletter

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## Cocchiarella retires after three decades at IU

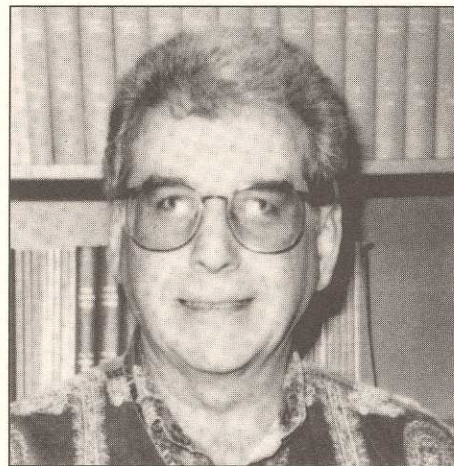
Professor Nino B. Cocchiarella retired at the end of the 1997-98 year. He had been at IU for more than 30 years, teaching untold numbers of students in his P150 classes alone! He first came here in 1968, after being recruited by then-chair George Nakhnikian. Nino's presence has contributed greatly to the high profile of the department in logic and technical philosophy since that date. He has also served as the faculty advisor to the Analytic Philosophy Project and its student-managed *Electronic Journal of Analytic Philosophy*.

While teaching, Nino has made important contributions to formal ontology, to the logic of temporal reference, and to the history of early analytic philosophy. He has used modern symbolic logic to address ancient philosophical problems and in service to a range of philosophical ideals. He has a commitment to the idea that, if we wish to expose the deep structure of our most complex concepts, if we seek true philosophical understanding, we ought to devise formal, logical techniques for the perspicuous representation and close examination of those perplexing concepts.

Symbolic logic has been for Nino an analytical tool, and with it he has shed light on the phenomena of tense and temporal reference in language, on the philosophical and semantical character of modality, on relations between the mathematical and the logical notions of class, on issues crucial to understanding the origins of analytical philosophy, on the connections between predication and nominalization in ordinary language, and on the perennial metaphysical quarrels between nominalism, conceptualism, and realism.

Nino received his undergraduate education at Columbia University and his doctorate from UCLA. His dissertation, *Tense Logic: A Study of Temporal Reference*, contained some of the first completeness theorems in this area, and those results have become classics in the field.

The NSF has supported Nino's work with several grants over the years, as has the NEH. He has held research and lecture appointments at the University of Stuttgart and the University of Padua. He is a member of the Cognitive Science programs both here at IU and at the University of Costa Rica.



Nino B. Cocchiarella

Already the author of numerous articles and books, Nino is working on two more books, one on the syntax and semantics of modal logic and one tentatively titled *Conceptual Realism and Intensional Logic*. It is clear that retirement will not slow his philosophical productivity. Nino and his wife, Louanna, look forward to having more time to travel, but the travels will never take him away from philosophy.

## Departmental history book still available

A limited number of Professor Emeritus Henry Veatch's book on the history of our department are still available. It is called *Towards a History of the Indiana University Philosophy Department in Bloomington: The Years 1929-65 (A Personal Memoir)*.

Henry Veatch began as an instructor in the department in 1937, just eight years after it was established as an independent unit. He stayed until 1965. He returned to Bloomington after retiring from Georgetown in 1982.

The book is available for \$45, which represents the cost of producing the book plus a \$10 donation to the Dona Roberts Biddle Scholarship Fund, which Henry and his wife, Janie, helped establish. To order, send a check (payable to the Indiana University Foundation) to Margie Clark, Department of Philosophy, Sycamore 026, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

## Mosses fund new graduate fellowship

Long-time departmental employee Nancy Moss and her husband, Bud, have established a graduate fellowship to honor their fathers, James M. Fields and Anthony J. Moss.

Even though neither Mr. Fields nor Mr. Moss graduated from IU, Bud and Nancy credit them with instilling in their children a sense of the importance of a good education. James Fields did attend IU where, among other activities, he

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### Faculty news

#### Awards

Three of our faculty have received Writing/Teaching Fellowships from the IU Campus Writing Program. **Paul Franks**, **David McCarty**, and **Tim O'Connor** will each spend eight weeks of the summer revising the teaching of particular classes so that they incorporate more writing on the part of the students. McCarty will concentrate on P105 (Thinking and Reasoning) and P150 (Elementary Symbolic Logic); Franks will work on P135 (Introduction to Existentialism); O'Connor will revise his COAS topics course Religion in Contemporary Culture.

McCarty has also received a research grant from the German government for work he will do on his upcoming sabbatical.

**Paul Eisenberg** was honored on Founders Day with the Pinnell Award for Distinguished Service to the university.

**K. Jon Barwise** was co-winner of the 1997 Educom Medal, along with John Etchemendy, a professor at Stanford. The two collaborated on three computer programs to help students learn logic: "Turing's World," "Tarski's World," and "Hyperproof."

