GSU WELCOMES
Nicole Vincent

Gidday All — I’m one of the new 2CI faculty who will contribute to building Georgia State University’s exciting new Neuroethics Program. Till recently I was conducting research in the field of neurolaw and neuroethics at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. My kitchen had views over Sydney Harbour with its iconic bridge and opera house, and I was just a short train ride from Bondi Beach famous for its surf. So, I hear you ask, what could possibly get me to tear myself away from all that, and swallow a 747 jumbo jet full of jetlag while cruising close to the speed of sound at an altitude of thirty three thousand feet above sea level? Answer: you guys, actually!

Few places in the world compete with Atlanta’s vibrant and rapidly-growing neuroethics community, and the people I met here in early December 2013 when I interviewed for this position were among the most approachable, friendly and inviting individuals I had ever met at any university. All of these things, as well as the opportunity to sample life in the United States of America (in prior times I lived in Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Austria and The Netherlands) brought me here to Atlanta. Now something about the future. On the teaching front, this Fall I’ll be teaching two section of PHIL 2010 (Introduction to Philosophy), and in the Spring semester I’m slated to teach the graduate seminar in Neurolaw (PHIL 8000). To find out about my research, take a look at “Blame, Desert and Compatibilist Capacity” published in the latest issue of the journal Philosophical Explorations. And for a preview of the book I’m currently writing, which develops a novel (she says immodestly) compatibilist theory of moral and legal responsibility, keep an eye out for my forthcoming paper “A Compatibilist Theory of Legal Responsibility” about to appear in the journal Criminal Law and Philosophy. Also, if you’re legally-minded, medically-minded, or just curious about what all this neuro-fuss is about, then talk to me about the workshop I’m organizing for August 2014 — it’s about the use of neuro-interventions within the criminal justice system to restore competence and/or fitness to stand trial and for punishment (e.g. for execution).

I am thrilled to join you folks here in Atlanta, and if I haven’t already said “gidday” to you in person then please pop your head in through my office door and let’s chat over a coffee and a low-carb snack (yup, I’m one of those Dr Atkins people).

-Dr. Nicole A Vincent, Associate Professor
I hope that you are enjoying the Fall 2013 edition of the Philosophy Phile. The summer is behind us and a new academic year has begun. I love the start of a new year. The students are bright-eyed and the summer heat is almost behind us.

The Department is very happy to welcome a new faculty member, Dr. Nicole Vincent. Dr. Vincent is joint appointed with Law and Neuroscience, but her primarily appointment is in the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Vincent has an extensive list of publications (which you can browse in the People section of our web site). Her research focuses on responsibility and its important place in areas such neuroethics, neurolaw, philosophy of law, and political philosophy. Her works consider questions such as the ethical implications of undertaking medical interventions in order to make criminal offenders competent enough to be executed and whether people who live unhealthy lifestyles should have restricted access to public health resources.

The Spring 2013 class of MA students did very well. They had our best placement ever. Twelve of them applied to PhD programs and eleven were admitted to at least one. We also have graduates going to Georgetown Law School and Teach for America. I have not done the precise calculations, but given the size of our MA program and our placement success in the past few years, I would be willing to bet that, of students currently in philosophy PhD programs, more hold a degree from Georgia State than from any other institution.

The incoming class of MA students is very strong. We had 156 applicants for our 22 slots. The average undergrad GPA of our new class is 3.67 and their average GPA in philosophy courses is 3.78. This is essentially unchanged from last year. As in past years, most of our incoming MA students come from outside Georgia.

Our undergraduates will soon be getting great advice from Georgia State’s University Advisement Center. Emily Cahill (GSU MA 2013) has been hired to be in an advisor and she has been assigned to work with philosophy majors. We are thrilled that Emily will be staying with us to help our majors. In other undergraduate news, we had three undergraduates who gave papers at conferences across the country and one was named co-editor of Discovery, the research journal of GSU’s Honors College.

The undergraduate philosophy club, the Philosopher’s Guild, is flourishing. They meet regularly at a hookah bar near campus. (Personally, I hope they are talking philosophy and not smoking.) They also hold discussions on topics such as death, the problem of other minds, and whether they are brains in vats.

