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FROM THE CHAIR

We have had a very busy and exciting year on the hiring front. Jim Tully, who is well-known for his work on Locke, multiculturalism, and aboriginal rights, has been appointed to the Jackman Chair in Philosophical Studies. Tom Hurka, who has written influential books on perfectionism and virtue ethics, is joining the department as a Full Professor in July 2002. Gopal Sreenivasan, also an important Locke scholar and currently a bioethicist at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, joins us July 2002 as well. In addition, we have made some great junior appointments: Sergio Tenenbaum (Pittsburgh PhD), Martin Lin (Chicago PhD), and Jennifer Hawkins (Princeton PhD). Sophia Reibetanz (Harvard PhD) will join the

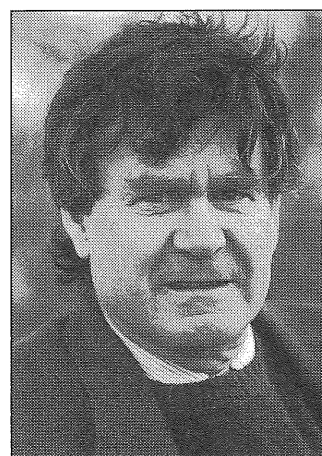
Department and the Faculty of Law in 2003. Other good news includes the University's decision to extend Ian Hacking's appointment for three years after his normal retirement date of July 1, 2001, and two upcoming searches for Canada Research Chairs (one cross-appointed to the Classics Department and one to the Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology). We also welcome Fiorella Tozzo our new departmental assistant, who comes to the Philosophy Department from OISE.

Cheryl Misak

HACKING WINS MOLSON PRIZE

Ian Hacking has been awarded the 2001 Award of Excellence from the University of Toronto Alumni Association, and the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize. In awarding the Molson Prize, the jury wrote: "Ian Hacking is considered to be among the very top rank of philosophers in the world. Immensely active and influential for three decades, Ian Hacking has published nine important books and close to 200 papers. His publications cover an extraordinary range of topics, from the logic of statistical inference to the socio-historico-cultural examination of the rise and fall of scientific disciplines, fashions and theories. His interdisciplinary scholarship has had a profound effect on current thinking about the nature of scientific inquiry and the place of

science in culture. His recent election to a permanent Chair at the Collège de France, an



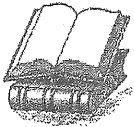
honour never before conferred on an anglophone, is a further remarkable achievement, indicative of a seismic shift in the relation between francophone and anglophone scholarship." Our heartiest congratulations to Ian.

PASSAGES

This year we have two early retirees -- **Mark Thornton** and **Jim Morrison**. We wish them all the best in their new lives of leisure!

Donald Ainslie and **Joseph Heath** were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor this year.

ALUMNI CORNER



A special Philosophical Evening was held in November, as a means of thanking the many alumni and friends whose generous donations have meant so much for the work of the Philosophy Department over the past few years. David Dyzenhaus, professor of Philosophy and of Law, gave a talk on "The Benefit of Hindsight," which dealt with South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and his own experience in testifying at the special hearing it held on the role of legal institutions during apartheid. After a brief but lively discussion, guests joined the speaker and members of the department for refreshments. Plans are underway for the second annual donor recognition event in the Fall of 2001.

Earlier this year the University announced a very advantageous matching program - an opportunity for donors to leverage the value of their gift on a **5:1 basis** while supporting one of our most crucial priorities: graduate student support. This program will greatly increase funds available for graduate student aid and thus enhance the Department of Philosophy's ability to attract the very best young scholars from across Canada and internationally. A donation of \$50,000 will be matched by the University to create a \$100,000 endowment. This endowment will generate a student award of \$5,000 annually, protected against inflation. The \$5,000 will then be double-matched with \$10,000 from the province's restructured OGS program to create a \$15,000 award. Donors are critical to the success of this program, and the partnership of donor, government and U of T represents a remarkable opportunity for Friends of Philosophy to contribute to graduate student support.

Each OGS can be forever named for the donor. The special matching program is in effect for gifts and pledges made by December 31, 2001 and paid in full by December 31, 2002. We will of course be happy to accept contributions of any size towards a 'Friends of Philosophy' Fellowship. We are very pleased to announce that the first of these new awards: the Hain Graduate Fellowship in the Department of Philosophy, made possible by a magnificent gift by Rob and Tracy Hain, to whom we give our warmest thanks.

Another notable recent donation to the Department is the commitment of \$5,000 annually from the Reverend Edward Jackman to support alumni activities. This and all other contributions to the department, large or small, are very much appreciated.

