



Philosophy News

WELCOME BACK, CHERYL!

Cheryl Misak returns to the Department of Philosophy

By Arthur Ripstein

After a decade in senior administration, as Dean at UTM, and then as Provost of the University, **Cheryl Misak**, after some well-earned administrative leave, will be returning to the Department of Philosophy.

Cheryl joined the department in 1990, after teaching for several years at Queen's. I was on the committee that hired her, and the morning after we offered her the job, I got on the train to Kingston. Taking my cue from protestors trying to stop logging in Temagami, I told her and her husband **David Dyzenhaus** (now Professor of Law and Philosophy at the UofT) that I would chain myself to their living room furniture with my bicycle lock until they agreed to come. They agreed (only later did I realize that the key to the lock strategy was that Kryptonite makes Cheryl weak.) She served as Chair of the Department from 2000 until 2003. She then served as Dean at UTM for three years and then as Deputy Provost, Interim Provost, and Provost since 2006.

As Dean at UTM and later as Provost she helped shape the



Cheryl at her book launch of the American Pragmatists published in her last year as Provost

University's current Tri-Campus structure, which has enabled the Philosophy Department to sustain and entrench its successful tri-campus Graduate Department. The benefits for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates are enormous. Faculty get the members of a large department spanning both the breadth of the history of philosophy and of contemporary issues and philosophy. Graduate students have the opportunity to learn from a large and

intellectually diverse faculty. Undergraduates on all three campuses get the benefit of the superb graduate students as their Teaching Assistants in large courses.

As Provost Cheryl made graduate education one of her central concerns, and made matching funds available for graduate student fellowships. Those fellowships became the department's main advancement

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Cheryl Misak

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priority, attracting scholarship support for international graduate students.

Administrative jobs at the University of Toronto are always demanding, and many people who take them on resign themselves to slowing down their research.

The degree of slowing-down is ordinarily proportionate to the height of the administrative ladder. Chairs find themselves slowed down; Deans burdened and, in most cases, Provosts find their research grinds to a halt. Some distinguished philosophers have served as provosts of major research universities in recent decades: notably, Paul Benacerraf at Princeton and John Etchemendy at Stanford. Both experienced a dramatic slowdown in their research productivity.

Cheryl's experience was very different: during her time as an administrator, she continued to write. She edited three books (*The Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy* (2008), Oxford University Press, *New Pragmatists* (2007), Oxford University Press, and *The Cambridge Companion to Peirce* (2004), Cambridge University Press.

She also produced and expanded a revised edition of her first book *Truth and the End of Inquiry*. Most amazingly, in her final year as provost she published *The American Pragmatists*, Oxford University Press. A major international conference on her work was held at Scotland's University of St. Andrews in December 2012.

For historical precedent we need to look back to another tennis-playing philosopher Sir W.D. Ross who served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Oxford 1944-1947.

Brand Blanshard, one of the few prominent American philosophers of the 20th century not mentioned in the index of Misak's book, remarked on Ross's remarkable ability to move seamlessly and speedily from one task to the next. Blanshard reports hearing Ross's pen making its way across the page before he had made it all the way out of Ross's office.

In recognition of Cheryl's administrative contributions to the University, members of the central administration have raised money to endow the Cheryl Misak Visitorship in Philosophy, which will bring a senior philosopher to the department each year. The visit will coincide with the Annual Graduate Conference; the visitor will be selected by the graduate students, and, as well as giving the keynote lecture, will be available to meet with graduate students during his or her stay.

Welcome Back, Cheryl!

David Gauthier Graduate Fellowship in Moral Philosophy Announced

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, former students of **David Gauthier** collectively contributed \$ 50,000, to be matched with money from the Provost's PhD Enhancement Fund, to create the endowed David Gauthier Graduate Fellowship in Moral Philosophy. David Gauthier earned his B.A. (Hons.) from the department in 1954, and after graduate study at Harvard and Oxford, joined the department in 1958. He taught here until 1980, and served as Chair from 1974 to 1979. He then taught at the University of Pittsburgh from 1980 until his retirement in 1999 and subsequently returned to live in Toronto.

Gauthier is the author of four books, including *Morals by Agreement*, (Oxford 1986) which was recently the subject of a special 25th anniversary symposium in *Ethics*. His achievements had already ensured his connection with the two things that Imanuel Kant said fill the mind with awe: his work in moral philosophy secures his relation to the moral law within; the fact that he had an asteroid named after him - Asteroid (15911) *Davidgauthier* - secures his relation to the starry skies above. The fellowship provides a permanent recognition of his contributions here on earth.



David Gauthier

From the Chair

Arthur Ripstein

Some years ago I was talking to a former chair of the Chemistry department about differences between disciplines. The topic came up because he asked what I thought of somebody's work and philosophy, and I said that I thought the person in question was wrong about everything, but an excellent philosopher. He told me that would never happen in chemistry; someone who was wrong about everything is not a chemist. Just then a former Dean of medicine came up. After asking whether he should expect alchemy from a conversation between the philosopher and a chemist, he characterized the situation in medicine: someone who is wrong about everything (or even anything) loses his or her license.

These distinctive features of philosophy shape departmental culture in two important ways. The first is that in running a department, pluralism is absolutely essential. There are some philosophy departments that are filled with like-minded people, and others that are marked by a particular approach to a certain sub-field, such as metaphysics or ethics. One of the many virtues of the University of Toronto Department is that there is no Toronto "school" of any area of philosophy. Instead, our students, both undergraduate and graduate, are exposed to very different perspectives and approaches to the topics or areas of philosophy that they study.

The other impact of pluralism on department culture is that philosophy is one of the few academic disciplines in which the entire department is in a position to have a view about the colloquium or a talk by a job candidate. In many humanities fields, only the people working on a particular

period or genre suppose themselves to be interested in or in a position to assess work in that period or genre. In philosophy, by contrast, everyone is in a position to have a developed opinion about pretty much any philosophy talk that might be given. Some degree of deference to experts is required in assessing a candidate's originality, mastery of the scholarly literature, and engagement with the relevant background. But when it comes to the things that philosophers first think of as our special subject matter — constructing and evaluating arguments — everyone is presumed to be largely competent to assess work outside of their field. In this,

philosophy is what scholars of higher education describe as a very "self-confident" discipline: like economists and chemists, but unlike sociologists or literary scholars, there is broad consensus about what counts as in or outside the field. Like sociologists and literary scholars, and unlike economists and chemists, philosophy is marked by disagreement.

