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Eisenberg receives 2002 IU President's Award

Philosophy's own Paul Eisenberg is this year's winner of the President's Award for distinguished teaching. The award was established in 1974 and can be given in any division of the university and at any professional rank. Eisenberg has been in our department since 1966 and is also an adjunct professor in Jewish studies.

"Paul has never been less than superbly prepared and intellectually conscientious, never less than sincerely respectful of the deepest ideals of the academy," says Karen Hanson, Rudy Professor of Philosophy. "His students have been touched deeply — intellectually, emotionally, and motivationally — by his teaching."

Eisenberg says that he is sustained as a teacher by the hope that "if I do my part well, sooner or later something that my students have read or said or that I have said to them will yield a new or a deepened significance and at least the beginning of wisdom."

It must be working because former student Glenn Gass, now a professor of

music, calls Eisenberg "the best teacher I had while I was a student at IU." Gass adds, "I have never been required to think quite so much or so happily in a classroom. I like to think that some of the lessons I learned helped to shape my own teaching and intellectual life in general."

Other colleagues note that Eisenberg has served as a mentor or has helped them grow as teachers. Robert Eno of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures team-taught a course, *Two Ways to Wisdom*, with Eisenberg and says, "I learned more by teaching with Paul than I had in any class taken as a student."

Eisenberg's areas of interest include the history of ethics, 19th-century continental philosophy, and the philosophers Spinoza and Nietzsche. The courses he has taught

range from Ancient Greek Philosophy to Introduction to Existentialism. In addition, he always takes on many students each semester for independent reading courses and serves as an adviser to honors theses, directs and serves on dissertation committees, and leads informal reading groups. He has also been a mentor to minority students since 1998 and has taught "great books" courses in the Honors College and introductory philosophy to Intensive Freshman Seminar students in the summers.

One couldn't begin to count the number of students Eisenberg has taught during his 36 years of teaching. His concern has been "to the extent that it lies in one's power, to change students' lives for the better." This award symbolizes how successful Eisenberg has been in this goal. Congratulations!

Weiner gets Guggenheim Fellowship

Joan Weiner, one of our newest faculty members, will be on leave this coming year with the support of a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

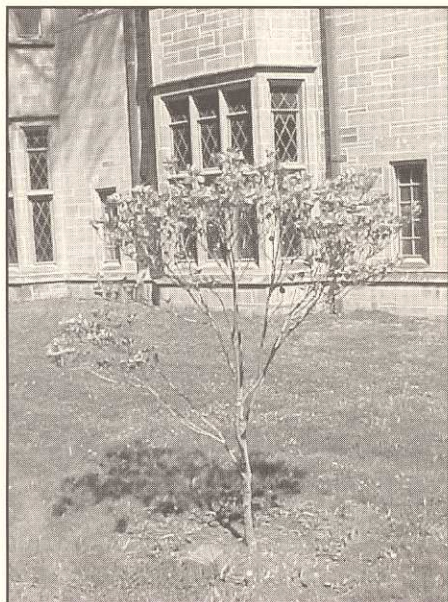
Guggenheim Fellowships are given annually to advanced professionals working in the (non-performing) arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, or medicine. Coming on the heels of her two books on Gottlob Frege, Weiner's project will take her a step out of her role as a Frege interpreter and into the role of a champion of some of the doctrines to which Frege, as she interprets him, was committed. She will be arguing that these doctrines — rather different from the ones ordinarily attributed to Frege — offer a fundamental contribution to contemporary philosophy of language.

Three from IU Bloomington serve APA

The American Philosophical Association is the main professional organization for philosophers in the United States. Founded in 1900, its mission is to promote the exchange of ideas among philosophers, to encourage creative and scholarly activity in philosophy, to facilitate the professional work and teaching of philosophers, and to represent philosophy as a discipline. It is divided into three main divisions, the Eastern, Central, and Pacific, with each division having its own set of officers and none for the entire organization.

Professor Marcia Baron from our department was elected vice president of the Central Division. She will serve in that capacity for a year and then automatically become president next year. One of her duties will be to give the presidential address at the Central Division meetings next April in Cleveland.

Karen Hanson, Rudy Professor of Philosophy, was elected to the Central Division Executive Committee, and Professor Fred Schmitt was elected to the 2002–03 Central Division Nominating Committee.



The Veatch memorial dogwood outside Sycamore Hall brightens up the spring.

