

The Philosopher's Forum

Newsletter of the Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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1. Note from the Department Chair

Hello to all our alums and retired faculty! As Spring semester 2006 draws to a close, we can look with pride at our success in hosting conferences and hiring new faculty.

In addition to our annual Collaborations conference, we hosted the annual conference of the Midwest Society for East Asian Thought, and we combined the keynote address for that conference with the annual Leys Memorial Lecture. All these events were well attended by our students, participants from around the country, and retired faculty still in the area.

We have also hired a very talented philosopher to teach Asian philosophy and religion. Doug Berger, presently at Oakton College, will replace Tao Jiang, who, incidentally, returned to campus to present a paper at the conference on East Asian thought. In the interim, we were delighted to have Joel Krueger teach Tao's courses.

Most remarkable is the fact that a communal effort made possible the search for Tao's replacement and the hosting of the conferences. Much hard work and planning on the part of faculty and graduate students went on behind the scenes. Faculty and students willingly shared the duties of hosting receptions for candidates for the vacancy and for the East Asian conference. Rob Hahn even interrupted his sabbatical leave to ensure that all went smoothly at the Collaborations.

All our faculty and graduate students are professionally active, sharing their own work with their peers at conferences and in publications. It is gratifying to know that everyone in the Department is as enthusiastic about Departmental activities as they are about their own philosophical research.

George Schedler

II. GPU Fundraising Update

This year, the Graduate Philosophy Union has raised \$9,300 in donations and commitments. The group has decided to make the establishment of a GPU Endowment our top priority. We are a third of the way there! (\$25,000). Setting up an endowment will create a source of funds for the organization that will continue to give year after year. If you have any questions, or would like to support the GPU in our effort, please contact Eric Weber at etweber@siu.edu, or by phone, at 618.453.7448, ext. 1.

III. Department News

Library of Living Philosophers

The Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka is in the press and will appear any day as I write this. It was a long time coming, but should be worth the wait. We continue to work on volumes on Dummett, Rorty, Danto, Putnam, Nussbaum, and have recently issued an invitation to the 14th Dalai Lama, which we very much hope he accepts.

The Personalist Forum

After many years of struggles for financing and a publisher, The Personalist Forum is pleased to be renewing its activity under a new name and expanded mission. Henceforth we will be called The Pluralist and will publish three issues a year with University of Illinois Press. It was a long and tricky process, but SIUC has really stepped up to support the journal, and with help from Oklahoma State University and my new Co-editors, John Shook and Scott Gelfand of OSU, we think the journal has a bright future. The first issue will appear any day.

IV. Individual Scholarly Activities

Faculty

Doug Anderson

PUBLICATION

My book finally arrived from Fordham Press. The title is *Philosophy Americana*.

Randy Auxier

PRESENTATIONS

*"Royce's Fictional Ontology" for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, to be held March 9-11, 2006, hosted by Texas State University

"The Biker Bar and the Coffee House: A Paean to the Post-modern Pagans," invited as the annual Jerry Jackson Lecture in the Humanities, Western Carolina University, October 6, 2005.

“Christ in a Sidecar: An Ontology of Suicide Machines,” for the Philosophy and Religion Dept. Colloquium, Western Carolina University, October 8, 2005.

“The Possibilities of Pluralism,” invited lecture for the Philosophy Colloquium at University of North Carolina, Asheville, October 14, 2005.

*“Royce’s Conservatism,” part of “Why Liberalism Is Losing: A Missing Voice in American Progressive Politics,” with Aaron G. Fortune, for the 14th Annual Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, March 2-3, 2006; also to be presented as an invited address at “Josiah Royce on Ethics and Community,” the Sixth Annual Donald Wester Philosophy Conference, held in Oklahoma City, April 7-8, 2006.

“God’s Mortal Soul,” read before a joint meeting of the Society for the Study of Process Philosophy and the Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, held in Portland, Oregon, March 24-27, 2006.

“Fourth Generation Personalism: The Philosophy of Thomas O. Buford,” an invited lecture presented at Furman University, Greenville, SC, April 6, 2006.