As always, we would love to see you at a departmental event. Check out the list of events on page 7 and come on down to see us!
In Spring 2013, Dr. Andrew Altman was named a Distinguished University Professor. This title recognizes those faculty members whose research, instruction, and service are examplars of what a Georgia State faculty member should be.

Dr. Christie Hartley earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Hartley’s paper with Lori Watson, “Virtue in Political Thought: On Civic Virtue in Political Liberalism,” is forthcoming in Virtues and their Vices edited by Kevin Timpe and Craig A. Boyd (Oxford University Press). In April of 2013, Hartley presented her paper “Two Conceptions of Justice as Reciprocity” at the University of Miami.

In the spring 2013, Dr. George Graham was awarded a major grant from the Center of Theological Inquiry (CTI) in Princeton, NJ. The CTI supports “fresh thinking on the problems of religion and society.” It is “an independent, ecumenical institution” and is one of the nation’s most prestigious centers for research on religion. The grant will support Dr. Graham’s work in his latest book, Abraham’s Dilemma: Religious Experience, Spiritual Delusion, and Moral Well-Being. In this book, Dr. Graham argues that while normal religious experiences may contribute to a person’s moral identity and well-being, delusional religious experiences do not. Previous attempts to differentiate non-delusional forms of spirituality from delusional forms have tended to focus on the social context of religious experiences. Dr. Graham’s book will focus on their differing effects on a person’s moral character. In addition, Dr. Graham’s most recent book on mental disorder, The Disordered Mind, is now available in second/revised edition.

Emily Cahill, the new philosophy advisor, is the first point of contact for all philosophy majors and all students who are thinking about being a philosophy major. She can answer questions about the requirements of the major, transfer credit, sequencing of courses, and much more. Emily was a philosophy major herself and she taught philosophy courses here at Georgia State. She is currently completing her MA in philosophy.

Stop by and see her! Her office is on the 13th floor of 25 Park Place (formerly known as the SunTrust Building), her email address is ecahill1@gsu.edu, and her phone is 404-413-2642.
Georgia State Philosophers continue to define academic excellence.

Andrew I. Cohen has forthcoming publications on apologies, such as “On the Possibility of Corporate Apologies” (with Jennifer A. Samp), Journal of Moral Philosophy. Dr. Cohen is also at work on a book on Ethics and Contemporary Public Policy. This past summer he coordinated a major conference cosponsored with the University of Helsinki, on Immigration, Toleration, and Nationalism. Dr. Cohen says that he discovered how lovely Helsinki is, in part, because it was so hard to sleep when the sun was still up at midnight.

Eddy Nahmias has released several publications including “Women in Philosophy: Why is it ‘Goodbye’ at ‘Hello’?” co-written with and presented by Toni Adleberg and Morgan Thompson; Society for Philosophy and Psychology: Providence, June 2013; Diversity in Philosophy Conference: Dayton, May 2013; and Implicit Bias, Philosophy and Psychology: Sheffield, England, April 2013. Dr. Nahmias was the featured author of Flickers of Freedom (free will blog), July 2013 (See page 11)


Dr. Scarantino became editor of the Emotion Researcher, the newsletter of the International Society for Research on Emotions, and he has plans to turn it into an internet-based e-magazine.

Dan Weiskopf is currently finishing a book on the philosophy of psychology for Cambridge University Press (jointly authored with Fred Adams, Dept. of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware). He also has two projects in the works: (1) To finish a book on concepts and the structure of higher cognition, tentatively entitled Vehicles of Thought; and (2) To write a few papers on photography, abstraction, images and text, and the scientific uses of images. In the coming months, Dr. Weiskopf will be writing the “Theory in Studio” column for the online arts magazine BurnAway.

Dr. Weiskopf recently became an Associate Editor for the British Journal for the Philosophy of Science.

Eric Wilson was awarded the North American Kant Society’s Wilfrid Sellars Essay Prize. Forthcoming publications include an article on Kant’s moral philosophy for the Routledge Companion to Eighteenth-Century Philosophy (ed. Aaron Garrett), and entries on “apathy” and “arrogance” in The Cambridge Kant Lexicon (ed. Julian Wuerth).

After giving a talk in Fribourg, Switzerland, Dr. Nahmias and his wife, met Dr. Scarantino in Venice this summer. While in Venice, they enjoyed great food and saw wonderful art in Bianelle.