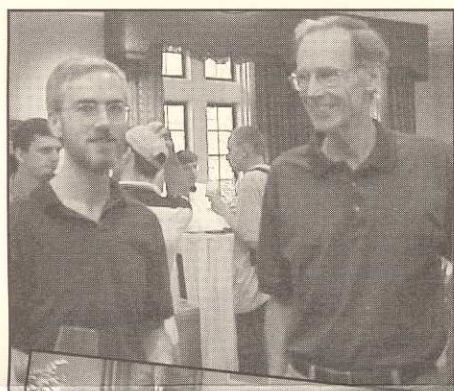
Around Sycamore

Faculty news

Marcia Baron continues publishing on Kantian ethics and also is writing on philosophy of law, especially on the topic of criminal responsibility.

Peg Brand is co-editing a special issue of *Hypatia* on feminism and aesthetics. She served as a panelist at the American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division meeting and chaired another panel on "Feminism and the Arts" at a conference at Arizona State University.

J. Michael Dunn was first finalist in the category of outstanding information



FALL RECEPTION 2001 —

Top: Professor Timothy O'Connor visits with Professor Emeritus Milton Fisk. Middle: Professors Michael Morgan and Jonathan Weinberg toast the beginning of another academic year. Bottom: Professors Peg Brand and Marcia Baron check out the refreshments.

technology education for the 2001 CyberStar Awards, Indiana Information Technology Association. He gave the plenary address at the Third Seminar Readings, Institute of Logic, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paul Eisenberg gave an invited paper at Clark University and was elected president of the Indiana Philosophical Association.

Rudy Professor of Philosophy **Karen Hanson** gave invited papers at APA Central Division, Northern Illinois University, and a seminar at Renaissance Weekend in Charleston, S.C.

Adam Leite is continuing to develop new courses at all levels, including a new graduate course on empirical justification.

David McCarty gave several talks at German universities and also spoke at the University of Notre Dame.

Michael Morgan published two books: *Interim Judaism and Jewish Thought in a Century of Crisis* and *Beyond Auschwitz: Post-Holocaust Jewish Thought in America*. He also gave talks in Jerusalem and at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles.

Tim O'Connor gave invited papers at Calvin College, University of Iowa, and the University of Georgia.

Leah Savion won the Associate Instructors Quality Enhancement Award and participated in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning activities and the Freshman Learning Project.

Fred Schmitt continues to publish articles on social epistemology and is writing a book on socializing metaphysics.

Dennis Senchuk published papers on pragmatic epistemology and spoke at the Renaissance Weekend in Charleston, S.C., on the biology of personality. He also chaired a panel discussion of Professor Emeritus Milton Fisk's latest book, *Toward a Healthy Society: The Morality and Politics of American Health Care Reform*, at the Radical Philosophy Association meeting in Chicago.

Paul Vincent Spade spoke at the Medieval Institute at the University of Notre Dame. He continues Web publishing, including an article

on "Insolubles" in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Jonathan Weinberg gave papers at Hong Kong University and the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. He continues to develop new courses both in philosophy and cognitive science.

Professor Emeritus **George Nakhikian** spoke at the spring meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, inaugurating that group's Distinguished Lecturer Series.

New professors **Mark Kaplan**, **Joan Weiner**, **Pepa Toribio**, and **Andy Clark** have all arrived and are set to begin work here this fall.

Student news

Placement news

Marcia Baron, director of placement, reports that several of our current students and those with recent PhDs have been very successful on this year's job market.

Craig DeLancey is going to a tenure-track position at SUNY-Oswego. His book, *Passionate Engines, What Emotions Reveal About Mind and Artificial Intelligence*, has just been published by Oxford University Press. Joining DeLancey "back East" are **Andrew Janiak**, who has accepted a tenure-track position at Duke University, and **Michah Gottlieb**, who will be at Brown University. **Kristia Kesler** is staying in Indiana to teach at Franklin College. Moving farther west, **Karen Brown** is staying on at Cornell College in Iowa, and **Ingo Farin** is moving to a tenure-track position at St. John's in Santa Fe, N.M. **Jack Green Musselman** will be

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Graduate winners are, front row, from left, Hilmi Demir and Beth Tropman; back row, Antony Aumann, director of graduate studies Paul Vincent Spade, Joshua Shaw, and Dan Werner.

Alumni news

1960s and before

Lois Fort Cowles, BA'55, MA'66, wrote *Social Work in the Health Field: A Core Perspective*, published by Haworth Press Inc. She is an associate professor at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho.

Robert B. Alexander, BA'65, teaches part-time in the School of Education at Roosevelt University in Chicago. He is also the principal at Pulaski Fine Arts Academy in Chicago.

