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Around Sycamore

New faculty join department

The philosophy department is pleased to announce the addition of three new colleagues to our ranks.

Adam Leite has just completed his PhD at Harvard and will join us in Bloomington this fall. His areas of specialization include epistemology and ancient philosophy. Adam's undergraduate work was done at Berkeley, and he has won several awards and prizes, including a Mellon Fellowship.

Marcia Baron and **Frederick Schmitt** will join the department a year later, in fall 2001. They have both been on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Marcia earned her MA and PhD at the University of North Carolina. She has a bachelor's degree from Oberlin. She has taught in New Zealand and Australia, as well as at the University of Michigan. An ethics specialist, she has written several books and articles.

Fred specializes in epistemology and metaphysics and is also widely published. His graduate work was done at the University of Michigan and his undergraduate degree is from Syracuse University. He has taught at Michigan, North Carolina, and Southern California.

Faculty News

Michael Friedman and **Graciela De Pierris** were participants in the IX International Kant Congress in Berlin in March. This conference was the largest-ever philosophy conference devoted

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Campus mourns Jon Barwise

K. Jon Barwise, College Professor of computer science, mathematics, and philosophy, died on March 5 of cancer at his home in Bloomington. He was 57.

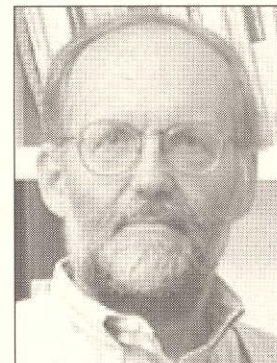
Barwise was internationally known for his research in logic and its interactions with other fields. Most recently, Barwise and John Etchemendy of Stanford developed a computer project called Hyperproof, a program that combines symbolic and graphical representation of problems and serves as a tool for analytical reasoning. Jon had also started the Visual Inference Laboratory at IU to study forms of reasoning with diagrams.

Barwise received his bachelor's degree in mathematics and philosophy from Yale University in 1963 and his doctorate in mathematics from Stanford University in 1967. He joined the IU faculty in 1990. Previously, he had held positions at Stanford, Yale, and the University of Wisconsin.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen, and three children: Jon Russell, Melanie, and Claire.

Jon's friends paid tribute to him at a memorial service held in the School of Fine Arts Gallery on the Bloomington campus on April 30. Speakers included President Myles Brand and Indiana University professors J. Michael Dunn, Brian Smith, and Holly Stocking. Also sharing remembrances were Solomon Feferman and John Etchemendy from Stanford, Sun-Joo Shin from Notre Dame, and Robin Cooper from Göteborg University. Jon's outstanding contributions to the profession were discussed, as were his influence as a teacher and his thoughts as he faced his battle with cancer. Musical interludes were provided by Wanda Jaraworski on violin and Irene Schreiber Scott on piano. Some of Jon's own paintings were on display also.

Donations in memory of Jon Barwise should be sent to the Ting-Sha Institute (Cancer Retreat Center), Post Office Box 226, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956.



Indiana University President Myles Brand pays tribute to Jon Barwise at a memorial service in April. Brand stands surrounded by Barwise's paintings, which were on display for the occasion.

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exclusively to Immanuel Kant, and one of the largest philosophy conferences ever held in Germany. Eight hundred philosophers attended. Friedman was one of three keynote speakers, and De Pierris delivered a paper. Friedman also attended conferences in Italy and gave another series of lectures in Germany, as well as speaking at Princeton and Stanford.

Karen Hanson and **Dennis Senchuk** delivered invited papers at the 27th annual Conference of the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa in Johannesburg in January. This conference was organized by IU philosophy alumnus **Michael Pendlebury**, MA'78, PhD'80, who is now chair of the philosophy department at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Pendlebury delivered a paper, as did his wife, **Mary Tjiattas**, also a member of the Witwatersrand philosophy department. Karen Hanson also was invited to give a paper at the American Society for Aesthetics meeting in Washington.

Peg Brand hosted a semester-long visit in Bloomington by artist **Judy Chicago** and team-taught a course with Chicago and IUPUI art historian **Jean Robertson**.

Myles Brand was on an invited panel at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association this spring. The topic was "Corporatizing the University."

J. Michael Dunn gave talks in Germany and at the seventh Asian Logic Conference in Taiwan.

Paul Eisenberg and **Mike Morgan** gave talks at a conference on Spinoza and Judaism at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Eisenberg also served as grand marshal at all IU commencements this year. Morgan gave a series of talks in Australia and New Zealand.

David Finkelstein participated in this year's Oberlin Philosophy Colloquium.

In May, **Anil Gupta** gave a series of three lectures at a conference titled "Applications of Logic in Philosophy and in the Foundations of Mathematics" in Karpacz, Poland. He also gave a talk at Harvard.

David McCarty has published (with M. Dottlefsen and J. Bacon) *Logic from A to Z*, a glossary of logic terms, and he gave a talk at the joint meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic and the American Mathematical Society.

Tim O'Connor spoke at the fifth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies at Beijing University and also at National Taiwan University.