Tim O’Keefe was invited to become the area editor for the Epicureans category of the PhilPapers online research index. He will present his paper “The Epicureans on property management and natural wealth” at the University of Tennessee this Fall, which will be part of the volume Virtue Ethics and Economics, forthcoming from Oxford University Press.
The Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics organized a successful international conference this past May in Helsinki, Finland, on “Immigration, Toleration, and Nationalism.” The conference featured many leading scholars from at least nine countries throughout the world presenting cutting-edge research on conference topics. Plans are in the works for another international conference in the next few years.

The JBB Center will also field another academic team for the annual regional Ethics Bowl tournament this fall, as well as help to arrange (with GSU Housing and the Center for Ethics Student Forum) the eleventh installment of our annual Ethics-in-film movie series in the dorms. The Center brought Leif Wenar (Kings College) to campus in summer ’13 for a manuscript workshop/conference on his Clean Trade in Natural Resources.

Fall 2013 series: Punishment, Forgiveness, and Cinema

Cosponsored by GSU Housing and Center for Ethics Student Forum
September 16, 2013 - Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
September 30, 2013 - American History X
October 14, 2013 - 21 Grams
October 28, 2013 - Do the Right Thing

All screenings 6 PM. Panelists, locations TBA.

The Center for Ethics Student Forum is a student organization affiliated with the Department of Philosophy and the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics. Our mission is to nurture conversation on campus and in the community about pertinent ethical matters facing people today. We do this by providing an interactive learning environment for professors, staff and students from all departments. We host events based around ethical themes that are open to all students and faculty, as well as to members of the broader Atlanta community. SACFE’s student leadership council and advisor arrange activities, contact speakers, and publicize events. Any student is welcome to make suggestions regarding the Forum’s activities and to participate in the planning process.

-Adam Shmidt, President
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This fall, the Department welcomed 26 first-year students into the masters program. Along with students from across the country, we have a few students from France and Nepal. Below are notes sent in by some of the new students about their interests.

Josh Bisig is from Elkhart, Indiana. He plans to focus on ethics and social/political philosophy here at GSU. Besides philosophy, Josh enjoys writing prose, poetry, and music.

Gregory Blakemore grew up in Indiana and moved to Atlanta from Portland, Oregon. Greg has a BA in Communication and Culture from Indiana University, Bloomington. In Spring, 2013, he earned a second BA in Philosophy with honors from Portland State University, located in downtown Portland, Oregon. Greg is in the neurophilosophy program focusing on philosophy of perception, philosophy of mind, philosophy of cognitive science, and Heidegger studies.

Nathan Dahlberg grew up in Charlotte, NC. His interests are philosophy of language; particularly the semantics of vague languages. When not reading or working, Nathan spends most of his time cooking, eating, watching videos about cooking and creating, or any combination of the three.

Chris Dobbs grew up in Lawrenceburg, IN. He has BA in philosophy and biology from Xavier University in Cincinnati. Chris is interested in political philosophy and in the origin of human rights.

Elizabeth ‘Beth’ Dwyer earned her BA in philosophy from Otterbein University in Ohio. Beth’s interests are social and political philosophy; specifically rights theory and global justice. Besides philosophy, she enjoys cooking, eating (particularly the latter), wine, exploring the outdoors, learning to play the ukulele, and watching copious amounts of Netflix.

Nathan Houck received his BA in philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh. His interests are in ancient philosophy, particularly Plato’s theory of Forms and moral psychology, and additional interests in free will and applied ethics.

Anaëlle Jacques is from Lévis-Saint-Nom, a small village not far from Paris. She received her bachelor’s degree in philosophy and history. Anaëlle is interested in political philosophy.

Chevan Lindsay received his undergraduate degree at Wesleyan University. His philosophical interests currently revolve around moral questions concerning our obligations to others, moral education, disagreement and the communication thereof, and friendship.

David McCormack received his BA from Portland State University. David’s primary philosophical interests are in social and political philosophy; particularly critical theory after Marxism.

Marcus McGahhey is an alumnus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His principal areas of interest are philosophy of mind (esp. perception), philosophy of cognitive science, and epistemology.

Maria Meija received her BA from the University of Chicago. Afterwards, she went on to complete an MSt in ancient philosophy at Oxford. Maria is interested in ethics and moral psychology.

