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Around Sycamore

New faculty join department

Our department continues to grow and change. We are pleased to announce that three new professors will join us over the next two years.

Jonathan Weinberg comes to us from Rutgers, where he has just defended his dissertation "Intuitions: An A Posteriori Critique of the A Priori." He earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard, and his areas of specialization include epistemology, philosophy of mind, and cognitive science. A native of Memphis, Tenn., Jonathan is looking forward to being "closer to home." He arrives this fall semester.

Joan Weiner, widely recognized as an expert on Frege, has published several books and articles on Frege and his influence on modern logic. She will teach courses on logic, philosophy of language, and the history of philosophy. Her PhD is from Harvard, and she has degrees from the University of Michigan and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Mark Kaplan, an epistemologist specializing in decision theory, also works in philosophy of science. (His published work has been described as bridging the gap between these two areas.) He will teach in these areas as well as in logic. His degrees are from the University of Michigan and Brown University.

Mark and Joan come to us from the University of Wisconsin. Both have also spent time recently as visiting fellows of the University of London. They will come to Bloomington in fall 2002.

Faculty news

Peg Brand gave talks at the Pratt Institute, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Graciela DePierris was named associate member of the board of directors of *Analysis*
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Moss retires

Nancy Moss retired on June 30 after 18 years as administrative assistant in the philosophy department.

During that time, Nancy has been the departmental backbone through four different chairs, untold numbers of faculty, and various other staff members.

A reception in Nancy's honor was held in the University Club on June 22. Three of the four chairs spoke (Karen Hanson, Mike Dunn, and Paul Eisenberg), as did Margie Clark representing staff, and Steve Crowley speaking for the graduate students. All spoke not only of her vast knowledge of university policies, but also of her helpfulness and friendship. Mike and Paul also reminded the audience of the graduate fellowship Nancy and her husband, Bud, had established to honor the memory of their fathers, Anthony Moss and James Fields. Nancy and Bud intend to do some serious traveling now. Bon voyage, Nancy. You deserve the best.



Nancy Moss and new administrative assistant Karen Loffland at Nancy's reception. For more pictures of events during the year, see page 2.

Philosopher's memorial area dedicated

In a special ceremony last fall, the Department of Philosophy remembered three former faculty members who influenced not only their colleagues but many, many students over the years.

About 60 people witnessed the dedication of memorials to Henry Veatch, K. Jon Barwise, and Hector-Neri Castañeda. Philosophy Chair Karen Hanson presided over the ceremony, dedicating a pink dogwood tree to Veatch; a beech tree to Barwise; and a limestone bench to Castañeda. All the memorials are located in the Wells Quad courtyard area. The red brick path that winds through the area now features a series of granite inlays, each reading "Philosopher's Path, September 8, 2000."

After President Myles Brand spoke on the contributions of all three men, individual remembrances were shared by

colleagues who knew them well.

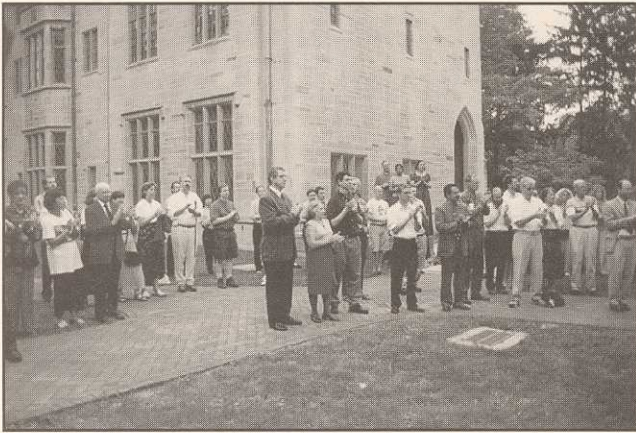
Milton Fisk called Veatch a peacemaker who realized the importance of promoting a variety of approaches to philosophy.

Mike Dunn praised Barwise for his valuable research, his service on university committees, and his work with students in developing a software program to teach introductory logic.

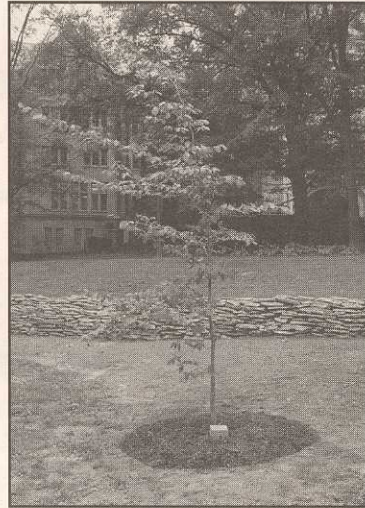
Paul Eisenberg recalled that Castañeda was a pioneer in the study of the history of philosophy of science and reminded attendees that Hector could often be seen in a favorite T-shirt that featured philosopher/scientist Galileo.

The memorial area enhances the beautiful quad area that all three men admired. As Karen noted, "We will remember these colleagues daily, and these memorials will stand as tributes to them for generations to come."

The year in review



The crowd gives applause at the memorial's dedication.



Tree dedicated to K. Jon Barwise.



Chair Karen Hanson speaking at the dedication ceremony.



Undergraduate award winners Alanna Galati, Eric Howell, Adam Pare, and Gregory Gates.



Professor Paul Spade with graduate award winners Melissa Seymour, Joshua Shaw, George Theiner, and Brian McDonald at an awards reception.



Nancy admiring the stained glass window present to her from a grateful department.



Nancy and Bud Moss surrounded by some of the many graduate students she's helped over the years.

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Filosofico. She also participated in a conference sponsored by the History of the Philosophy of Science Society and the Vienna Kreis in Vienna in July 2000.