These two distinctive features of philosophy as a discipline explain the difference I mentioned above, namely that someone can be an excellent philosopher, that is, gifted at constructing, developing, and criticizing arguments, and thereby developing interesting views on difficult questions, even while being (from the perspective of others) wrong about pretty much everything.

The same two features make the process of hiring particularly exciting. It is not part of our culture for search committee members to try to hire anything like a clone of themselves. Instead, the job of the Department



Ripstein visits with Jeremy Bentham to think about disagreement in philosophy

Chair is to assemble a search committee that will look at candidates coming at a variety of questions in the relevant area from very different perspectives, and try to decide who will make the strongest contribution to the department. It also means that everyone's job is to put to one side the question of their own views and evaluate the quality of argument.

This past year we conducted two successful searches. Andrew Franklin-Hall, who works in moral philosophy, will be joining the department on the St. George Campus in July 2014. James Allen, who works in ancient philosophy will be joining the department on the UTM campus in July 2014.

We have four searches scheduled for this year, which promises intellectual excitement and philosophical pluralism.

Arthur Ripstein

*Chair, Department of Philosophy,
Faculty of Arts & Science;*

Chair, Graduate Department of Philosophy

To honour Donald Ainslie's hard work as Chair of the Department of Philosophy from 2003 - 2011, members of the Department have established a fund for The Donald Ainslie Graduate Scholarship in the Department of Philosophy. If you would like to contribute to it, please see the last page.

Notes from the St. George Undergraduate Department



It's been another strong year for the St. George Undergraduate programme. As usual, we were able to offer a very full slate of courses, with a depth and

diversity that most universities could only dream of. And, as usual, we barely kept up with what seems to be insatiable student demand. Total enrolments increased (from 3096 to 3441 FCEs); while Philosophy Majors were down slightly, Minors were significantly up and the number of Specialists held steady. Next year we

will be offering perhaps our most diverse range of courses ever, including 400-level courses on topics ranging from Montaigne to McDowell, scepticism in modern philosophy to Confucian theories of the self.

More than ever, our St. George undergraduates include a substantial number who are deeply serious about philosophy and almost alarmingly professional. Not only did the Socrates Project (in which senior undergraduates act as tutors in Philosophy 100 while engaging in substantial independent research projects) continue its successful run; our Undergraduate Research Conferences were better, and better attended, than ever. Students presented everything from Aristotle to Rawls to quantum mechanics, often with a lucidity that I can only hope our

faculty equal in the classroom. It is no surprise that our graduates continue to have a stellar record of admission to graduate and professional programs, this year including Oxford, Princeton, Cornell, and Harvard Law as well as the full range of strong Canadian programs. In other news, **Andrew Molas** (BA 2011) won the 2012 Brian M. Keenan Prize, a nationwide award for an undergraduate paper in philosophy; the Course Union (PCU) is stronger and more active than ever; and the latest issue of *Noēsis*, our undergraduate philosophy journal, is now out! Come pick up your copy at the Department and support our undergraduates in their research.

Rachel Barney

Associate Chair, Undergraduate Studies (St. George)

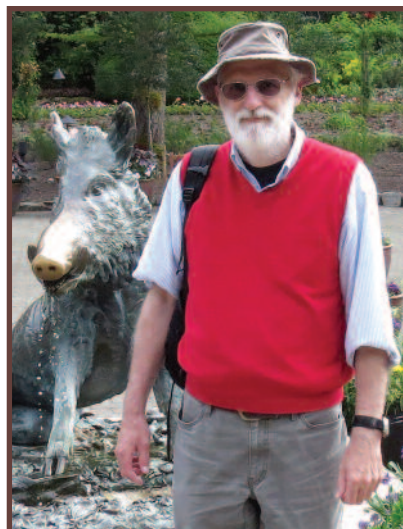
UTSC Philosophy News

By far the biggest event for the still very young and newest philosophy department at the University of Toronto was our move to new quarters on the UTSC campus. We are now ensconced in one of the portables between the S-wing and the Arts and Administration building. There was considerable trepidation about moving to a portable but in fact the new location has been a great success. It's cozy but the philosophy department now has its own seminar room and lounge (with kitchen), plus we found office space for the Undergraduate Philosophy Students Association as well.

Alumni are encouraged – should they be visiting UTSC – to pop in for a visit (we are Portable PO-102). One such visitor who recently passed through was **Paul Abela** (BA 1988), who studied at UTSC before going on to Oxford for his PhD. Now professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, it was great for him to look around the new building and to see a full fledged department of philosophy at UTSC.

In other news, this was the first year of teaching for our newest hire, Professor **Julia Nefsky**. Her gigantic course PHLA11 – Introduction to Ethics went very well by all accounts and included one very special event which we call 'Bringing Reason to Life'. This involves bringing two philosophers into the classroom to stage a debate. The debaters this year were Professors **Russell Shafer-Landau**, from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and UTM's **Andrew Seppielli** who squared off over the vexing question of whether ethical values are an objective feature of reality and whether we can know this. Since one of the text books for PHLA11 is by Shafer-Landau, there was the highly unusual spectacle after the class of students rushing the professor to get signed copies of their books. After the debate, a select few met with the debaters for a lunch in our lounge in the portable.

This year was the occasion for the fifth annual undergraduate philosophy conference, organized by the Association of Philosophy Students at UTSC (APS) and held on a dark and rainy day in March, 2013. As usual, the event was set up so that visitors



Bill Seager at Butchart Gardens during June's CPA

read papers (selected by members of the APS committee) which were commented on by UTSC philosophy students. The theme (only loosely honoured by the selected papers) was Meaning and Modality and the keynote speaker was Professor **Angelika Kratzer** from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. The conference takes up one full day and was a great success,

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from doughnuts at 8am to the end of a Japanese dinner late that night. The APS, and especially its president, 3rd year student **Heather Hutchinson**, deserve thanks and praise for a tightly organized and philosophically enlightening conference.