Daniel ‘Dan’ Mendez is from Miami, FL and received his BA from Colgate University. Dan is interested in post-Kantian German philosophy.

Jay Spitzley received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and is interested in areas in which philosophy and psychology overlap, specifically, in looking at the extent to which ethical reasoning can be explained by psychological influences and cognitive biases.
FALL 2013 EVENTS

The GSU Philosophy Department hosts lectures, seminars, and talks from national and international speakers.

Colloquium Series

Friday, September 6 3:30 pm
Peter Vallentyne (University of Missouri) “Self-Defense against Rights Violators (Non-Culpable and Culpable)”

Friday, September 20 3:30 pm
Margaret Walker (Marquette University) “The Task of Reparations: Modeling Accountability, Here, for Now”

Friday, September 27 3:30 pm
Patricia Kitcher (Columbia University) “A Kantian Critique of Current Approaches to Self-Knowledge”

Friday, November 8 3:30 pm
Giddeon Yaffee (Yale University) Title: TBA

Neurophilosophy Forum

Friday, October 25 2:00 pm
Elisabeth Camp (Rutgers University) “Playing with Concepts: Logic, Association and Imagination”

Friday, November 22 2:00 pm
Gualtiero Piccinni (University of Missouri, St. Louis) “The Cognitive Neuroscience Revolution”

Pizza on Fridays!

Join us for Philosophy on Fridays at 12 noon for free pizza and even better conversation.

- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**JUSTIN COATES (MA ’07)** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Houston. Justin earned his MA with his thesis titled “Manipulation and Hard Compatibilism;” it was directed by Dr. Eddy Nahmias. In the thesis, Justin defended compatibilism (the thesis that moral responsibility and causal determinism are compatible) against the manipulation argument. Justin then went on to the PhD program in philosophy at the University of California, Riverside. His dissertation, “Reasons and Resentment,” was directed by John Martin Fischer. In the dissertation, Justin developed an instrumentalist theory of practical reasons. After defending his dissertation in June of 2012, Justin was appointed the Law and Philosophy Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School.

Dr. Coates has published papers on free will, moral responsibility, blame, and love in journals such as *Philosophical Studies, The Journal of Ethics, Philosophy Compass,* and *Philosophical Psychology.* He is an editor (with Neal Tognazzini) of *Blame: Its Nature and Norms.*

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Jessica Burton (BA ’13) has joined the Peace Corps and will be serving in Thailand.

James DiGiovanni (MA ’12) is now working for the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office.

Gary Edwards (MA ’11) has been accepted into the PhD program in Health Care Ethics at Duquesne University.

Katy Fulfer (MA ’08) is the Sophia Libman Professor in Humanities (with an emphasis in Women's Studies) at Hood College. After earning her MA, Katy went in to the PhD program at Western University (formerly University of Western Ontario) and specialized in feminist philosophy and applied ethics. Her dissertation, “Hannah Arendt and Feminist Agency,” was directed by Helen Fielding and Carolyn McLeod. In her dissertation, she draws on the work of Hannah Arendt to articulate a conception of feminist agency, which is women’s agency that aims at resisting oppression. She also applies her conception of feminist agency to the practice of transnational contract pregnancy. Dr. Fulfer’s current research focuses on the intersections between Hannah Arendt’s philosophy and bioethics. She has published “The Capabilities Approach to Justice and the Flourishing of Nonsentient Life” (*Ethics & the Environment, June 2013*) and “The Capabilities Approach and the Dignity of Nonsentient Life” (*in The Capability Approach on Social Order. Ed. B. Hawa amd N. Weidtmann.*

Matt Keeler (BA ’09) has been accepted into the PhD program in philosophy at the University of Texas-Austin.

Jason Lesandrini (MA ’05) was recently named the 2013-2014 Religion and Public Life Fellow of the Department of Religious Studies at Georgia State University.

Byung Min (MA ’03) is a fifth year PhD student at Saint Louis University with plans of graduation in 2014. Byung is happily married with a four-year-old daughter.

Jim Nichols (BA ’13) the winner of The Nation’s eighth annual Student Writing Contest! Jim’s winning essay focused on “how the rise and dominance of market liberalism has affected both civil society and his own life.” Congrats to Jim!