The department hosted the spring

meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association. **Dennis Senchuk** has served as president of the IPA for 1999-2000 and **Paul Eisenberg** was elected secretary-treasurer at this year's meeting.

Student News

Several students participated in the Indiana Philosophical Association meeting. **Ingo Farin** gave a talk, as did **Hans Kim**. **Darren Abramson** served as a commentator.

The annual departmental awards reception was held in April. Winners were **Joshua Shaw** (Graduate Ewing Essay); **Beth Tropman** (Academic Excellence, graduate); **Elizabeth McKibbin** (Academic Excellence, undergraduate); **Rondo Keele** (Outstanding A.I.); **Elizabeth McKibbin** (Dona Roberts Biddle Memorial Scholarship); and **Caleb Liang** (Nelson Dissertation Year Fellowship).

Undergraduate **Ryan Deasy** won a prize from the Honors College for the best essay submitted to its literary magazine, *The Undergraduate Scholar*. The paper, on the Nietzschean influence on Lukas Foss's *Time Cycle*, was originally written for Paul Eisenberg's P246 Introduction to Philosophy and the Arts.

On the placement front, **Ingo Farin** has a one-year position at William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and **Karen Brown** has a tenure-track appointment at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Web news

Karen Hanson chaired the ad hoc Committee on Ppriorities and Problems for the APA. The group was appointed in the winter and spring of 1997-98, charged with "proposing priorities for the association for the next decade and to identify the problems that the association faces." Karen presented the comprehensive report to the APA last fall. Many of the committee's recommendations were forwarded to the Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession, chaired by Myles Brand. The report, which is of interest to all who work in the field, whether or not they belong to the APA, can be found at www.udel.edu/apa.

The department now has its own "cyber-medievalist." **Paul Spade** maintains several Web sites, many of which can be accessed from <http://pvspade.com>. They include his personal site, and a Jean-Paul Sartre site, which includes versions of lectures and handouts from his courses on Sartre. He also maintains a Medieval Logic and Philosophy site aimed more at the professional historian of medieval philosophy. One particularly useful feature of this site is a list of e-mail addresses for those in the

field worldwide. A bulletin board is also available as are many online publications. The latter include a version of Paul's notorious "Course in the Box" (officially known as Survey of Medieval Philosophy).

Paul has just begun setting up a second set of sites at www.paulvincentspade.com. These will be devoted to courses he is teaching. Although these sites are still under construction, there are some materials there, including those for a new undergraduate course on Kierkegaard. The sites will eventually include discussion forums and online quizzes.

And, finally, Paul has set up a Web site for a new community organization called Jazz from Bloomington. It will be open for business sometime this fall at www.bloomington.in.us/~jfb.



Isidore of Seville, patron saint of computers, computer users, and the Internet, relaxes offline.

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Philosophy faculty publish record number of new books

Many of the philosophy faculty have elected to start the millennium by publishing new books. As you might suspect, the topics covered are as diverse as the faculty itself. However, two of them don't fit into what one might consider the realm of the typical philosophy book.

Professor Emeritus **Milton Fisk** has written *Toward a Healthy Society: The Morality and Politics of American Health Care Reform* (University Press of Kansas). Milton began the book in the early 1990s when Clinton was first elected and talk of health care reform was everywhere. The book argues for a universal health-care system in the United States. He believes health care is a public good, not a private commodity — similar to education and public safety. It is therefore something that society should provide for all.

Peg Zeglin Brand has edited *Beauty Matters* (Indiana University Press), in which an international group of scholars discuss aesthetics in the arts, the tools of fashion, the materials of decoration, and the big business of beautification — beauty matters — to reveal the ways gender, race, and sexual orientation have informed the concept of beauty. Various philosophical perspectives emerge as the book draws from visual art, dance, cultural history, and literary and feminist theory to explore the values and politics of beauty.

Timothy O'Connor brings us back to the more traditional philosophy book with *Persons & Causes: The Metaphysics of Free Will* (Oxford University Press). In this book, Tim systematically develops an account of human agency intended to shed light on basic questions such as: What happens when someone acts? How is

freedom of choice possible? What are the springs of free will?

Michael Friedman has written *Reconsidering Logical Positivism* (Cambridge University Press), offering a reinterpretation of the enduring significance of logical positivism, the revolutionary philosophical movement centered around the Vienna Circle in the 1920s and 1930s.

Paul Vincent Spade has edited *The Cambridge Companion to Ockham* (Cambridge University Press). This is a volume of specially commissioned essays, together with a substantial bibliography, on the Franciscan William of Ockham, a medieval English philosopher, theologian, and political theorist. It will serve as a reference book for both scholars and nonspecialists.

Adjunct Professor **James Hart** and **Tomis Kapitan**, PhD'78, have edited *The Phenomeno-Logic of the I*, a collection of essays by the late Hector-Neri Castañeda on self-reference and self-consciousness. It is an attempt to bring together Hector's many essays on these topics. Many had been published in various journals previously, but some of the works were not previously published.