Although not strictly a philosophical event, we would be remiss not to note the arrival of department chair **Phil Kremer** and wife **Jennifer Burn**'s first child: **James Joseph Kremer Burns**, born on September 27, 2012. Phil has been enjoying both parental leave and a follow-up sabbatical. He will regain the department chair in January 2014.

It's been a typically busy year for our faculty. In addition to all their

local duties, UTSC philosophers globe trotted hither and yon, giving talks in Brazil, Switzerland, New Orleans, Scotland, Norway, Finland ... and many other more or less exotic locations. Professors **Benj Hellie** and **Jessica Wilson** were on leave for the winter term and spent April and June at the Arché Research Centre at St. Andrews University.

Finally, we should note that two of our graduating students: **David Balcarras** and **Robyn Forman** are off to graduate school, albeit not very far off as they are both



Angelika Kratzer at the UTSC Undergrad Conference

joining the MA programme at the University of Toronto. We wish them as much success in grad school as they had here in the UTSC programme.

William Seager

*Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy
University of Toronto Scarborough*

UTM Philosophy News



UTM Philosophy hosted a number of academic events, including talks in the UTM Seminar Series by **Robert Adams** (Oxford), **Tamar Szabo**

Gendler (Yale) and **Sarah Paul** (Wisconsin). We had our first talk in our Alumni Series. The Alumni Series brings back to our campus our former students who went on

to pursue successful careers in philosophy. Our inaugural speaker was **Michael Kessler** (Honours BA, 2002), who now teaches philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh. And for the Graduate Student Speaker Series we had a debate rather than separate talks at the request of our undergrads; the Grad Panel of "The Inescapability of Misery in Ancient Philosophy" consisted of **Cameron Woloshyn**, **Juan Pablo Bermudez**, and **Alessandro Bonello**.

We also awarded for the first time the First Year Essay Prize. The first year prize is awarded to the top two papers written for a first year course. The winners this year were **Joseph Vu** and **Jennifer Soehner**.

We are looking forward to another exciting year at UTM Philosophy!

Sergio Tenenbaum

*Chair, Department of Philosophy
University of Toronto at Mississauga*

ALUMNI NEWS

Career Night 2013

This year's Career Night took place a little earlier – in January. Pictured are the alumni who came to share their experiences and wisdom with our 3rd and 4th year students (*left to right*): **Tim Draimin** (BA 1973) long-time leader in the non-profit sector and currently Executive Director of Social Innovation Generation (SiG) National at Toronto's MaRS Discovery District, which supports and advances ventures in social and environmental issues; **Victoria Shelep** (Honours BA 2006), Research Ethics Coordinator at the Ontario Cancer Research Ethics Board; and **David Sturdee** (PhD 1999), Principal at Strategy and Business Consulting (formerly Managing Director, of equity management company Clairvest Group Inc).



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Notes from the Graduate Department



2012-13 was a great year for the graduate programs. The students held a highly successful Graduate Philosophy Conference in the Department (see page

14) and presented their work at scores of outside conferences and workshops, many of them international. Our PhD students continue to rise to the top in the big government fellowship competitions, this year landing five multi-year federal scholarships. The new cohort of PhDs also includes winners of major grants from the Connaught and Trillium Foundations.

The nine women and fourteen men in our strong (and large) incoming cohort will arrive with degrees from such leading institutions as UC San Diego, University of St Andrews,

University of Massachusetts, and Hebrew University. Our success in recruiting top applicants has been due in large part to the major government and other external grants won by our faculty. The faculty have requested funds for graduate education in their grants, so they are able to make very significant financial contributions to the graduate program. Our financial packages are now competitive with those of the top US departments. For example, this year we were successful in recruiting students who also had offers from the very strong programs at CUNY, Notre Dame, University of Massachusetts, and Northwestern University, among others.

Most importantly, 2012-13 was another strong year for placement. **Adrienne Prettyman** accepted a tenure track offer from Bryn Mawr and **Douglas MacKay** will take up a tenure track position at the Centre for Bioethics at UNC Chapel Hill. Three of our students won 2-year government post-doc grants: **Scott Howard** will take his post-doc at

Harvard, **Jacob Weinrib** at NYU, and **Ariel Zylberman** at McGill. **Sareh Pouryousefi** has accepted a post-doc at the University of Nottingham, and **Anthony Bruno** has won a Humboldt post-doc to continue his research in Germany next year. **Farshid Baghai**, **Adam Harmer**, and **Charles Repp** will take up lecturer positions here at the U of T. Securing top placements for our students is of course our primary mission, and we take pride in these impressive accomplishments.

These are my final notes from the grad office, as **Jennifer Nagel** took up the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies position on July 1. I will miss the regular contact with the students, but I know they are in great hands. It will also be hard getting along without my daily 10am phone call from our Grad Administrator **Margaret**, who has been a joy to work with. We are very lucky to have her.

Diana Raffman
Associate Chair, Graduate Studies
(2010-2013)

Faculty Awards, Honours, and Appointments

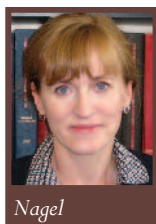


Joseph Heath has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. The official citation describes him as “an international leader

in political philosophy and the theory of rationality, as well as one of Canada’s leading public intellectuals. He has made fundamental contributions in two areas: to the understanding of the relations between rationality, morality, and culture, and to the foundations of business ethics.”

Thomas Hurka was appointed University Professor, UofT’s highest honour in recognizing its most outstanding scholars. Tom is noted for his work in perfectionism, the ethics of climate change,

‘the best things in life,’ and British moral philosophy. See Research Notes on page 11 to read about Tom’s latest research.



Jennifer Nagel has been appointed Associate Chair of Graduate Studies for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013. Also, her paper

“Intuitions and Experiments: A Defense of the Case Method in Epistemology,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 85 (3), 495-527, was selected for the 2013 *Philosopher’s Annual* as one of the ten best articles published in philosophy in 2012.

