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The Department of Philosophy currently conducts a search for the following position: AOS: Ancient Philosophy. AOC: Open, but ability to complement existing department strengths is desirable. Assistant Professor, tenure-track, beginning fall semester, 2009. The successful candidate will actively engage in research and be expected to participate in the department's M.A. program in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics. Ph.D. in philosophy required by time of appointment. The department is a pluralistic department emphasizing diverse approaches to teaching and research. A strong commitment to undergraduate teaching is required as demonstrated by previous successful teaching experience; a portion of the teaching load will be lower division introductory philosophy courses that meet general education requirements. A willingness to contribute to the department's service mission is required. Usual non-teaching duties. The equivalent of 6 courses/year (3/semester), undergraduate/graduate. We encourage applications from women and minorities. Applicants should send a complete dossier, including a letter of application, C.V., at least three letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, a writing sample up to 25 pages, and evidence of successful teaching experience to: Philosophy Search, Department of Philosophy, University of North Florida, 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224-7699. Deadline for initial consideration of applications is November 26, 2008. The position remains open until filled. NOTE: to be considered for this position, applicants must complete the online application form at http://www.unfjobs.org, in addition to submitting by mail all required documents. Applicants who do not complete the online application form will not be considered for this position.

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For more information, contact Randolph Clarke (rkclarke@fsu.edu) or Michael McKenna (mmckenna@fsu.edu).
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“ETHICS FOR DISASTER”
Prof. Naomi Zack, University of Oregon, renowned feminist and race and gender theorist, will present the public lecture “Ethics for Disaster” as part of the UNF Inquiry & Insight Lecture Series. The event will be coordinated by Chloe Taylor, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. As part of her visit to UNF, Prof. Zack will participate in a special faculty/graduate student research seminar in the MA in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics.
For more information, contact choe.taylor@unf.edu.

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Speakers:
Manuel Vargas (U. San Francisco; currently on fellowship at Harvard)
Guillermo Hurtado (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico)
Panel discussion:
on liberation theology, coordinated by Laura Ammon, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies.
(Members of UNF’s World Languages department will participate.)
The one-day conference is organized by Rico Vitz, Assistant Professor of Philosophy.
For more information, contact rico.vitz@unf.edu.

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MEMBERS’ NEWS
BARRY UNIVERSITY

Aphrodite Alexandrakis has been selected for a 4-month research grant as an AY2008-2009, US Fulbright Scholar in Egypt. Her 2007-08 publications include “The Bird’s Song and Platonic Formalism” in Philotheos 7 (2007), and “A Byzantine’s Neoplatonic ‘Poetic’ Dialectic,” forthcoming in Diotima (2009)

CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ron Cooper gave numerous readings from his philosophical novel Hume’s Fork, the most enjoyable of which was at the gracious invitation of the Stetson University Philosophy Department. He presented “A Funny Thing happened on the Way to the APA Conference” at the first annual meeting of the Society of Lighthearted Philosophers.

Scott Olsen lectured on The Mystery of the Divine Proportion (9-6-08) and led a workshop on Plato, the Mysteries & the Golden Section at the New York Open Center’s Esoteric Quest into The Mysteries and Philosophy of Antiquity, Samothrace, Greece, September 6-7, 2008. He was a featured speaker at the England Theosophical Society Summer School, Bristol University, UK, (The Golden Section: Nature’s Greatest Secret; 8-4-08 and The Mystery Traditions within World Religions, 8-5-08). He was co-leader of a 2-day workshop: The Canon of Human Proportion (6-28 & 29-08, with Alex Grey, Lance Harding & Zachariah Gregory) at the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors, Manhattan, NY. A poster presentation: Plato’s Golden Code of Aesthetics, at the 2008 Nexus Journal of Architecture and Mathematics Conference, Point Loma U, San Diego, a workshop on Sacred Geometry (3-1-08) at the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors, (NY, NY), a lecture: People, Places & Experiences in Writing “The Golden Section” (2-29-08) at the New York Open Center, and a 3rd printing for his book The Golden Section: Nature’s Greatest Secret, rounded out his very active year.