COMMENTARIES

Commentary on Mahesh Ananth’s “Was Aristotle a Moral Sense Theorist?” at the Illinois Philosophical Association, November 4-5, 2005, in Charleston, Illinois (hosted by Eastern Illinois University).

Commentary on Peter Markie’s “Knowing How is Not Knowing That,” at the 67th annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, November 11-13, 2005, in Fayetteville, Arkansas (hosted by the University of Arkansas).

Commentary on Marshall Willman’s “How Chinese Semantics Encourages a Restructuring of Russellian Transcriptions of Ordinary Reports of Belief” at the 30th annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 24-25, 2006 (held at the University of Memphis).

Commentary of T.J. Singleton’s “Kant’s Impersonal Personalism,” at the 30th annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 24-25, 2006 (held at the University of Memphis).

OUTSIDE PHILOSOPHY

Guest Speaker on The Muddy Media News Hour, WDBX Fm 91.1, Carbondale, IL, speaking on the effects of Wal-Mart on community life, April 6, 2005.

“Do Good Fences Make Good Neighbors? An Inquiry into Fences both Symbolic and Real,” sponsored by the John A. Logan Museum of Murphysboro, IL, of a Smithsonian

Institute grant. Presented at the Sally Logan Library, Murphysboro, IL, January 19, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

The Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka, with Lewis E. Hahn; Volume XXX of The Library of Living Philosophers (LaSalle: Open Court Press, forthcoming 2006).

"Editor's Introduction: Personalism and Pluralism" in *The Pluralist*, 1:1 (Winter 2006), forthcoming.

"The Possibilities of Pluralism," in *The Pluralist*, vol. 1:1 (Winter 2006), forthcoming.

"Royce's Fictional Ontology," in *The Relevance of Royce*, eds. Kelly Parker and Jason M. Bell (New York: Fordham University Press, 2006), forthcoming.

"A Very Naughty Boy: Getting Right with Brian," in *Monty Python and Philosophy*, eds. George Reisch and Gary Hardcastle (LaSalle, IL: Open Court Press, 2006), 65-81.

"Remarks for Lewis E. Hahn Memorial Service," in *Philosophy East and West*, 56:1 (January 2006), 6-7.

SELECTED CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Elected President of Illinois Philosophical Association.

Elected to Executive Committee of Highlands Institute of American Religious and Philosophical Thought Re-elected Southwest Phil. Society's Society Sec/Treas.

Robert Hahn

Andrew Youpa and I organized the 14th annual Philosophical Collaborations conference which took place March 2nd and 3rd.

Larry Hickman

PUBLICATION

"What Sort of Pragmatist is Nicholas Rescher?" *Contemporary Pragmatism* 2, no. 2 (2005): 9-15.

PRESENTATIONS

"Democracy, Education, and the Sources of a Science of Education." University of Calabria, Cosenza, Italy, November 22, 2005.

"Lessons from John Dewey's Democracy and Education." Suor Orsola Benincasa University, Naples, Italy, November 21, 2005.

"Social Efficiency and Education: A Meditation on John Dewey's Democracy and Education." University of Florence, Florence, Italy, November 18, 2005.

GRANT RECEIVED

National Endowment for the Humanities: \$50,000

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

National Endowment for the Humanities: \$272,163

SELECTED CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, John Dewey Society

Federal Policy Committee, Association for Documentary Editing

Editorial Board, American Philosophical Quarterly

Editorial Board, Southwest Philosophy Review

Joel Krueger

MOST IMPRESSIVE SPRING 2006 ACHIEVEMENT

Playing flag football (badly!) with fellow SIU philosophy hacks for four consecutive weekends (and counting!) without incurring permanent bodily damage.

JOURNAL ARTICLES THAT SHOULD FINALLY SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY THIS SEMESTER

“The Varieties of “Pure Experience:” William James and Kitaro Nishida on Consciousness and Embodiment,” *William James Studies* (April 2006).