James Sias (MA ’07) is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Dickinson College. After successfully defended his MA thesis, “Naturalism and Moral Realism,” he entered the PhD program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His dissertation, entitled “Emotion and Virtue in Moral Judgment,” was directed by Robert Adams. In the dissertation, Dr. Sias argues that the epistemic status of moral intuitions is not threatened by emotion, as is typically assumed, as long as one’s emotions are to a sufficient degree shaped by virtue. In addition to his work in metaethics and moral psychology, Dr. Sias has also published in *the philosophy of language.* His “Varieties of Expressivism,” coauthored with Dorit Bar-on, is forthcoming in *Philosophy Compass.*
MA student, Jennifer Daigle, is the 2013 recipient of the Ralf F. Munster Award. This award is given annually to the best philosophy graduate student who will be continuing in the program in the subsequent year. It is based on work done in academic year 2012-2013 but announced in Fall 2013. Named in honor of Ralf Munster, chair of the Department from 1965 to 1978, this award was generously endowed by the Munster family and thus provides its winner with a modest scholarship.

Major, Ayesha Kirk, was recognized by the National Society for Collegiate Scholars for “Scholarship, leadership, and service” in May 2013.

Major, Yenipher De La Rosa became a Fellow at the Georgia Center for Opportunity in August. The Georgia Center for Opportunity is an independent, non-partisan think tank dedicated to increasing opportunity and improving the quality of life for all Georgians.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAJORS WHO GRADUATED, SPRING 2013.

Mason Arline
Preciosa Bell
Harold Crowe

Callie Hollander*
Eva Imbsweiler*
Gregory Jones*

*Graduated with honors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MA STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS SPRING/SUMMER 2013.

Toni Adleberg’s thesis, “The Thought Experiments are Rigged: Mechanistic Understanding Inhibits Mentalistic Understanding” was directed by Dr. Eddy Nahimas and her committee included Dr. Dan Weiskopf and Dr. Neil Van Leeuwen.

Zeyu Chi’s thesis, “Kant’s Humanity Formula in the Groundwork,” was directed by Dr. Eric Wilson, and her committee included Dr. Christie Hartley and Dr. Tim O’Keefe.

Archie Fields’ thesis, “When Simulations Conflict: Problems with the External Validation of Computer Simulations” was co-directed by Dr. Andrea Scarantino and Dr. Dan Weiskopf and his committee included Dr. George Graham.

Marcos Gonzalez’s thesis, “From Negative Rights to Positive Law: Natural Law in Hegel’s Outlines of the Philosophy of Right” was directed by Dr. Sebastian Rand and his committee included Dr. Andrew Altman, Dr. William Edmundson and Dr. George Rainbolt.

Cami Koepke’s thesis, “Libertarian Paternalism and the Authority of the Autonomous Person,” was directed by Dr. Andrew Altman, and her committee included Dr. Al Cohen, Dr. AJ Cohen, and Dr. George Rainbolt.

Andrei Marasoiu’s thesis, “The Visual Experience of Kinds,” was directed by Dr. George Graham, and his committee included Dr. Andrea Scarantino and Dr. Dan Weiskopf.

Lauren Papiernik’s thesis, “Smith on Self-Command and Moral Judgment,” was directed by Dr. Eric Wilson, and her committee included Dr. Christie Hartley and Dr. Sebastian Rand.

Writing Excellence

Toni Adleberg’s (MA ’13) paper “The Thought Experiments are Rigged: Mechanistic Understanding Inhibits Mentalistic Understanding” was accepted for presentation at the 2013 meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology in Austin, Texas in February.

Archie Fields’s (MA Student) paper, “The Many Meanings of Success and the Failure of Fictions,” has been accepted for presentation at the Northwest Philosophy Conference October 4-5, 2013.

Casy Fowler won the 2013 Paper/Project and Honors Scholarship Competition for her paper, “Can Alston’s Internalist Externalism Justify Hume’s Account of External World Beliefs?”

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The Spring 2013 Student vs. Faculty trivia match drew enough eager participants to populate two student teams and one faculty team. The two student teams, Team Philosoraptor and Team Gryffindor, expressed some sort of rivalry between themselves—Team Philosoraptor vowed to beat Team Gryffindor. The faculty team, Team Three, seemed content to eat pizza and chat amongst themselves blissfully unaware of the brewing rivalry.