**Fred Beiser** received a Student Choice Award for undergraduate teaching.

**Anil Gupta** will be on a fellowship at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford during

the next academic year. He also had a special session at the APA devoted to his Revision Theory of Truth.

**Leah Savion** was selected by the Graduate School to teach a pedagogy course for potential college instructors. This course is in conjunction with the Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship Program.

#### Publications, lectures

Department faculty continue to publish and lecture widely. Among the highlights:

**Myles Brand**, **Peg Brand**, and **Karen Hanson** presented papers at the World Congress of Philosophy in August. The three, along with **Paul Eisenberg**, also appeared on the local public television show "Pro and Con." The topic of the night was "Why Are There No Great Women Philosophers?" Professor Marthe Chandler, of DePauw, also participated.

**Graciela De Pierris** gave talks in Nottingham, England, as well as in Buenos Aires and La Plata, Argentina.

**Michael Friedman** spoke in London, as well as at several U.S. universities.

**Michele Moody-Adams** published *Fieldwork in Familiar Places: Morality, Culture, and Philosophy* (Harvard University Press). The book was the subject of a special session at the Central APA meeting.

**Karen Hanson** has finished a term as APA delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. She presented a paper at the meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics. Karen is now chairing a special committee of the APA focussing on problems and priorities of the profession. She asks that if any alumni

have suggestions about how they could be better served by the APA, please get in touch with her.

### Special programs, conferences, speakers highlight year

The 1997 Indiana University Fall Philosophy Colloquium was held in late September. The topic was "Kant and Post-Kantian Idealism." Speakers included **Paul Guyer**, **Karl Ameriks**, **Frederick Neuhouser**, and **Allen Wood**. **Graciela DePierris** organized the conference.

A special treat was featured at the annual departmental holiday party when three undergraduates, **Russell DiSilvestro**, **Adam Spaetti**, and **Rick Hammond**, staged a play, titled "Between Heaven and Hell," by Peter Kreeft. This fictitious dialogue portrays an after-death conversation between C.S. Lewis, John F. Kennedy, and Aldous Huxley, all of whom died on Nov. 22, 1963.

This year's Julia Jean Nelson Rudd Lecturer on Animal Rights was **Vicki Hearne**, who spoke on "The Phenomenology of Toto."

Other invited speakers included **Jaakko Hintikka**, **Margaret Simons**, **Alan Code**, and **Richard Wollheim**.

This year's Graduate Student Conference, held in February, featured talks by **Marcia Wilt**, **Yiwei Zheng**, **Kai-Use Kuehnberger**, and **Axel Barcelo**.

### Student news

The annual departmental honors reception was held in late April and, once again, served as a way to publicly acknowledge a few of our many splendid students. The Oscar R. Ewing Essay winners were **Phillip Jones** (undergraduate) and **Yiwei Zheng** (graduate). The Academic Excellence Awards went to **Geoffrey Miller** (undergraduate), **Andrew Janiak** and **Richard Corry** (graduates). **Russell DiSilvestro** won the Biddle Scholarship, while **Karen Brown** received the Nelson Dissertation-Year Fellowship. The awards for Associate Instructor Excellence went to **Steve Crowley** and **Caleb Liang**.

December graduate **April Goble** attended the Women As Leaders Seminar in Washington, D.C., in January. Only 75 women nationwide were invited to this event. Goble had been a student in the McNair Scholars Program at IU and was mentored by Professor Peg Brand. Before pursuing a graduate degree, Goble has been chosen to participate in the

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## Graduate fellowship

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sang in the Singing Hoosiers with Hoagy Carmichael. He was unable to stay till graduation because of the death of his father.

Nancy and Bud are both graduates and long-time boosters of the university and its activities. While most vocal, perhaps, in their support of the football team, the Mosses also support the true function of the university: educating the young. This fellowship is a concrete example of that support.

The James M. Fields and Anthony J. Moss Fellowship will be given to a graduate student in philosophy who plans to work in the fields of history or ethics. It will be a yearly award and can be held by the same person for up to four years.

The fellowship is a future bequest and will not be activated until after the deaths of the donors.

The department is sincerely grateful to Nancy and Bud for their generosity. In fact, this year's graduate students were so moved by the Mosses' generosity that they gave them a special plaque at the departmental holiday party. It reads:

"Whereas Nancy Moss and Bud Moss have selflessly promoted the interests of Indiana University;

"Whereas their devotion to the Department of Philosophy and their endowment of the James M. Fields and Anthony J. Moss Fellowship honor lovers of wisdom;

"We, the Graduate Students of the Department of Philosophy, 1997-98, express our gratitude and declare them to be the epitome of the Hoosier spirit."

# Mike Dunn chairs IU's Technology Committee

IU recently revealed a plan to become a national leader in the application and use of information technology. Called the "Information Technology Strategic Plan: Architecture for the 21st Century," the plan was presented by Michael McRobbie, vice president for information technology and professor of philosophy and computer science, at the June Board of Trustees meeting.