“*Wu-wei* and Know-how: Taoism and Dewey on Ethos, Expertise, and Effortless Action,” *The Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, special edition: “American Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy” (March 2006).

“Concrete Consciousness: A Sartrean Critique of Functionalist Accounts of Mind,” *Sartre Studies International* (April 2006).

“Embodied Action and the Construction of Phenomenal Experience,” abstract of paper presented to the 9th Annual Meeting of the Consciousness and Experiential Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society, St. Anne’s College, Oxford, UK, September 2005, *Consciousness and Experiential Psychology* (May 2006).

BOOK CHAPTERS THAT I’M LED TO BELIEVE MAY SURFACE THIS SEMESTER (OR SOON THEREAFTER)

“Ethical Education as Bodily Training: Kitaro Nishida’s Moral Phenomenology of “Acting-Intuition,”” in edited book anthology *Educations and their Purposes: A Philosophical Dialogue Among Cultures* (University of Hawaii Press).

“*Wu-Wei* and Bodily Intentionality: A Taoist Critique of Searle on Mind and Action.” in edited book anthology *Searle’s Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy: Constructive Engagement*.

SPRING 2006 CONFERENCES

“Levinasian Reflections on Somaticity and Moral Perception”, to be presented to the 1st Annual North American Levinas Society meeting, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, May 2006.

“Empathy Externalized: Kitaro Nishida, Zen, and the Structure of the Extended Mind,” to be presented at the 2006 Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference, University of Arizona, Tucson, April 2006.

“The Extended (No-)Self in Classical Zen Buddhism and Contemporary Philosophy of Mind”, to be delivered at the 3^d Annual Midwestern Conference on East Asian Thought, Carbondale, IL, March-April 2006.

Invited Respondent to Annual Coss Lecture, Martin Jay (U.C. Berkeley), “The Debate Over Lived Experience”, to be delivered to the 2006 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, TX, March 2006.

“James’s Pragmatic Externalism: Experience Outside of the Head”, to be delivered to the 2006 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, San Antonio, TX, March 2006.

SUMMER AND FALL 2005 CONFERENCES

““Doing Without Trying”: Taoism, Cognitive Science, and Embodied Cognition”, delivered at the 2005 Eastern Division American Philosophical Association meeting, New York, December 2005.

““Spiritualizing” the Flesh: Nietzsche and Dogen on Embodiment as Spiritual *Praxis*”, delivered to the 2005 American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, November 2005.

“Real Empathy: Empathic Awareness and a Second Person Approach to Consciousness”, delivered to the 2005 meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, October 2005.

“Embodied Action and the Construction of Phenomenal Experience”, delivered to the 9th Annual Meeting of the Consciousness and Experiential Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society, St. Anne’s College, Oxford, UK, September 2005.

“James on Experience and the Extended Mind”, accepted for presentation at the 9th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Pragmatist Study Group for the Society of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, September 2005.

“*Wu-Wei*-ing the Alternatives: A Taoist Critique of Searle on Mind and Action” (delivered to keynote John Searle), delivered to the International Society for

Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy 2nd International Conference, "Philosophical Engagement: Searle's Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy", Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China, June 2005.

"Ethical Education as Bodily Training: Kitaro Nishida's Moral Phenomenology of "Acting-Intuition"", delivered at the 9th East-West Philosopher's Conference, University of Hawaii, May-June 2005.

Ken Stickers

Ken presented a paper on "Logics of Similitude and Logics of Difference in American and Contemporary Continental Philosophy" at the meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, in San Antonio, March 10, and received the Society's Josiah Royce Loyalty Award for his 19 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer.

He will present a paper on "The Transvaluation of Economic into Moral Values" at the Conference on Value Inquiry, April 6, at Molloy College, New York.

He is also working on the 9th Annual Summer Institute in American Philosophy, to be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, July 10-15, 2006. Interested persons should contact him for details.

Graduate Students

Justin Bell

I gave a paper titled "On Earth as it is in Heaven: The Puritan Individual Before God and the American Individual Before the Dollar" at SAAP's annual meeting on March 11 as a part of a panel on Puritanism and American politics. I also have a forthcoming presentation of a paper titled "A Deweyan Analysis of Fundamentalism: Rigid Habits Versus the Religious" at the West Texas/New Mexico Philosophical Society's annual meeting which meets April 7-9.