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Andrew Aberdein, Associate Professor of Logic and Humanities, gave papers at several venues this year, including conferences at the universities of St Andrews and Vienna. He also published chapters in a couple of books, including “What philosophy can tell you about your dog” which, he writes, “has a charming cover and makes an excellent Christmas present.”

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

James Justus has joined the faculty after briefly working as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Sydney. His dissertation, “The Stability, Diversity, Complexity Debate of Theoretical Community Ecology: A Philosophical Analysis,” was completed at the University of Texas, Austin in December 2007, and he has thus far published in Philosophy of Science, Biology and Philosophy, Conservation Biology, and BioScience. James is currently co-organizing a conference in the spring “Environment, Science and Public Policy” in Sydney. He will return there during the 2009-2010 academic year to continue a project exploring the application of formal epistemology within environmental ethics and decision making. Besides philosophy of science (biology in particular), environmental philosophy, and formal epistemology, his interests also include the history of analytic philosophy (Carnap in particular), logic and philosophy of mathematics, and bird-watching.


Al Mele’s Effective Intentions: The Power of Conscious Will is being published by Oxford UP in early 2009. It is a critique of recent scientific attacks on free will. The book was completed during his 2007-08 NEH Fellowship year.


HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jim Perry gave a talk, "Philosophy in the Global Village," at the 22nd World Congress of Philosophy in July, in Seoul, Korea., which included a review of "Philosophy: A School of Freedom," UNESCO’s survey of philosophy as taught in almost every
Charles Myers gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the International Society for Military Ethics. His subject was "Military Ethicists – What Are They Good For?"

South Florida Community College

Charlotte Pressler is grantwriter and participant in a new oral history project, “The Early Days of Integration in Avon Park.” Led by the Historical Society of Avon Park, and funded by the Florida Humanities Council, the project will record the experiences of both black and white residents of this rural Florida area during desegregation. Dr. James M. Denham of Florida Southern College is humanities scholar and advisor for the project. South Florida Community College’s recording studio will produce the recordings in a digital format.

University of Florida

The UF philosophy department narrowly avoided the elimination of its PhD program during sweeping cuts at UF this past May. With your help, the strong support of the FPA and APA, and endorsements from philosophy program chairs from every major university in the country, an ill-considered action was avoided. Still, the department is operating under tight fiscal constraints, and graduate admissions will be correspondingly limited.

The UF department would like to give special thanks to Prof. Sabrina Jamil of Miami-Dade College who, at the psychological moment, took the initiative to start an on-line petition which garnered over 1,500 signatures and endorsements from a very impressive array of administrators, academics, students, parents and professionals—from in and out of philosophy and from the world over. We were heartened in a difficult time by the outpouring of support from our colleagues across Florida and beyond, from so many of our alumni, and from so many hundreds of students who wrote to say that philosophy is important to their university education.

David Copp and Marina Oshana will be leaving UF to take positions with the Philosophy Department at the University of California, Davis, in the Fall of 2009. Robert Baum retired in April 2008.


University of Miami

The University of Miami has three new assistant professors: Elijah Chudnoff (PhD Harvard 2008); Bradford Cokelet (PhD Northwestern 2008); Nicholas Stang (PhD Princeton 2008); and one post-doc: Matthew Walker (PhD Yale 2008).