The first round started out with numerous technical difficulties, but the show had to go on; after a few changes to the rules and format of the game, the eager teams were going head to head in an epic battle of wits. Some of the questions were simple to the point of idiocy, and others were impossible riddles that stumped even the most seasoned academics. While the competition between Team Gryffindor and Team Philosoraptor was heating up, Team Three quietly took the lead and gained a sizable points advantage over the squabbling students. By the end of the round one, Team Three was in the lead, and Team Gryffindor had a healthy lead on Team Philosoraptor.

The questions continued without any major point upsets. After round two ended, the teams were given the topic of the final question—19th Century American History—and asked to wager points. The next few minutes were very tense—the polarized difficulty levels of the questions had made this trivia match as much about strategy as it was about trivial knowledge. The faculty confidently sent their envoy forth with their wager, while the two student teams heatedly discussed strategy amongst themselves. After all the wagers had been turned in, the final question was presented to the teams: Of the 5 times Congress has declared war, the 3 during the 19th century were against these 3 nations. Team Three wasted no time in answering the question, and Team Philosoraptor was right behind them. Team Gryffindor took more time with the question, trying to define what the term “nation” might mean in given the context.

Once the scores were tallied it was clear that Team Three had utterly dominated the two student teams. Team Philosoraptor had managed to come in second place, due to a conservative wager on the final question; Team Gryffindor bet aggressively on the final question and lost as a result of some confusion over what qualifies as “nation.” As the winners were announced, Team Philosoraptor erupted in joyous shouts; beating Team Gryffindor was victory enough for them. The faculty members on Team Three were gracious enough to donate their prizes of books and logic puzzles to the losing teams, citing that “[they] have those books already.”

-Casey Fowler, Major

Phi Sigma Tau is the student-run philosophy honors organization at Georgia State University. The annual Phi Sigma Tau conference showcases not only the work of graduate students, but also a well-regarded professional philosopher. Additionally, PST hopes to host other activities this year including a stress management group for the Department, as well as a “meet your professors night.” We are always open to suggestions from members and non-members alike. If you would like to know more you can contact PST president Maria Caruso at mcaruso2@student.gsu.edu.
Dr. George Graham spent a week at Oxford University in July as a keynote speaker at the University’s first Summer Program in Philosophy and Psychiatry. Oxford University Press (OUP) interviewed Graham about his work in philosophy and psychiatry. The interview can be viewed on YouTube at the following address:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAC-vfPHLLY

Dr. Graham completed a number of scholarly projects during the summer, including a chapter on psychiatric ethics and a paper on empathy, each forthcoming OUP publications. In the fall term, Dr. Graham is working on a book on religious delusions at the Center for Theological Inquiry at Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. Eddy Nahmias was recently featured on the Closer to Truth web site.

http://www.closetotruth.com/participant/Eddy-Nahmias/178

Dr. Nahmias was also featured


MA Graduates, continued.

Pierce Randall’s thesis, “Do Political Liberals Need the Truth?” was directed by Dr. Christie Hartley, and his committee included Dr. Andrew Altman and Dr. Andrew I. Cohen.

Sam Richards’ thesis, “Can Adam Smith Answer the Normative Question?” was directed by Dr. Eric Wilson, and his committee included Dr. Sebastian Rand and Dr. Andrea Scarantino.

Nick Roberson’s thesis, “Stoic Moral Psychology: The Implications of Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex Damage” was directed by Dr. Tim O’Keefe, and his committee included Dr. Eddy Nahmias and Dr. Andrea Scarantino.

Sam Sims’ thesis, “Willpower and Ego-Depletion: How I Do What I Don’t Want to Do, and Why It’s Not (Completely) My Fault When I Don’t” was directed by Dr. Eddy Nahmias and his committee included Dr. Andrea Scarantino and Dr. Neil Van Leeuwen.
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Our faculty are receiving national recognition for the quality of their research and the excellence of their teaching. Our students are taking their place on the national stage – presenting papers at national conferences, receiving prestigious scholarships, and finding new ways to connect their learning with the world around them.

Your generosity makes this vital work possible. Alumni and friends support every aspect of Department life, making it possible for us to deal with present needs, and to plan for the future. You can help us: build our program; attract and retain outstanding students and faculty; enhance quality teaching and research; bring distinguished speakers to campus.

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