Paul Eisenberg will serve this year as president of the IUB chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Michael Friedman gave the keynote address at the History of Philosophy of Science Conference and the eighth annual Vienna Circle Lecture in Vienna. In addition, he gave the presidential address for the Philosophy of Science Association and organized and participated in an international conference on "Kant and the Exact Sciences" for the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology.

Chair **Karen Hanson** has been named the Rudy Professor of Philosophy. She was also elected the central division representative to the APA board of officers. She delivered the keynote address at the third International Symposium on Pragmatism in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and spoke at a symposium on film narrative at the American Society for Aesthetics meetings in Reno, Nev.

Adam Leite won the Bechtel Prize in Philosophy from Harvard University.

David McCarty gave talks at a symposium on the philosophy of mathematics at the University of Bielefeld and the Universitat Erlangen, and also at an international symposium on Russell's Paradox at the University of Munich. All three talks were held in Germany.

Michael Morgan had three books published that he either wrote or edited: *A Holocaust Reader*, *Franz Rosenzweig: Philosophical and Theological Writings* (co-edited with Paul Franks), and *Interim Judaism: Jewish Thought in a Century of Crisis*. He also spoke at the Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy at the University of Texas.

Tim O'Connor gave talks at Davidson College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Leah Savion has been selected as the first recipient of the AI Quality Enhancement Award. The award, presented by the College of Arts and Sciences, is designed to honor the faculty member who does the most to help associate instructors learn the craft of teaching.

Dennis Senchuk delivered a paper at the third International Symposium on Pragmatism in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and chaired a symposium at the Radical Philosophy Association meetings on Milton Fisk's *Toward a Healthy Society: The Morality and Politics of American Health Care Reform*.

Paul Spade published a translation of *Walter Burley: On the Purity of the Art of Logic*. He also posted "Why Don't Medieval Logicians Ever Tell Us What They're Doing? Or, What Is This, a Conspiracy?" on his Web site pvspade.com.



Student News

This year's departmental Academic Excellence Awards went to **Gregory Gates** and **Joshua Shaw**. The Oscar R. Ewing Graduate Essay winners were **Eric Howell** and **George Theiner**. **Melissa Seymour** was the Outstanding Associate Instructor, while **Brian McDonald** won the James B. Nelson Graduate Fellowship.

This year's Dona Roberts Biddle Memorial Philosophy Scholarship was awarded to **Alanna J. Galati**, a junior philosophy major. Along with being a good student, she has spent a great deal of time doing community service in such places as Bloomington, Ind., Kenya, and Brazil.

Undergraduates **Brett Reichwage** and **Adam Pare** have won COAS fellowships.

Senior majors **Greg Gates** and **Zachary May** graduated *summa cum laude*, and **Jin Han** graduated *magna cum laude*.

Alumni news

1960s

R. Craig Sautter, BA'69, published *Philadelphia Presidential Conventions* (December Press, 2000). He is a teacher at Depaul University and can be e-mailed at rcsautter@aol.com. He and his wife, Sally, BA'69, live in Chicago.

1970s

John Beversluis, PhD'72, is on faculty at Butler University. His publications include two books (one on C.S. Lewis and another on Socrates) and numerous articles on ancient Greek philosophy, the philosophy of religion, and some literary criticism. He began writing for the *American Record Guide* in mid-1999. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Tricia, and they have three grown children.

David G. Mick, BA'74, MHA'80, PhD'87, was named the Robert Hill Carter Professor of Commerce at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce. He also received the 1999 Harold H. Maynard Award for the best article in the *Journal of Marketing*. He is the editor of the *Journal of Consumer Research* and can be reached at dmick@virginia.edu.

1980s

Donald F. Hasting, BA'82, MPA'84, was named director of the Bloomington (Ind.) planning department in April 2000. He had been serving as the interim planning director and started working for the department in 1993 as a zoning planner. He and his wife, Christine, live in Bloomington.

Francesco Orilia, MA'84, PhD'86, is an associate professor in philosophy at the University of Macerata in Macerata, Italy. He is working on semantics and logical paradoxes. He can be e-mailed at orilia@unimc.it.

1990s

Andrew U. Straw, BA'92, MS'95, JD'97, worked for two years as an attorney/consultant to Virginia philanthropist Alan M. Voorhees. He returned to Bloomington, Ind., in August 2000 and began work as the Indiana Supreme Court's statistical analyst. He can be e-mailed at audstraw@home.com.

Darren J. Schmidt, BA'96, graduated from Columbia Law School in May 2000 and then traveled to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. He is now an associate in Brobeck Phleger & Harrison in New York City. His e-mail is darren_schmidt@bigfoot.com.

David J. Dentler, BA'98, started Shadow Fish Comics, a comic book

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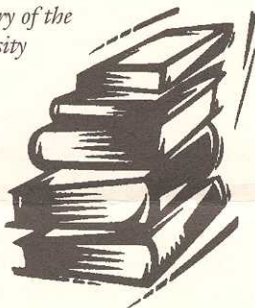
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company that delves into mythology, philosophy, and religion. He writes, "It's much different from anything else out there, and we've reintroduced literature into this genre." His Web site is www.sfcomics.com, and his e-mail is tricycle@sfcomics.com. He lives in River Grove, Ill.

James G. Edwards, MA'98, PhD'99, writes, "After being in California for three years, my family and I are returning a bit closer to home this summer. I have accepted a faculty position in the philosophy department at Shippensburg University (Shippensburg, Pa.) for the fall." His e-mail is jgedward@alumni.indiana.edu.

Books and Bags

A limited number of the late Henry Veatch's personal memoir *Towards a History of the Indiana University Philosophy Department in Bloomington* are still available. Purchase a copy and you not only get the book, but also a spiffy blue canvas tote bag with the departmental logo proudly displayed.



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