Simon Evnine has published the following:

- *Epistemic Dimensions of Personhood* (Oxford University Press, 2008)
- "Modal Epistemology: Our Knowledge of Necessity and Possibility" Philosophy Compass; 2008 (online)
- "Kinds and Conscious Experience: Is There Anything It Is Like to Be Something?" Metaphilosophy; 2008; 185-202
- “Personhood and Future Belief: Two Arguments for Something Like Reflection”; Erkenntnis; 2007; 91-110
The MA in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics is now in its fourth year of operation. Mike Bailey, a graduate of University of West Florida, will serve as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, while Andrew Sun, recipient of a BA from Mary Washington College in Maryland, occupies the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida Ethics Center fellowship. Continuing student Linda Harris-Christensen will publish her article “Why economics does not an ethics make: A Case Study,” in the Fall 08 issue of Osprey Journal of Ideas and Inquiry. Jennifer Lawson was invited to give a university-wide lecture based on her MA thesis at Stetson in November (2008) for the American Indian Heritage Month. Nick Michaud, who in April defended his thesis (“Control, Counter-Examples, and Moral Responsibility”), now serves as an adjunct instructor in the department. In May Sean Smith successfully defended his MA thesis “The Significance of Trust for Ethics Theoretical and Applied: A Critical Account of Watsuji’s Metaethics.”

Laura Ammon is developing a study abroad course for religion and colonialism in Mexico for summer 2009. She won a TLO grant to develop that project and completed work on the grant this summer.


Daniel Callcut’s edited collection, Reading Bernard Williams, will be published by Routledge in late 2008; he also has an article on Mill forthcoming in Utilitas in March 2009.

Mitch Haney developed and directed (with the help of local businessman Niall Falloon) a study-abroad course on Global Business Ethics where 16 students from Business and Philosophy traveled throughout Ireland; where they met to discuss pressing ethical issues in global business with representatives from labor, government, and private business. He will be leading this trip again in the summer of 2009. Mitch has also organized a symposium of leading scholars on the topic of Work, Leisure, and the Quality of Life. This will be held this November in Jacksonville, and published “On the Need for Theory in Business Ethics” in Normative Theory and Business Ethics (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008) edited by Jeffery Smith.

Julie Ingersoll served as religious studies coordinator for the fourth year. A chapter from her book Evangelical Christian Women; war stories in the gender battles was included in an updated version of Women and Power in American History (Prentice Hall 2008). She presented a paper entitled “Premillennialism, Postmillennialism and the New Christian Right,” at the Conference on Millennialism held by the Centre for Millennialism Studies at Liverpool Hope University in England. She was awarded a summer teaching (2008) grant to revise her Comparative Religions course and won a competitive sabbatical grant for next spring (2009) during which she will work on her book on the origins of the religious right.

Hans-Herbert Koegler’s current research includes a chapter in the forthcoming SAGE Handbook for the Philosophy of Social Science, invited talks at international conferences on Rorty and constructivist theory, as well as an essay on the hermeneutic philosophy of language. Bert also presented an invited talk at the American Psychological Society’s annual meeting in Boston. A special issue of New Ideas in Psychology will feature his essay “Agency and the Other: On the Intersubjective Roots of Self-Identity,” (Spring 2009).

Rico Vitz is continuing his research on Hume’s psychology of religious belief. For the 2008-2009 academic year, he will be revising one paper – “Doxastic Virtues as Moral Virtues in Hume’s Epistemology” – and developing another – “Lies, Captivating Lies, and Religious Belief: Hume on the Learned Elite and the Christian Superstition,” for which he was awarded an NEH Summer Stipend.

Alissa Swota is currently finishing her book manuscript: Death’s Doorstep: Culture, Ethics, and Advance Care Planning.