The plan was developed by the University Information Technology Committee, chaired by philosophy Professor J. Michael Dunn. Mike says the plan took many viewpoints into account while outlining goals and plans for the future. It is what the group thinks is needed for IU to become an absolute leader in the application and use of information technology. The plan argues that e-infra-

structure (bits in order) are every bit as important as more traditional infrastructure (bricks and mortar).

The plan encompasses implementing new ways to deliver instruction; meeting the new needs of students' professional development; transforming the university's business processes; and dealing with issues of access, security, and privacy broached by new methods of communication.

Among the plan's recommendations are building a solid information technology infrastructure; providing students, faculty, and staff with reliable access to computing and network services; helping the university use information technology to facilitate and enhance learning and teaching; aiding in research; and managing a universitywide system of information systems management.

Student computing will also be supported with information technology tools, infrastructure, and support services to aid in learning and research for all academic disciplines.

But the plan is not yet set in stone. Mike calls it a "wish list" and describes it as an overview that will suit the university over the next five years. He emphasizes that implementation depends on how much funding is received.

"The legislature has given an additional two percent of the state allocation for information technology for this new academic year 1998-99," says Dunn. "A lot of us very much hope that this can be made part of the permanent budget in the legislature's next session."

To view the university's Information Technology Strategic Plan, go online to <http://www.indiana.edu/~ovpit>.

## Alumni news

**William F. Cooper**, PhD'67, retired as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Baylor University in July 1996 and resumed full-time teaching responsibilities in the philosophy department in July 1997.

**Frank Foulks**, PhD'90, will soon have a paper published in the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*.

**Ricardo Gomez**, MA'78, PhD'82, professor of philosophy at California State University, Los Angeles, received a 1995-96 Outstanding Professor Award, the highest honor bestowed by that university. Previously, Gomez was dean of the School of Humanities, professor of mathematics and philosophy, and director of the Institute of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the University of La Plata in Argentina.

The latest book by **Vernon Alfred Howard**, PhD'65, is *Work, Education, and Leadership*, with Israel Scheffler (New York: Peter Lang, 1995, second printing 1996). Howard works at the Harvard University Research Center, Cambridge.

**Richard T. Hull**, PhD'71, has been appointed executive director of the Texas Council for the Humanities.

**Donald Bagley Marquis**, BA'57, MA'64, PhD'70, professor of philosophy at the University of Kansas, was named an Outstanding Educator for 1997 by KU's chapter of Mortar Board, a national honor society. Marquis was a

Mellon Fellow in 1981 and 1985.

**Pamela D. (Richards) Mercado**, BA'81, has traveled the world seeking to help others since her graduation. As part of the Peace Corps, she went to Chile and worked with the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere, raising funds to supplement CARE meals. Later, she directed a Kokomo school for migrant workers. Most recently, Mercado went to India as one of two U.S. representatives to a leadership training session, called "Creating Communities of Hope and Peace," sponsored by the

North American Retreat Directors Association and the World Council of Churches.

**Richard Craig Sautter**, BA'69, who is with DePaul University in Chicago, had his book *Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions 1960-1996* published by Loyola Press, 1996.

**John Hardy Turner**, BA'96, lives in Altoona, Pa., where he administers a project that combines scientific techniques with functional landscape art to make useable parks out of abandoned lands.

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Teach America Program in which she will teach elementary school in Mississippi for two years.

Four undergraduates were elected to Phi Beta Kappa this spring, **Edward DeHainault**, **Geoffrey Miller**, **Justin Gent**, and **Ian Schmutte**. DeHainault graduated with highest distinction in May, as did **Russell DiSilvestro**.

Our graduate students have been busy also. **Anthony Chemero** will soon have a paper published in *Evolution and Cognition* and will give talks this summer in Belgium and Portugal. He is also participating in an NSF workshop.

**Adam Kovach** presented a paper at the 44th annual Wheaton College Philosophy Conference.

**Kata Bimbo** spoke at the spring meeting of the Association of Symbolic Logic

and also at the 20th World Congress of Philosophy. She and Professor Michael Dunn co-wrote a paper, published by the Interest Group in Pure and Applied Logic.

**Yiwei Zheng** also spoke at the 20th World Congress of Philosophy. He has refereed several papers and given a number of presentations, primarily on Ockham and Wittgenstein.

Perhaps even more important, several of our current and recent students have taken teaching positions elsewhere. **James Edwards** is going to the University of Redlands; **Jeffrey Fry** will be at Ball State next year; **James Hardy** will be at UCLA; **Ivan Marquez** is going to Bentley College; and **John Musselman** is already teaching at Holyoke Community College. **H. Peter Steeves** will study in South America for a year on a Fulbright and then move on to DePaul.

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