Martin Pickavé has been named a Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Mediaeval Philosophy. He will use the resources of the CRC to work on a new research project examining medieval debates on freedom and agency.



Ingrid Stefanovic has been appointed to the Center for Humans and Nature (Chicago and New York) as a Senior Scholar to work on an interdisciplinary project on Ethics of Care and Place.



Alasdair Urquhart has been elected President of the Association for Symbolic Logic for a three year term.

RETIREMENT

Joseph Boyle

Joe Boyle arrived in Toronto in 1986, with his wife Barbara and their four children, as a visitor to the Department from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. The following year he was hired permanently to fill a position in the old “PHI” group at St. Mike’s.

In 1991 he was named Principal of St. Michael’s College and served two terms, finishing in 2002. In the spring of 2003 he served as Interim Chair of the Department during the several months between Cheryl Misak’s and Donald Ainslie’s terms, and during the 2008-09 academic year, Joe served as Acting Chair while Donald was on leave. He spent the 2010-11 academic year as a visiting fellow in the James Madison Program at Princeton.

Joe works mostly in moral philosophy, both theory and applied. Since completing his PhD at Georgetown in 1970, he collaborated with his thesis supervisor there, Germain Grisez and with John Finnis of Oxford



and Notre Dame Law, in developing a distinctive approach to the kind of normative theory and application that finds its classic source in the writings of Thomas Aquinas. This approach has come to be known as the ‘new natural law’ theory. Joe’s particular areas of research within this approach are the theory of intention and the

closely related rule of double effect, and the comparability of human goods. He looks forward to bringing this research to completion in the coming years.

While accepting that the time for retirement has arrived, Joe is already missing teaching undergraduates, which he came to experience as the most rewarding part of a great job in a great Department and University. Teaching large classes certainly proved a challenge, but Joe found it very satisfying. As for leading seminars and supervising independent study for our lively and gifted majors and specialists, it was simply the best academic life could provide him. Joe hopes to

be more visible in the Department now that he has the leisure of being ‘emeritus.’

RETIREMENT

Kathryn Morgan

Kathryn Morgan began her life as the first-born, only daughter to a Catholic family physician/surgeon and a feisty homemaker whose dreams of university education were shattered by the Great Depression. Being followed by four unruly smart brothers, one of Kathryn’s aspirations as an adolescent was to be chosen “The Bratwurst Queen” in the ‘bratwurst capital of the world,’ her home town in Wisconsin. To compensate, she also aspired to the Honor Society and to high SAT scores.

Once ‘safely situated’ in a Catholic women’s college, Alverno College, she laboured as a math specialist until she encountered a course in

Thomistic Metaphysics. She went into intellectual freefall – and has never landed. Much to her parents’ dismay, she abandoned mathematics and chose to pursue philosophy. Kathryn earned her MA and PhD (“with Distinction”) from Johns Hopkins University, and an MEd in Educational Foundations from the University of Alberta.

While Kathryn was at Hopkins, a young Noam Chomsky presented a talk to the philosophy department and then proceeded to invite all the graduate students, including women, to the faculty club for a drink. Admittance to the faculty club was forbidden to women! On Chomsky’s coattails the women entered this forbidden male-only space, a little like feminist philosophy itself – one of many feminist moments that contributed to Kathryn’s emergence in a generation of feminist philosophers.

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Kathryn Morgan *cont'd*

Over the decades Kathryn examined such topics as cosmetic surgery, sexuality, reproductive technologies, normative gender identities, and systemic fat hatred. Tracking the powerful, coercive, mandatory gendered norms for women to be beautiful, fertile, slim, young, and non-disabled, she developed research paradigms and methodologies to analyse lived embodiment through a bio-political feminist Foucauldian lens. Most recently, she has turned to the normative political construction of the gendered American bio-citizen and role of critical masculinities.

Along the way, she was able to help found the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy to open philosophy to new questions; to help found the field of feminist bioethics and its now profitable(!) journal, the *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*; and to strategize and develop the ground work for the well-respected journal, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. She also received a prestigious OCUFA Award for Excellence in Teaching for her innovative pedagogical methods and curriculum development.

Like many contemporary thinkers who subscribe to the view that women ‘come from Venus’ and can be only intuitive ‘feeling’ experts, Aristotle argued that women’s generic incapacity to reason theoretically resulted from women’s reproductive structures and processes. Women exemplified a form of ‘natural pathology,’ for whom full moral and political personhood was impossible. In the Department of Philosophy



— through her presence, teaching and research — she has fought to eradicate this view.

Kathryn notes that her career has been an exciting and rewarding adventure, and although she was never crowned the “Bratwurst Queen”, the title “Professor” proved to be more than adequate compensation.

It’s been great having Kathryn in the department — she will be missed! Both the department and the discipline are more equitable today because of Kathryn Morgan’s political and philosophical work.

Graduate Student Awards



Howard

Nathan Howard was the winner of the 2010-12 Martha Lile Love Award for his paper “The Good Samaritan Paradox: Deontic Modalities and Absurd Obligations.”



Reece

Bryan Reece has won a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, one of the most prestigious graduate fellowships in Canada.

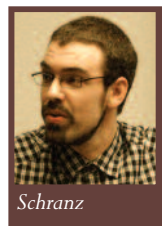
Bryan is the third recipient from our department since the award was created in 2008. He is in his third year of the PhD program and is specializing in Ancient Philosophy.



Howard

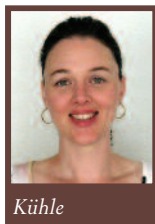
Scott Howard has won the 2009-2012 David Savan Dissertation Prize for his thesis, *The Normativity of Nonstandard Emotions: An Essay on Poignancy and Sentimentality* (2011).

Mark Schranz is one of four U of T graduate students to have been awarded the 2013 Teaching Assistants’ Training Program’s (TATP) Teaching Excellence Award.



Schranz

Lana Kühle was the winner of the 2012 Martha Lile Love Award for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy for her design of and interactive approach in PHL 232 – Knowledge and Reality.