Faculty Notes

Julia Ching has been appointed to the Order of Canada for her work in East Asian philosophy and religion.

Brad Inwood, cross-appointed with Classics, has been named to one of the University's Canada Research Chairs. The Chair is in Ancient Philosophy and will bring new resources for research in this field for graduate student support, visitors, speakers and conferences.

David Novak's book *Covenantal Rights: A Study in Jewish Political Theory* has been selected to receive one of the American Academy of Religion's Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion.

Arthur Ripstein has been awarded the Nicholas Hoare/Renaud-Bray Book Prize from the CPA for his book, *Equality, Responsibility and the Law*.

The UofT Press has named 100 of its books as being 'the one hundred most influential and important' that they have published. Three of them were written by members of our department (past and present). They are: **Francis Sparshott** for *An Inquiry into Goodness* (1958); **Thomas A. Goudge** for *The Ascent of Life* (1961); and **T.M. Robinson** for *Plato's Psychology* (1970)!

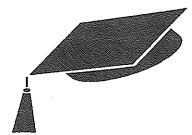
Honorary Degrees

Mark Kingwell received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, **Tom Robinson** received an honorary doctor of letters degree from the University of Athens, and **Ian Hacking** received an honorary doctorate from the University of British Columbia.

Francis Sparshott received an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto- Can you recognize the philosophers in the picture below?



Notes from the Graduate Department



The Martha Lile Love Teaching Award for 2000/01 was awarded to **Karen Detlesen** and **Graham Mayeda**. The Martha Lile Love Essay Award for 2000/01 was awarded to **Wyndham Thiessen** and **David Alexander**. These awards are dedicated to the memory of Martha Lile Love who died in 1979 at the age of 29 while a graduate student at UofT.

Karyn Freedman, Vicki Igneski, Glen Tiller, Scott Woodcock and **Douglas Wright** have been awarded Career Development and Research Fellowships for 2000/2001.

This year's Gordon Cheesbrough Graduate Research Fellowship winners were: **Margaret Cameron, Samantha Thompson, Anthony Skelton, Timothy Stock, Larissa McWhinney** and **Mark Clamen**.

On the Web

Visit our website at <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/philosophy/>, which can be reached via the UofT homepage. On our website you can find our monthly Newsletter (which includes a calendar of happenings in philosophy and other events of interest), the Department's Graduate and Undergraduate Bulletins, our Colloquium schedule, faculty profiles, and the Toronto Working Papers in Philosophy, containing work in progress by faculty members.

Notes from the Undergraduate Office

This has been a year of small-scale changes and improvements in our philosophy programme, with no new programmes or courses decided or put in place. It has been my first year as undergraduate co-ordinator, and I have enjoyed it for the most part very much, especially meeting students and talking about their courses, their programs and their futures.

For the session beginning in September, our program offers more sections of more courses, with a particularly enriched offering at the 400 level. Also significant is our new way of publicizing course descriptions, which are available around the globe on our Philosophy Department web site: <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/philosophy/>. The first two links from the web site give the detailed course descriptions for our summer session courses of 2001 and for our winter session courses of 2001/2. As a whole, I think it is an extremely impressive slate of courses, perhaps the biggest and richest in the world; and this stands to reason, as our Department is one of the largest and most varied in the world. I confess that at times I have felt the burden of the complexity that this size and richness involves; but I would not have it any other way.

Enrolments continue to be very strong, in some respects too strong, as many students found themselves faced with full courses in August. However, very few

students to my knowledge ended up being unable to register for the courses of their choice by the beginning of term or soon after. One of the most delightful events of the year was receiving a gift from William Szuch, a recent graduate of the Philosophy program, to endow a scholarship called the Sunflower Scholarship, in honour of his grandmother, Raisa O. Kuzmenko, and his aunt, Lily I. Umyn, both of whom recently passed away. The Sunflower Scholarship is to be awarded for the first time in the summer of 2002 to a Philosophy program student in second or third year (in 2001/2) who needs financial assistance, and has shown significant improvement in philosophy. The gift was particularly sweet from my point of view, as I remember William well as a student from my own ancient philosophy classes.

Also excellent news on the scholarship front is the new T. J. Lang Scholarship in Philosophy, which was set up in its current form by a Department decision in the fall. We decided to name the scholarship after the late Professor Lang of St. Michael's college philosophy, who passed away last year. The funds to support this scholarship come from gifts and matching gifts in the recent U of T campaign. This is the first year that this Scholarship is being awarded.