Kelly Booth

I presented a paper at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference in Memphis on Feb.25: "The Creativity of Physis: Early Ionian Philosophy and A Comprehensive Naturalism."

I presented a paper at SAAP in San Antonio on Mar.9: "Taking the Role of the Other and Imitation: Reconsidering G. H. Mead"

I will be presenting a paper at the New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society meeting Apr 7-8: "The Liveliness of Nature: Clues in the Early Ionians"

Aaron Fortune

I have three conferences this spring and one publication that should be out any day now. I will be presenting "Langer's Presentational Symbol as Actual" at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference in Memphis. The following weekend, I will present a shortened version of the first chapter of my dissertation as part of a Philosophical Collaborations presentation with Dr. Auxier. The title of the collaborative effort is "Why Liberalism is Losing: A Missing Voice in Progressive Politics." Finally, I will present "We're Not as Liberal as We Think: Puritanism's Conservative Influence on Early America" as part of an all-SIUC graduate student panel on Puritan political thought at SAAP. The other two presenters are our own Justin Bell and Tibor Solymosi. Finally, my paper "Ends-Constituted Persons in the Original Position" was accepted for the Spring 2005 issue of *Kinesis*, which I am assuming will be out just any day now, given that I saw the galley proofs a few months ago.

Charlie Hobbs

On October 1, I presented a paper entitled "The Senecan Self in the 'Epistulae Morales'" at the Society for Student Philosophers Conference at Grand Valley State University (in Grand Rapids, MI).

At this year's meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (March in San Antonio), I am serving as a commentator for Colin Koopman's "Pragmatism as the Philosophy of Hope: Emerson, James, Dewey, Rorty" and James Pawelski's "Mitigation and Construction: Toward a Balanced Meliorism".

Travis Smith**Publications:**

Book Review: Sor-Hoon Tan, *Confucian Democracy: A Deweyan Reconstruction in Dao*: *A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 5:1 (Winter 2005), pp. 187-89.

Conferences:

"Naming as Conventional: The Tension between Zhuangzi and Xunzi" read at Cross Currents: Navigating a Pluralistic World, March 16-17, 2006 (University of Hawaii at Manoa).

I organized the Third Annual Midwest Conference on East Asian Thought, held here at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, March 31 - April 1.

Other News:

I defended the prospectus for my dissertation, "The Search for the Human Good: Nature and Culture in Classical Chinese Thought," November 4, 2005.

I received the PhD fellowship from SIUC for the 06-07 academic year.

Eric Thomas Weber

It has been a busy year, and I'm happy to report that things are going very well. I've made progress toward my dissertation, in which I will be arguing for a Deweyan political approach to justice against a Rawlsian one. This summer will be very busy too, in preparation for the preliminary exams, December interviews (I hope) at the APA, and the defense of my prospectus after the prelims.

PUBLICATIONS

"Clearing the Path to Human Rights." *Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture and Freedom (Essays in Contemporary Philosophy, Selected by the International Society for Universal Dialogue)*. Edited by Sonja Servomaa, Renvall Publications Series no 23, Helsinki, Finland: Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, University of Helsinki, 2006.

Review of Frank, Jill. *A Democracy of Distinction*. Forthcoming in *Review of Metaphysics*.

Review of Lachs, John. *A Community of Individuals*. in *Teaching Philosophy*, 29:1, March 2006.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

"Differences in Reason-Giving," The Society for the Study of Difference, "Humanity, Individuality and Difference," Panel at the Annual Conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 12 – 14, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

PAST PRESENTATIONS

"Political Dimensions of Traditional Economic Liberalism." The 33rd Conference on Value Inquiry "Market Values and Moral Values," April 6 – 8, 2006, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY.

"Making Bread and Making Love: Aristotle, Dewey and Lachs on Activity, Means and Ends, and Intimacy." Love in the Public Square, March 31 and April 1, 2006, at Molloy College, Rockville Center, New York.