Kühle

IN MEMORIAM

William John (Bill) Huggett

November 14, 1924 – March 27, 2013

A modest man, Bill requested that there be no death notice, funeral or memorial service on his demise. Nevertheless, with the concurrence of Bill's children, Jani, Christian and Michael, some of Bill's former students and colleagues decided to write this short memorial and UTM (Erindale College), largely at the instigation of Professor Peter Robinson, former Principal of the College, decided to hold a memorial gathering at its campus on June 12, 2013.

Bill grew up in hard times, the Great Depression and WW II. His father, a PT instructor in the British army, saw service and was wounded in the Mesopotamian (Iraqi) campaign after WWI before being seconded to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. Perhaps following his father's example, Bill exercised vigorously throughout his life and was still 'pumping iron' in his 80s. As soon as he reached the age of 17 in 1943, he volunteered for active service with the Canadian Army. Because of his youth, he remained in training in New Brunswick, where he became a champion runner, until he was 19. He did eventually join his regiment, the 48th Highlanders, and saw active service with them when they moved from the Italian campaign to battles in Holland.

After the War, Bill used his veteran's gratuity to study philosophy at Victoria College, University of Toronto, where he in due course earned his BA (1948), MA (1949), and PhD (1954). (It was also at Victoria College that he met two young women, Anne and Lille, who, as noted, figured importantly in his life.) Because he saw that the demand in Canada for philosophers was miniscule, Bill thought it prudent to write his dissertation on an American philosopher to improve his chances in the USA. Toronto's Thomas Goudge was a pioneering scholar of the work of CS Peirce, arguably the most original and important American philosopher, so Bill wrote his thesis, "CS Peirce's Search for a Method," under Goudge.

Bill was right about the difficulties in the post-war job market in Canada's tiny academic community of the time. However, after a brief sojourn in 1951-52 as a Lecturer at Carleton, Ottawa in 1952 he secured a position at the University of Manitoba at a salary of \$3,000 per annum. There was no such thing as tenure in those days and not much prospect of advancement either; for example, Bill, according to his CV, spent ten years at Manitoba as a lecturer. Bill's wife, Lille, told her children that because their father was an academic they would have to become used to being poor. Things took a dramatic turn for the better in the 1960s as university enrolment surged and Bill rapidly achieved promotion to Associate Professor.

After Bill spent the summer of 1963 as a visiting lecturer at the University of Western Ontario, he probably renewed contact with Thomas Goudge, who appointed



him as an Associate Professor (promoted to Professor in 1966) at Erindale College (later UTM), although he spent two years at the St. George campus while waiting for Erindale College to open its doors. From 1967 until 1974, he was Philosophy Discipline Representative and from 1969 until 1974 he was an Associate Dean responsible for the Humanities and Part-time Students at Erindale.

Although Bill published some 15 papers and presented a number of others at conferences, his main interest was in the teaching of philosophy. Particularly in the 1980s, he regularly attended an annual International Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy.

When thinking of an excellent university professor, we often imagine a charismatic speaker holding an audience of students spellbound by sprinkling his beautifully organized and erudite discourse with many a *bon mot* and amusing anecdote. It must be said that Bill was not such a "sage on the stage" type of teacher. He was rather a different sort of model teacher: "a guide by your side."

His teaching style not only suited his personality, it suited his philosophy of teaching. Bill took a quiet, kind, discerning and incredibly patient interest in each student as an individual. He tried to "speak to their condition" in its particularity. He abhorred the bureaucratic fetish that student grades must be made to fit the "normal (bell) curve," with a specified percentage of failures to demonstrate that the instructor had "high standards."

Rather, he thought that having chosen a reasonable level of skill, understanding and appreciation expected of students in a course of study, the instructor should allow and encourage students to correct their mistakes and rewrite their assignments to improve on an initial grade assessment. Bill spent an incredible amount of time patiently explaining such mistakes and helping individual students improve their work. Given a reasonable set of

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expectations to begin with, a high success rate and a low failure rate could reasonably be taken as a sign of good teaching as well as student effort and talent. When his grades were challenged, as they sometimes were, Bill would stick by his guns, and patiently explain and defend his grading rationale: it takes nothing away from the hares if we help the tortoises make their slower way to the finish line. Mature, part-time and special needs students were among his biggest fans.

Bill, together with his wife, Lille, can rightly be considered among the founders of UTM (Erindale College). Building an academic community integrated into the then raw, western reaches of the GTA was for the Huggetts a passion into which they threw their energies. Many former students, colleagues and friends can also attest to the splendid hospitality and support that they offered at their home.

Both were mainstays of the Erindale Associates, a supportive community group, in which Lille was a member and leader for some 20 years. She was also a founder of and assiduous worker in the Erindale writing lab, which was particularly important for ESL students. Bill was instrumental in resolving a dispute between the theoretical and historically oriented fine art group at Erindale College, on the one hand, and the applied art group at nearby Sheridan Community College, on the other. The resolution urged by Bill was to combine the strengths of both in an integrated program. The integration of theory and practice, university and community college, is now being recognized as the wave of the future.

Bill reluctantly took mandatory retirement in 1989. He continued his reading centred on integrating modern science into philosophy. His interest in music led him from playing the recorder to playing the bagpipes. The pipe and drums band he played in took part in the Scottish Festival at Elora and he went with it to a festival in Scotland.

Sadly, Lille died in 2005 and after that, Bill slowly slid under the dark cloud of a form of dementia. However, the Anne Taylor whom Bill had known from his student days saw Lille's obituary in a Victoria Alumni publication some six decades after their friendship at Victoria College. She contacted Bill, something that brightened his life immensely. They subsequently formed a loving and supportive relationship as octogenarians.

The Erindale Associates, who had set up a bursary in Lille's name, have voted to change the name of the bursary to the "William and Lille Huggett Bursary Fund," a fitting tribute to their contributions to UTM/Erindale College.

— by Former Students and Colleagues of Bill Huggett

R.I.G. Hughes

Richard Ieuan Garth "RIG" Hughes, who taught in this department from 1976 to 1979, died January 14, 2013.

RIG taught at the Highgate School in London and Shawnigan Lake School in British Columbia, before earning his PhD at UBC. He taught philosophy at Toronto, Princeton, and Yale, before taking up a position at the University of South Carolina for 24 years. He specialized in the philosophy of physics, but also published important articles in aesthetics and on the history of philosophy.