I have also instituted book prizes for the best dozen or so students in our first year introductory courses, and I will be sending out letters to

thirteen very promising young students, and looking forward to meeting them. Letters will be going out soon to the winners in 2001 of our other scholarships: the John MacDonald Scholarship, for an outstanding philosophy student finishing second year, the Thomas A. Goudge Scholarship, for a specialist finishing third year, the George Kennedy Scholarship, for an outstanding graduating student; and the John F. M. Hunter Scholarship, for a senior Philosophy student who has taken a course on Wittgenstein.

The winners of these scholarships in 2000 were:

MacDonald Scholarship:

Jane Dryden

Goudge Scholarship:

Clifford Roberts

Kennedy Scholarship:

Reena Goyal

Hunter Scholarship:

Suzan Poyraz

I am pleased that our scholarship program is expanding, and I would be happy to discuss it with anybody who shares an interest in this form of philanthropy. For this or any other matter I am always happy to be in contact with the graduates of our Department, at 416-978-3314, or by e-mail at my new undergraduate co-ordinator address: euboulia@chass.utoronto.ca

Doug Hutchinson

2001 Philosophy Book Launch

The Department's 14th Annual Book Launch held on March 22, 2001 featured:

- R. Gibbs**, *Why Ethics: Signs of Responsibility* (Princeton University Press, 2000)
I. Hacking, *Introduction to Probability and Inductive Logic* (Cambridge University Press, 2001)
J. Heath, *Communicative Action and Rational Choice* (MIT Press, 2001)
M. Kingwell, *The World We Want: Virtue, Vice and the Good Citizen* (Viking, 2000)
E. Kremer and Michael J. Latzer, *The Problem of Evil in Early Modern Philosophy* (University of Toronto Press, 2001)
M. Morrison, *Unifying Scientific Theories: Physical Concepts and Mathematical Structures* (Cambridge University Press, 2000)
E. Neill, *Rites of Privacy and the Privacy Trade* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001)
D. Novak (co-editor) with Tikva Frymer-Kensky, Peter Ocks, David Sandmel and Michael Singer, *Christianity in Jewish Terms* (Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies)
V. Shen, *The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur* (Dongda Publishing Co., 2000)
I. Stefanovic, *Safeguarding Our Common Future: Rethinking Sustainable Development* (SUNY Press, 2000)
M. Vertin, *Frederick E. Crowe: Three Thomist Studies* (Boston College, 2000)
F. Wilson, *The Logic and Methodology of Science and Pseudoscience* (Canadian Scholars Press, 2000)

Lawrence Edward Michael Lynch

Larry Lynch, whose association with St. Michael's College and the Philosophy Department was nearly life-long, died on 16 February 2001. After receiving the B.A. in 1936 he went on to graduate studies, earning the doctorate in 1940. After service in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War, he returned to St. Michael's in 1946 as an assistant professor, the first layman to hold a permanent position in its Philosophy Department. For the Graduate Department Lynch taught a very popular course on existentialism. From 1961 to 1975 he served as Head of the Department. After the College Department was abolished in 1975 and its members absorbed into the University Department, Lynch was appointed Principal of the College and served in that office until he retired in 1981. A popular figure on campus, he was entrusted with major responsibilities, including being co-chair of the Commission on the University Government

which recommended that the Senate and Board of Governors be replaced by the present Governing Council. Like his mentor, John Kelly, Lynch was a genial Irishman who found a way of serving both his College and University without compromising either of them.

Helen (Christilaw) Goudge

The Department has learned with regret of the death of Helen Goudge on 1 June 2001. Helen was the widow of Thomas Anderson Goudge, a long-time member of the Department who served as its chairman during the great expansion of the 1960s. Tom Goudge died on 20 June 1999, a victim of Alzheimer's disease. Helen, who was just nine months his junior, retained her very acute mental faculties until the end. She was a marvelous source of stories about members of the Department.

2000-2001 Colloquium Series

Our Colloquium series for 2000-2001 featured David Gauthier (Pittsburgh), Stephen Yablo (MIT), Barry Stroud (UC at Berkeley), Rebecca Comay (Toronto), Jaegwon Kim (Brown), and Gopal Sreenivasan (Princeton).

Upcoming 2001-2002 Colloquium Series & Simon Lectures

For our colloquium series this upcoming year, we welcome Fred Neuhauser (Cornell) on September 20, David Sedley (Cambridge) on October 11, R.I.G. Hughes (South Carolina) on March 7, Marcia Baron (Indiana) on April 4. Also this year we will be hosting the Jerome S. Simon Memorial Lectures with Elliott Sober as our guest speaker on March 19, 20, & 21, 2002. Everyone is invited.

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