"Human Rights without Natural or Moral Rights Theory." James Madison University, "Human Rights: A Growing World without Them," 2006 Conference, Harrisonburg, VA, March 30 – 31, 2006.

"Proper Names and Persons: Peirce's Semiotic Consideration of Proper Names," International Association of Centers for Peirce Studies, "Symposium on the Semiotic Writings of Charles S. Peirce," March 12 – 13, 2006, San Antonio, Texas, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

“Tools for Democracy: Differences in the Importance of Education for Dewey and Rawls.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 24 – 25, 2006, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

“The Philosopher’s Fallacy and the Importance of Metaphysics.” The Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies, 2005 Conference on American Philosophy, November. 4 – 5, 2005, at the University of South Florida.

“A Human Right to Food?” The 2005 Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, October 21 – 22, 2005, at the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

See the note on our success at fundraising for the GPU. Aside from that, I worked with David Hildebrand, the Communications Director of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, on a transition for the society’s website. We put together an updated temporary page from which we’ll be moving to a more final version that adds some new functionalities to the society’s electronic capabilities.

Dwight Welch

I’ve delivered three papers so far this year:

Idolatry; an Americanist Perspective, SIUC Agora, September 2005

Gay and Lesbian Inclusion; Prospects for the Mainline, GLBT History Month, SIUC October 17 2005

Revising Josiah Royce’s Concept of Original Sin, Josiah Royce Conference, Oklahoma City, Ok April 8 2006

IV. Alumni News

Ken Cooley

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Sorry to hear about the death of Pete Diefenbeck. I remember him well from my residency at SIU from 1965 through 1968. I took his course on Hegel, among other things.

I was especially sorry to learn of the death of Lewis Hahn and, more importantly, I wonder why it took so long for me to find out about it. I first learned of Lewis’s death from a brief paragraph in the October 2005 issue of *The Philosopher’s Forum* (I thought I was already on the philosophy department’s email list). Lewis was so instrumental in my life and career that I certainly would have wanted to attend the memorial service in February if I had known about it. It is, of course, no news to anyone in philosophy at SIU-C that he was deeply involved in just about every facet of the department and lives

of many, many graduate students over the years, but I'm not sure everyone would know about his vital role in getting Kinesis off the ground in 1967 and 1968. The initial idea for Kinesis was mine, but without Hahn's constant encouragement and behind-the-scenes negotiations with some key university officers, it would never have seen the light of day. Beyond that, his support and encouragement were essential to my own career in philosophy from start to finish (I'm now retired). Many other graduates of SIU can and no doubt would say the same thing. I miss him very much.

Marcus Singer told me a few years ago that one of the biggest mistakes of the APA Central Division over the years was its failure to nominate and elect Lewis as its President.

Gary Herstein

ontos-verlag (for some reason, they do not capitalize their name) has the revised manuscript of my dissertation at the printers even as I type. The book will be coming out in Europe and Canada in May, in the US in July. However, I should have my advance copies by mid-April.

My editor at ontos invited me to submit the article on "Cosmology" for the forthcoming Handbook of Mereology.

I will be presenting a paper to the physics section at the International Whitehead Convention in Salzburg, Austria this July. The paper title is "Measurement, Mereotopology, and the Nature of Nature." (I have a second abstract submitted to the mathematics section, but haven't received a formal reply yet.)

I have an on-campus interview at Wright State University in Dayton, OH this next Monday, the 27th. If that goes well, I might have a very big item for the Newsletter, if not, never mind.

Frank Lucash

There is the first news I have heard from the Philosophy Department at SIU in several years. My name is Frank Lucash. I am a 1970 Ph.D. graduate. I was there from 1963 to 1968. I have been teaching at the University of Nevada, Reno and my research area for many years has been Spinoza. I read about my former teachers Diefenbeck and Hahn but have not heard anything about others, such as Plockman, Clarke, Howie, Eames, Kelly, Ihde, etc. Thanks for the newsletter.