In addition to being a highly respected scholar, he had an unusual gift for making difficult ideas accessible, among other things publishing an article about Quantum Logic in *Scientific American* while still a graduate student.

RIG was also an accomplished actor and musician, performing to acclaim everywhere he lived. An obituary can be found at <http://www.shivesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Richard-Hughes/#!/Obituary>

James Melville Owen Wheatley

James Wheatley died in hospital on December 30, 2012, after a brief illness.

He was born in Guelph on February 29, 1924, but grew up in New Brunswick. He earned both a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of New Brunswick before joining the University of Toronto as a doctoral candidate. He spent a year at the University of London under the supervision of A.J. Ayer who joined Thomas Goudge in directing his dissertation, "Contemporary British Phenomenalism: An Inquiry into its Meaning and Justification." He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in 1957.

After short stints of teaching at his undergraduate alma mater, the University of Alabama, and Brown University where he came under the influence of C. J. Ducasse who urged him to devote some of his research to parapsychology, he joined the department at U of T in 1956 as a lecturer and became an associate professor within ten years. Most of his teaching was in the areas of epistemology and philosophy of science, but most of his research and publications were in the area of parapsychology. In 1976 he co-edited with Hoyt Edge, "Philosophical Dimensions of Parapsychology," which collected together the most important studies of this emerging field. He continued to publish in this field both before and after he took early retirement in 1983. He was a member of the board of the American Society for Psychical Research from 1979 to 1988. His conclusion, after years of study, was that it is more likely than not death is final, that there is no postmortal survival.

He was married twice. His second wife, Joyce Elizabeth survives, as do two children from his first marriage, Joanna and Bruce, and one granddaughter.

— by John G. Slater

RESEARCH NOTES

This past year, as every year, we've had a number of faculty on research leaves or fellowships.

Some brief notes follow on what some of them have accomplished.

THOMAS HURKA ON HIS KILLAM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

In 2011 I had the good fortune to win a Killam Research Fellowship, giving me two years release from teaching, to write a book on some British moral philosophers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries who I think constitute an important school in the history of the subject. In my Killam proposal I said I would write a book of ten chapters; it's expanded to twelve, of which I've written eleven with the twelfth just underway. I hope that counts as (almost) doing what I said I'd do.



These moral philosophers aren't as famous as Aristotle, Hume, or Kant, who may be the "big three" in the history of ethics. The best-known are Henry Sidgwick, the most philosophically acute of the nineteenth-century utilitarians; G.E. Moore, friend of Virginia Woolf, John Maynard Keynes, and others in the Bloomsbury group; H.A. Prichard, who asked "Does Moral Philosophy Rest on a Mistake?"; and W.D. Ross, also a great scholar of ancient philosophy. The group disagreed on many topics in ethics but shared a general approach and understanding of the subject. I think these are more fruitful than those of, say, Aristotle and Kant, and try to argue that in the book.

The school's heyday was the 1920s and 1930s, when their views dominated the subject. But the philosophers of the 1950s and 1960s, often influenced by the ordinary-language philosophy, rejected their approach and their works were for a time little read. Certainly when I was a graduate student in the 1970s we might be expected to know the first chapter of Moore's *Principia Ethica* and interest was increasing in Sidgwick, but the others were largely unknown. That's changed a little in recent years — Prichard and Ross have been getting some attention — but no one's yet written about the school as a whole, showing what made them unified and distinctive and assessing their contributions. That's what my book aims to do.

That the subject's new in this way has been both fun and a lot of work. Someone writing about Aristotle or Kant has a huge body of existing secondary literature to deal with and many rival interpretations to try to refute. I've had very little of that. I've mostly been able to just read my philosophers and develop my own interpretations of them. (If the book is a success, others may set about refuting

them.) But when philosophers haven't been much discussed their main ideas aren't already familiar and you won't know from the start what the most important passages in their writings are. I therefore spent several years taking elaborate notes, close to 2000 pages, on what each of them said on the topics of interest to me and where. I couldn't have written the book without those notes — my memory is nowhere near good enough — but it meant there was a lot of preparation before the writing began.

That writing was helped immensely by the Killam Fellowship, because I could concentrate my energies on it, and it is now coming to a close. I hope to have written the final chapter and done revisions to the whole by the end of 2013. Hopefully a year after that the book will be in print.

JAMES ROBERT BROWN ON HIS HALF SABBATICAL



I have come to appreciate half sabbaticals — one's batteries can be recharged twice as often. Part of the appeal of any sabbatical (full or half) is being free to accept invitations to interesting places, where one can add a few days of sightseeing at the end (guilt-free, since not teaching).

One of these was a philosophy of science conference held at the Philosophy of Science Centre in Shanxi, China. Another was a philosophy of mathematics conference held at UNAM in Mexico City. A third was on thought experiments in Macarata, Italy. Other talks were closer to home, e.g., a conference on the culture of mathematics, held at IHPST, Toronto. Papers derived from some of these will be published.

I also wrote and prepared several talks (scheduled for after the sabbatical) on the topic of commercialization of medical research (some to be published). The topic started as a sideline with me a few years ago, but it's very hard not to be deeply involved. The current medical situation is truly terrible. Pharmaceutical products are worse now than thirty years ago. The problem is largely due to IP rights which have skewed aims exclusively toward health solutions that yield royalties and corrupted test results, which are often fraudulent. Medical research needs to be socialized and made part of the healthcare system. Universities, including ours, need to put an end to insidious partnerships and make the public aware of the current dangers. That's our real mandate, not bragging about how much (corporate) grant money we bring in.

When not writing anti-pharmaceutical sermons, I whiled away the hours working on three books: *Seismology* (a book on foundations with a mathematician co-author for World Scientific), *Philosophy of Science* (an introductory text for Palgrave Macmillan) and *Subtle Matter* (a history of the aether for Oxford). All are overdue, but the ends are in sight. One more half sabbatical and Bob's Your Uncle.

