

MAY 2013

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

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August 2012

Shaila Naughton
Anthony Smith
Jonathan Van Buren
Malcolm Vinson

December 2012

Samanthe Braswell
John-Michael Coles
Dylan Ford
Jason Johannpeter

May 2013

Michael Adams
Bryson Donaldson (will commence graduate work in Political Science at the University of Hawai'i)
Coel Locandro
Griffin Trapp
Randy Tribbet
Erik Zimmerman (will commence graduate work in Philosophy at the New School for Social Research)

PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT 2013 HONORS DAY

All award recipients were recognized at the annual College of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation, which took place on Sunday, April 14, 2013.

Robert Budron has received this year's Robert A. Gray Memorial Award in Philosophy. This award is given annually to a student showing exemplary academic performance and leadership in the Philosophy program.

Leon Thompson has been awarded the Ober Honors Award in Philosophy. This award is given annually to recognize outstanding academic performance in a Philosophy class over the last year.

Griffin Trapp has been awarded the John Rutherford Ott Award in the Department of Philosophy. This award was given for the outstanding paper of the year.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DELIVERED BY PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE



Philosophy major Erik Zimmerman, Student Body President of SIUE, gave this year's student commencement address on May 4, 2013. Zimmerman also received the Senior Standout Award. As an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Associate, Zimmerman worked with Professor Matthew Schunke as mentor on his URCA project: "The Problem of Postmodernity: The Existence of God *qua* Love in Postmodern Ethics." After graduating from SIUE, Erik will attend graduate school at the New School for Social Research, where he will pursue a Master's Degree in philosophy. In his commencement address, Zimmerman spoke on the value of wonder and creative risk. To hear Erik's speech, go to

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW8Z5Rckovs>

Erik's speech starts at 40:30.

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DR. FIELDS RECEIVES HOPPE, NEH AWARDS



Dr. Gregory Fields was recently awarded SIUE's two-year Hoppe Research Professorship, starting in July 2013. This prestigious award will support his work involving collaborative publications, audio, and audio-visual media produced with Coast Salish culture bearers, and his efforts toward establishing a digital archive to support preservation and revitalization of native Northwest languages and knowledge-systems. Dr. Fields has also been awarded an NEH Summer Stipend to support his current book and media project, *Sacred Breath: Pacific Northwest Culture and Medicine Teachings* (University of Nebraska Press).

7TH UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

On November 9 & 10, 2012, SIUE held its Seventh Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, organized by Philosophy major Garner Perigo. Twelve undergraduates from Colleges and Universities across the country as well as Canada presented. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Donald Marquis of the University of Kansas. Professor Marquis drew a crowd for his address on "Five Perspectives on Abortion Ethics." For coverage in the Alestle, go here:

http://www.alestlelive.com/news/article_12972ae4-2eb7-11e2-9929-0019bb30f31a.html



PHILOSOPHY STUDENT PRESENTS AT MULTIPLE CONFERENCES

Senior philosophy major Griffin Trapp attended two Undergraduate Philosophy Conferences recently, at Webster University and at St. Louis University. His presentations were "A Critique of Susan Wolf's Account of Meaningfulness" and "Defense of Inter-Subjective Theory of Value." Trapp, who worked with Professors Cashen and Pearson to develop his papers, is among this year's spring graduates, and the recipient of the Ott Award.



DR. CASHEN RECEIVES TEACHING AWARD



Dr. Matthew Cashen received SIUE 2013 Teaching Recognition Award. Dr. Cashen is a wonderfully engaging teacher and well appreciated by both students and faculty for his courses in Ancient Philosophy, Medical Ethics, and Death and Dying.

NEW FACULTY: DR. SABA FATIMA

This year the Philosophy Department welcomed a new colleague, Dr. Saba Fatima. Dr. Fatima completed her PhD in 2012 from Binghamton University with a dissertation on political Muslim-American Identity. She has published in *Hypatia* and *Social Philosophy Today*. Her research and teaching interests include social/political philosophy, Islamic thought, race theory, feminist philosophy, and virtue ethics.



FRITZ MARTI LECTURER DISCUSSES “THINKING OUT OF THE BOX”



The Fritz Marti Lecture has been held since 1976, in honor of Dr. Fritz Marti (1894-1991), who taught in the Philosophy Department at SIUE at the end of a long and varied career. This year's event featured Professor David Wood, W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University. Professor Wood defended the idea that the value of philosophy rests largely in the questions it does not answer.



Philosophy Department with bust of Fritz Marti

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th SIUE Undergraduate Conference

October 18 & 19, 2013.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Lester Hunt, University of Wisconsin

Illinois Philosophical Association

Hosted by SIUE

November 1 & 2, 2013

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Julia Driver, Washington University in St. Louis

37th Fritz Marti Lecture

March 2014 (Date and time TBA)

Speaker:

Dr. Jason Stanley, Rutgers University

ALUMNI NEWS

To see what some of our alumni are doing, go to our alumni page at <http://www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/philosophy/alumnihalloffame.shtml>
Follow the link if you would like to be added.

We are delighted to learn that Ashley Fleshman (BA 2010) has been accepted to the PhD program in philosophy at DePaul University.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Matthew Cashen

“Happiness, Eudaimonia, and Descriptive Adequacy”
Metaphilosophy, October 2012.

Judy Crane

“Biological-Mereological Coincidence”
Philosophical Studies, November 2012.

Saba Fatima

“Muslim-American Scripts”
Hypatia, Spring 2013.

Bryan Lueck

“The Ethical Sense of ‘World’ in the Era of Global Communication”
Semiotics, 2012.

Alison Reiheld

Review of M.A.G. Cutter: *The Ethics of Gender-Specific Disease*
APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy, Spring 2013.

Greg Littmann

“American Gods is All Lies!”
Neil Gaiman and Philosophy, Open Court, June 2012.

“Can You Survive a Walker Bite?”
The Walking Dead and Philosophy, Open Court, June 2012.

“Does Cooking Meth Make Walt a Bad Guy?”
Breaking Bad and Philosophy, Open Court, July 2012.

“Aristotle’s Dungeon”
Dungeons and Dragons and Philosophy
Open Court, September 2012.

“The Art of Black Sabbath”
Black Sabbath and Philosophy, Blackwell, October 2012.

“What’s Wrong with Building Replicants”
The Culture and Philosophy of Ridley Scott
Lexington, March 2013.