Chloë Taylor (PhD., University of Toronto, 2006), joined the Department of Philosophy in Fall 2008 as Assistant Professor (tenure-track), following her postdoctoral fellowship at McGill University, Montréal. She will fill the new position in Race and Gender Theory. She published The Culture of Confession from Augustine to Foucault in September with Routledge. She is currently continuing research for her second book, Sex Crimes and Misdemeanors: A Foucaultian Approach, as well as working on articles on the topics of familial power, the identity politics of eating, and pornography. During the 2008-2009 academic year, she will be completing a book chapter, "Biopower," for the Foucault volume of Acumen Press's “Key Concept” series, and presenting at least one conference paper, "Foucault and Familial Power," at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP). She is also vice-president of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love (SPSL) and vice-president of the Society for Existentialist and Phenomenological Theory and Culture (EPTC), and an editor of the latter society’s journal, PhaenEx. She is organizing a special panel on "Foucault and the Sciences of the Soul" with Bettina Bergo of the Université de Montréal for the May 2009 meeting of EPTC.
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In the brief time humans have inhabited the earth, we have wrought great changes in the biosphere and in our consciousness. A responsible approach to knowledge would help us clarify and disseminate the best information to formulate an appropriate response to biological, social, and ethical challenges we are facing now and will face in the future.

The topics of this conference are complexly interconnected and interrelated across a variety of disciplinary dimensions, and we welcome contributions transcending academic boundaries, developing disciplinary insights in creative and unexplored ways, and those that express perspectives in diverse or underutilized media, including visual imagery, song, dance, storytelling, and technologically novel creations. Presentations focused on any dimensions of the conference topic are welcome. We seek to be inclusive and diverse in appeal and participation, welcoming submissions of abstracts, artworks, poster sessions, and panel discussion plans from persons of various backgrounds and interests. For example, evolution may be understood as a time dimension; environment as spatial; knowledge as the dimension of consciousness, and some combination of these dimensions leading to a fourth, the dimension of the facilitation of responsible action.

This conference is the third in a series of conferences on the ability to acquire, evaluate, synthesize, and use information in responsible ways and is designed to appeal to and include a broad range of interests and topics, discussions and disagreements, and forms of presentation on these interrelated but independent issues. Our goal is to bring together scholars (students, faculty members, and administrators from both higher and secondary education), business leaders, artists, poets, musicians, health care professionals, researchers, engineers, environmentalists, activists, government employees, and all others who have interests in any or all of the topics of the conference.

Examples of possible contributions to the conference include, but are certainly not limited to
- Librarians, information specialists, and educators from primary, secondary, and higher education who facilitate the acquisition and dissemination of various forms of knowledge and would like to share ideas about improving effectiveness in conveying meaningful information to a larger society
- Natural scientists who are in touch with crucial knowledge concerning the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants and who seek or are developing better ways of disseminating that knowledge
- Social scientists and historians who have a grasp of changes that have occurred, are occurring, or might occur in human social organization
- Philosophers and those working in the humanities and other fields who have an interest in fundamental issues of reality, truth, morality, the virtues of honesty and courage, ways of living in beauty, or similar deep concerns as they pertain to the conference theme
- Psychologists and others who would discuss processes underlying self-deception, denial, disconnection, and other states that inhibit our abilities to make good decisions and take appropriate actions
- Physicians and other health care professionals who provide insights into evolutionary trends of medical importance, such as the development of antibiotic resistant disease organisms, or with creative ideas concerning the integration and presentation of knowledge about individual and social choices that promote or diminish health and well-being
- Physicists, engineers, leaders of business and industry, and others who can address issues of infrastructure sustainability, alternative technologies and methodologies for meeting present and future human needs
- Legal scholars, economists, ethicalists, and religious leaders who can address ways of making our social institutions do the jobs they were designed to do, to restore us to a world in which values leading to the good of humanity and the world are of primary concern
- Agriculturists, gardeners, and biologists who will present ideas regarding the way in which finite resources will be able to sustain an ever-growing human population
- Artists, musicians, poets, and creative individuals of all types whose works may help humanity to integrate what we already know or think we know or open up new possibilities for thinking and acting

Deadlines for receipt of proposals/abstracts: Proposals/abstracts are accepted between September 30th and November 17, 2008. Those received by October 15th will be reviewed by an expedited process, so please send your proposal/abstract as soon as possible.

Proposals and abstracts for poster sessions, performances, academic papers, panel discussions, and any other forms of conference submissions are accepted by e-mail only. Send to: stanlick@mail.ucf.edu.
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