1970s

Harold A. Kincaid, BA'77, MA'80, PhD'83, is the new chair of the University of Alabama Department of Philosophy. He lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Deborah L. Vess, BA'79, is an associate professor of history and interdisciplinary studies at Georgia College and State University. She was named a Carnegie Scholar and received the 2001 University

System of Georgia Board of Regents' Research in Undergraduate Education Award. She lives in Macon, Ga.

1980s

Matthew J. Martin, BA'86, is a lecturer in English at St. Mary's University College in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

1990s

Lt. Col. John M. Mattox, MA'94, PhD'99, of Burlington, Ky., is a U.S. Army nuclear policy planner for NATO in Belgium. He recently was appointed adjunct associate professor in philosophy with the University of Maryland in Europe. This year, in addition to giving several lectures in the US and Europe, he published two articles, one in an anthology on the future of the military profession.

Elizabeth Donoghue Armstrong, BA'96, received a master's in philosophy in

May 2001 from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She currently is pursuing a PhD. She lives in Lafayette, Colo., with her husband, Brian Armstrong, MBA'92.

Darren J. Schmidt, BA'96, moved to the Chicago area from New York City, where he was a corporate attorney. He is now a law clerk to Chief Judge Marvin Aspen in the Federal District Court in Chicago.

Rachel M. Korenblat, BA'97, AC JSt'97, was selected to the Order of the Coif for academic excellence from the top 10 percent of the graduating class at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She earned a JD in May.

Cassidy L. Rockhill, BA'98, writes that he is a "jack of all trades" — elevator mechanic, warehouse manager, and courier — but he is ready to settle down and come back to IU for a doctorate in philosophy. He lives in Oakland, Calif., with his wife, Kelly M. Rockhill, BS'96.

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assistant director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. And probably going the farthest from Bloomington, **Rondo Keele** will be going to American University in Cairo, Egypt, for a tenure-track position.

Awards

The following awards were presented at the department's annual spring reception:

• Academic Excellence: **Elizabeth Wiegman**, undergraduate, and **Dan Werner**, graduate.

• Oscar R. Ewing Essay Award: **Erin Plunkett**, undergraduate (*The 'this' and the 'this such': Seeking the Foundations of the 'I' in the Middle Ages*), and **Antony Aumann**, graduate (*An Augustinian Theory of Communication*).

• Dona Roberts Biddle Memorial Philosophy Scholarship: **Ann Elizabeth Roth**. While obtaining a double major in philosophy and sociology, Roth has found time to do a great deal of community service. She has volunteered extensively at the Shalom Community Center, a day center for the homeless and those in poverty. She also has helped at the Boys and Girls Club and served as a mentor at a local middle school.

• Outstanding Associate Instructor: **Elizabeth Tropman**

• James B. Nelson Fellowship: **Joshua Shaw**. His dissertation will focus on Emmanuel Levinas and is tentatively titled "The Mirror of Evil."

Phi Beta Kappa

Philosophy majors who were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa were also introduced at the reception: **Brian Haussmann**, **Adam Pare**, **Jae-Yong Chung**, **Gregory Goult**, **Brett Reichwage**, and **Elizabeth Wiegman**. Chung also won the Josephine de Karman Fellowship for his senior year, and another undergraduate major, **Greg Gates**, a recent graduate currently enrolled at Pittsburgh, was awarded a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship.

Graduate student news

Our graduate students have been busy also. Among their accomplishments:

Darren Abramson spoke at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" conference at the University of Arizona. He also received a two-year doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Antony Aumann

and **Erik Lindland** were awarded summer 2002 grants to work at the Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf's College, where (among other things) they will be learning Danish.

Brian Morton delivered a paper, "Twelve Metaphors for Embryonic Stem Cell Research," at the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics Conference in Cincinnati.

Jennifer Phillips spoke on *Socratic Interaction and Reasoning* at the Symposium on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning held here on campus. She, along with **Georg Theiner** and **Hilmi Demir**, attended a conference titled "Wittgenstein, Russell, and the History of Analytic

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Director of undergraduate studies Dennis Senchuk congratulates undergraduate winners Ann Roth, left, Elizabeth Wiegman, and Erin Plunkett.

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Philosophy" at the University of Iowa. Demir also read a paper titled "A Worldly Wittgenstein: Situation Semantics as a Model of Tractatus."

Joshua Shaw gave a paper, "Sinister Beauty," at the American Society of Aesthetics Pacific Division meeting. His trip there was, in part, supported by a travel grant from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Georg Theiner won a Summer Research Fellowship from the Cognitive Science Program for the third time in a row. He also co-wrote, with Professor Tim O'Connor, a review of Paul Pietroski's *Coming Actions*, forthcoming in *The Philosophical Review*.

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