Susan Booker Morris

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graduated, 1998

I teach courses in Philosophy, Eastern Religions, Film, and Race & Gender Studies. I also work with the Jim Crow Museum (a collection of racist artifacts from the Jim

Crow period to the present: www.ferris.edu/jimcrow) as a museum facilitator and awareness trainer for companies and universities.

Harry Reinert

I was the very first philosophy major at SIU, graduating in 1951. (There was no graduate program at that time. In fact, there was barely a BA program.) Browsing through the newsletter, I was impressed by the tremendous growth since those early days.

I was sorry to read about the death of Prof. Diefenbeck. His first year on the faculty was my senior year, and I remember him as the "new guy," for he was the first faculty addition to Plochmann. My clearest recollection is that my wife and I held an informal discussion session in our hovel in the Veterans Housing Unit every Friday afternoon. To my surprise, Prof. Diefenbeck accepted my invitation to attend one of our sessions one Friday, where he did a fine job of defending Berkeley against my view that the man was a total fool. [I should add that I was in the habit in those green years of labeling almost every major philosopher (Berkeley, Kant, et al) as ridiculous. That lasted until I began to understand them, when I found myself a few years later defending their position against a new batch of young students.] Diefenbeck's defense of Berkeley that Friday afternoon actually made me decide to reconsider my situation, which in turn led to my taking a more careful study of his writings. And finally, I had to admit that it was not Berkeley who had been a damned fool.

Steven Schoenly (MA 73, PhD 77)

Steven will retire from the University of Mississippi in December 2005. He has been at the University of Mississippi for 27.5 years. He is retiring as an Associate Professor of Computer and Information Science. He can be contacted at sbs@olemiss.edu or sbs304@yahoo.com

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After a year as Senior VP for Data Policy Advisory Services with a company called Synomos (now gone the way of many technology start-ups), I'm doing independent work serving as a consultant with a company called HotSkills, Inc. (www.hotskills-inc.com), which helps companies build appropriate information security and privacy management programs. This involves analysis and advising in the areas of governance, risk management and compliance related to an organization's uses and needs for data-particularly personally identifying data- and the application of international standards for information security management systems. I'm also serving as Managing Director of Data Assurance and Compliance with another company called IdMlogic (www.idmlogic.com), which focuses on appropriate role engineering and implementing role-based access controls. I just gave a presentation with Eddie Schwartz (Chief Technology Officer at ManTech International) on data assurance at the Retail Industry

Leaders Exchange, the major conference for the Retail Industry Leaders Association. I'll be serving as an outside advisor on Eddie's project for his degree from George Mason University- he's dealing with security program metrics and performance measurement. And I'm helping to coach the Philosophy Department Ethics Bowl team at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Scott Swanson

Waukegan, Illinois, swansonsrce@msn.com

I spent 2 years as a philosophy undergrad ('73-4) and 1 year as a grad student at SIU (spring and fall of '75). Dr. Schedler was new to campus during my time, and a nicer man I will never meet. Also new then was Ben Mijuskovic, with whom I believe Dr. Schedler went to school. We heard stories of their time in Marcuse's class in Southern Cal. I returned to school at the local junior college to study Medical Imaging.

Went to work in a local hospital Radiology Department. Was a clinical site instructor for students from the same Medical Imaging program for 9 years. Specialized in Interventional Radiology (angiograms, angioplasty, stenting, atherectomy, vertebroplasty, dialysis access maintenance, tumor ablation and much more). Have served as supervisor for the last 6 years. Got married to an art teacher in 1985, 16 and 13 year old boys, both way more intelligent than I. Looking at colleges- the oldest wants to be a doctor!

I often think about my college career and how well it prepared me for life. I think the work you do is vital, deep, and important. It is the work behind all of our daily lives. It taught me to think, and instilled a lifelong skepticism and inquisitiveness I could not otherwise have achieved.

If you have items of interest for the newsletter, i.e. publications, research projects, grants, conferences, or any other departmental news, please submit them to the editors Sean Lipham and Eric Weber at philosophersforum@gmail.com

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