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RESEARCH NOTES

DOUG HUTCHINSON ON HIS SPRING 2013 SABBATICAL



My last research leave took place in the first half of 2013, mostly in California and Europe. Primarily I was working with Monte Johnson on our ongoing reconstruction and edition of Aristotle's lost work *Protrepticus*, and during this time I held a USTN-1 visa as Monte's research assistant and a visitor at the University of California at San Diego, where our research archive is

located. In this period I also attended a conference on psychedelic science (see details below), and I completed my work as editor of Prof. Carlo Natali's *Aristotle: His Life and School*, a book that I translated from Italian, Latin, and Greek; the book is coming out later in 2013 with Princeton University Press.

Having made several key discoveries about the lost work in recent years, Monte and I took our *Protrepticus* research on tour in Europe to test the reception of our ideas. In January and February, we finalized the current version of the reconstruction, with the totality of evidence accounted for (for the first time), and then we spent the month of March giving papers and doing research in libraries. We gave presentations on our results in Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Durham, Florence, Venice, and Padua (the latter three presented largely in Italian), and had extremely encouraging feedback. We also examined manuscripts and papyrus fragments in libraries in Oxford and Florence. We have now modified the shape of the reconstructed dialogue, and settled on a design for the book (to be published in the Cambridge Classical Texts and Commentaries series); and at the end of June we sent to our editor David Sedley the blueprint and partial draft of the projected book. All our work is being continuously published at: www.protrepticus.info.

I also pursued my interest in the science of mind-altering substances, a field in the philosophy of mind where the suppression of research by government authorities has both delayed the development of knowledge and provided the conditions for extremely interesting new results. The leading venue for intellectual exchange in this field is the regular conference of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, and I was able to attend the April 2013 MAPS conference in Oakland. For me the highlights were Dr. Gabor Maté on ayahuasca therapy for the "spiritual emergency" of addictions, Dr. James Fadiman on the use of LSD to foster intellectually creative problem-solving, and Prof. Roland Griffiths on his program of research at Johns Hopkins on psilocybin (the active ingredient in magic mushrooms) producing mystical and religious experiences. Apparently I was the only participant from U of T and the

only academic philosopher at the conference. Since I had a US visa and was legally resident in California, I had a valid recommendation for medicinal marijuana, and the photograph shows me with a conference badge in the designated smoking zone of the MAPS conference on April 19.

INGRID STEFANOVIC ON HER SPRING 2013 SABBATICAL



"The new oil," writes *The Financial Post*, "is going to be water," with water shortages potentially causing economic and political turmoil worldwide. From issues of environmental justice to human rights, philosophical reflection in the field of water ethics is of increasing importance. Part of my sabbatical leave was dedicated to writing a series of five articles for *Water Canada*

magazine, in the hope that policy makers might become more aware of the influence of taken for granted water attitudes and perceptions on decision making. In addition, a chapter on "Ethics, Sustainability and Water Management" was prepared for a forthcoming book and a short refereed article on the phenomenology of buried streams was published. In late spring, I was pleased to have a SSHRC grant accepted on the theme of "water ethics and environmental policy." The Insight Development grant will provide an opportunity to identify a network of scholars who will help to ascertain best practices and optimal research opportunities for philosophical collaboration on water policy issues.

Other research initiatives continued on a number of different fronts. A USA-based collaborative research project on the topic of the "Ethics of Care and Place" is in its second and final year. Several meetings that were organized during this time in Chicago, New York and in Nashville last spring, with about 20 invited participants, will result in a joint publication on this theme at the conclusion of the project.

Finally, progress was also made on two book projects. The first is a monograph entitled *Shaping the Natural City* that builds upon an edited collection published recently by the University of Toronto Press. The book is a phenomenological exploration of perceptions of place and a critical examination of the dualism of urban and environmental paradigms. A second book in progress relates to schools – more specifically, alternative modernisms and the phenomenology of pedagogical place. I expect that my next half-year sabbatical in January, 2014, will provide an opportunity for substantial completion of a draft of the first book, as well as continuing progress on the second, that will include collecting impressions directly from elementary level students in the Peel District School Board.

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Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson with Hume in Scotland

BENJ HELLIE ON HIS SPRING 2013 SABBATICAL

Professor Hellie spent three months of his term of research leave at the University of St Andrews, in Scotland, as a Visiting Fellow at the Arché Centre for Metaphysics, Logic, Language, and Epistemology. His talks during the term were: “Out of this world” (conference on Phenomenal Concepts in Rio de Janeiro and symposium on this paper at Pacific APA); “Indeterminacy, knowledge, presupposition, expression” (University of Oslo); “Why isn’t knowledge justified true belief?” (University of Edinburgh and Arché); “Three grades of context dependence” (Arché); and “On the creation of the One, the It, the World, the Self, and God” (Arché). He found the historic St Andrews golf links to be a great place to walk his Labrador retriever, Pirate.

Hellie’s research during this period explored the relation between language used to state facts and language used to express a mental outlook. His major project was a draft of a book, *Expressive and Informative Discourse*. The book argues that communication is about empathy, reinterprets central apparatus in semantics appropriately, and against this background develops expressivist semantic proposals for extensive ranges of philosophically troubling language. In addition, Hellie submitted three articles: (1) “Sentences, strings, and truth,” on truth and the liar paradox; (2) “Indeterminacy, knowledge, presupposition, expression,” on Williamson’s master argument that indeterminacy is a kind of unknowability; and (3) “Why isn’t knowledge justified true belief?” on knowledge and the “Gettier problem.”

JESSICA WILSON ON HER SPRING 2013 RESEARCH LEAVE

During her Spring 2013 sabbatical, Professor Wilson was a Visiting Fellow at the Arché Centre for Metaphysics, Logic, Language, and Epistemology at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. While in residence, she led discussions on four of her papers (including “Relativized metaphysical modality,” coauthored with Adam Murray, and “No work for a theory of grounding”), enjoyed the life of the Centre and the beauty of St. Andrews, and wrote a draft of a book, *Metaphysical Emergence*, aimed at answering the questions: what is metaphysical emergence, and is there any?

Wilson also spent two weeks on a fellowship from the Causation and Explanation Research Group at the University of Cologne, where she participated in a series of events focused on her work, and gave a talk (“On the individuation of levels”) at a workshop on emergence in complex systems. In addition, she gave talks at the University of Oslo and the University of Edinburgh. Her paper, “A determinable-based account of metaphysical indeterminacy,” was accepted for publication by *Inquiry*.