Anil Gupta has co-edited a book with **Andre Chapuis**, PhD'94. In *Circularity Definition and Truth* (Indian Council of Philosophical Research), they have collected 18 new essays on topics of interest to logicians and philosophers — definitions and the concept of truth. Several other IU graduates are among the contributors: **Adam Kovach**, **Byeong Deok Lee**, **Francesco Orilia**, and **Gregg Rosenberg**.

Congratulations to these outstanding faculty authors. These works contribute to their individual disciplines and to society at large.

Alumni news

Before 1960

Lois Fort Cowles, BA'55, MA'66, wrote a textbook titled *Social Work in the Health Field: A Care Perspective* (Haworth Press, 2000). She is an associate professor at Idaho State University.

1960s

Robert C. Levinson, BA'64, JD'70, is the northeast regional director for Cybersettle.com, an Internet dispute resolution service.

John F. Vollrath, PhD'67, retired in June 1999 after teaching philosophy for 32 years. He is the author of *Science and Moral Values* (University Press of America, 1990).

1970s

Ron Mote, BA'72, MBA'77, is branch manager of Stopka and Associates, an information technology consulting firm. He lives in Beech Grove, Ind.

William J. Rapaport, MA'74, PhD'76, published, with **Francesco Orilia**, PhD'86, *Thought, Language, and Ontology: Essays in Memory of Hector Neri Castañeda* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1998). Rapaport is an associate professor of computer science and an adjunct professor of philosophy at the State University of New York. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

M. Jayne Fleener, BA'78, is associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Oklahoma.

Stanley A. Williams, BA'78, MS'86, is a hydrologist for the St. Johns River Waste Management District. He and his wife, Carol, live in St. Augustine, Fla.

Deborah L. Vess, BA'79, was named a Pew Scholar with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. She is the director of interdisciplinary studies and an associate professor of history at Georgia College and State University.

1980s

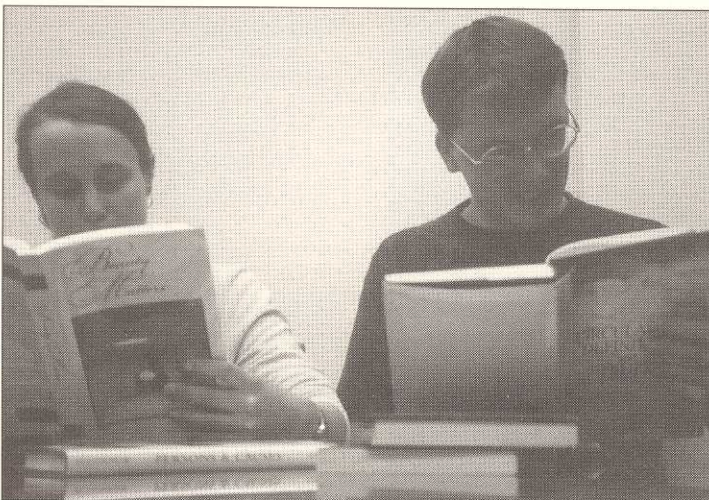
Dan D. Hereford, BA'82, MBA'84, is the marketing manager for Clarke America's business and financial documents division.

James F. Boland IV, BA'87, is a network specialist with Technology Service Solutions. He and his wife, Christina, live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Their son, Andrew, was born in fall 1998.

John D. Skrentny, BA'88, wrote *The Ironies of Affirmative Action* (University of Chicago Press, 1996). He is on the sociology faculty at the University of California, San Diego.

Gary N. Curtis, MA'89, PhD'93, has

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Graduate students Melissa Seymour and Kevin Robbins consider, respectively, beauty and truth, as elucidated in two of the many new books by department faculty.

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left Indiana State University, Terre Haute, for a position at CYCORP, a company developing artificial intelligence software with common sense. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Rick E. Schmalzried, BA'89, is a statistical programmer at Trilogy Consulting. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Three Rivers, Mich.

1990s

Julie E. Ott, BA'92, is an associate at Barnes and Thornburg in Indianapolis.

Andrew U. Straw, BA'92, MS'95, JD'97, since August 1998, has worked for philanthropist Alan M. Vorhees in Virginia. Currently Andrew is part of a multidisciplinary team Mr. Vorhees assembled to develop a land records automation system. Future plans include developing a 100-percent automated court docketing and appeals software package. Andrew passed the Virginia bar in April 1999. He lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

Marshal L. Chaifetz, BA'94, JD'97, of Bloomington, is the director of IU's Upward Bound Program, which helps low-income, first-generation high school students prepare for college.

H. Peter Steeves, PhD'95, an assistant professor of philosophy at DePaul, has edited a new book, *Animal Others: On Ethics, Ontology, and Animal Life* (SUNY Press, 1999).

Adam Kovach, PhD'98, has accepted a position with the university honors program at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Mark Mattox, PhD'98, continues his military career with a posting to Belgium, where he is on the staff in charge of nuclear operations for NATO.

Katalin Bimbo, PhD'99, has accepted a three-year research fellowship with the Automated Reasoning Project at the Australian National University, Canberra.

2000

Yiwei Zheng, PhD'00, remains at St. Cloud State, where his visiting position has been turned into a permanent appointment.

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