JONATHAN WEISBERG ON HIS 2012-2013 SABBATICAL

This year I followed through on some existing projects, and started some new ones. I published three articles. One is about how our decisions draw on what we know, especially when our knowledge is limited and we face uncertainty about the outcome. Another is about the limitations of popular mathematical models of learning from experience. The third is a look back at the last 40 years of progress in philosophizing about probability, for the 40th anniversary of the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*.



I also launched two open access projects. My colleague Franz Huber and I started a new journal, *Ergo*, with the generous support of the University of Toronto’s Department of Philosophy. *Ergo* addresses a need in philosophy for open access venues, especially ones with a generalist scope. Together with Richard Pettigrew of the University of Bristol, I also began editing *The Open Handbook of Formal Epistemology*, an open access book that will be published publicly on the website PhilPapers.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES DURING 2012-2013

World Philosophy Day

In mid-November 2012 our undergraduates celebrated World Philosophy Day by hosting **Gideon Rosen**, Stuart Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Council of the Humanities at Princeton, who spoke on “Responsibility, Apathy, and Obedience.”



Gideon Rosen (centre) with students Sosseh Assaturian, Kyle Da Silva, Kyle Quinlan, Anastasia Bizayeva, Jordan Ouellette, Charles Dalrymple-Fraser and Rory Harder.



Simon Lectures

Don Rutherford (University of California, San Diego) gave two lectures in March 2013 on *The Wisdom of the Moderns* – ‘Descartes and la Morale’ and ‘Hobbes and the Progress of Desire.’

Graduate Conference 2013



keynote speaker Julia Annas

In May we held our 13th Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, *What's Virtue Got To Do With It?*, on the topic of the relevance of ‘virtue’ to philosophical inquiry.

This year we welcomed keynote speaker **Julia Annas**, Regents Professor at the University of Arizona, as well as graduate student presen-

ters from Princeton, Oxford, Texas, Maryland, and Alberta. Our students greeted all our guests with lively commentary and discussion.



Julia Annas (centre) at the closing roundtable

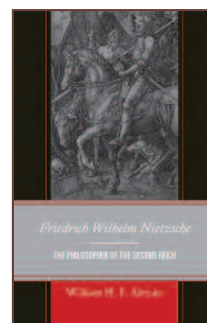
In addition, this year’s event was enhanced by the addition of a closing roundtable discussion, which brought all the presenters together to debate the overall issues of the conference along with the audience.

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William H.F. Altman

(MA 1978), a high school Latin teacher in Lynchburg, Virginia, has had a 4th book published by Lexington: *Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche: The Philosopher of the Second Reich*.



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2013 PHILOSOPHY BOOK LAUNCH



The Department's 26th Annual Book Launch, held on March 7, 2013, featured:

Mélanie Frappier, Letitia Meynell and **James Robert Brown**, editors
Thought Experiments in Philosophy, Science and the Arts
Routledge, 2012

Willi Goetschel
The Discipline of Philosophy and the Invention of Modern Jewish Thought
Fordham University Press, 2012

Brad Inwood and Raphael Woolf, editors and translators
Aristotle: Eudemian Ethics
Cambridge University Press, 2013

Mark Kingwell,
Unruly Voices: Essays on Democracy, Civility, and the Human Imagination
Biblioasis, 2012



Authors *Martin Pickavé*, *Brad Inwood*, *Willi Goetschel*, *Jim Brown*, *Bill Seager*.
Not pictured: *Mark Kingwell*, *Cheryl Misak*, *Vincent Shen*.

Cheryl Misak
The American Pragmatists
Oxford University Press, 2013

Martin Pickavé and Lisa Shapiro, editors
Emotion and Cognitive Life in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy
Oxford University Press, 2012

William Seager
Natural Fabrications: Science, Emergence and Consciousness
Springer-Verlag (Frontiers Series), 2012

Vincent Shen
Kuawenhua Zhexue yu Zhongjiao (in Chinese: Essays on Intercultural Philosophy and Religion) Wunan, Taipei, 2012

Alumni are invited to attend the 2014 Philosophy Book Launch which will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, 4-6 pm, at the Jackman Humanities Building, 170 St. George Street, Room 418.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Colloquia and Special Lectures

October 24, 2013 – Katherine Hawley (St. Andrews), **Colloquium**

November 15, 2013 – Shelly Kagan (Yale), **Roseman Lecture in Practical Ethics**

November 21, 2013 – Scott Shapiro (Yale), **World Philosophy Day Lecture**

March 6, 2014 – Béatrice Longuenesse (NYU), **Colloquium**

Each talk will take place at the Jackman Humanities Building, Room 100, (170 St. George Street) at 3:15 pm and will be followed by a reception.

Please check our website, www.philosophy.utoronto.ca for details.

Graduate Conference – May 1-2, 2014

The theme of the 2014 Graduate Conference in Philosophy will be *normativity*. This topic extends into nearly all areas of philosophy, from ethics and meta-ethics, where philosophers wonder about the content, nature and grounds of moral reasons and norms, to the philosophies of language and mind, where questions arise about the constitutive role that reasons and norms play with respect to the nature of meaning and the attribution of mental states.

Given the broad nature of the topic, we have teamed up with the Centre for Ethics in order to bring in two keynote speakers:

Prof. Anandi Hattiangadi is well-known for her work in the philosophy of language and mind. Her research until now has focused on the notion that speaking a particular language imposes certain restrictions on what one ought to say or believe. Her latest project is in epistemology, and focuses on such questions as: 'What is the value of having true beliefs?' 'Does knowledge have a value distinct from that of true belief?' and 'What reason do we have to follow good epistemic practices?'

Prof. J. David Velleman is well-known for his work in practical reason and the philosophy of action. He has developed a distinct account of the natures of action and intention, which he uses to ground an account of reasons for action which purportedly apply to all agents simply by virtue of their being agents. In his most recent work, he argues that his theory can allow for a degree of relativism to arise from the contingent needs of distinct agents and the developments of distinct societies.



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