

Activities of University of Maryland Philosophy Faculty and Graduate Students 2008-2009

Core Faculty

Bub, Jeffrey

Jeffrey Bub was on sabbatical during the first semester of 2008-2009 and associated with the Institute for Physical Science and Technology during the second semester. He gave several invited talks during 2008, at Oxford University, Indiana University, the University of Western Ontario, and at conferences and workshops in Italy, Paris, and Jerusalem. He was the Pi Day speaker at UMBC in 2008, where he gave a talk on "Quantum Games," the topic of a paper he published: "Quantum Computation and Pseudo-telepathic Games," *Philosophy of Science* **75**, 458 - 472 (2008). He is currently working on a book on quantum information and quantum computation from this perspective. Other research includes an ongoing project on foundations of quantum mechanics with Allen Stairs of the Philosophy Department, with several publications to date, including a paper "Contextuality and Nonlocality in 'No Signaling' Theories," recently accepted for publication in *Foundations of Physics*. Bub is the initiator and co-organizer, with Rob Rynasiewicz (Philosophy, JHU), James Mattingly (Philosophy, GU), and Allen Stairs and Mathias Frisch (Philosophy, UMD), of the annual conference: New Directions in the Foundations of Physics, which takes place the beginning of May each year. The 2009 conference will be held at the Mathematical Association of America's Carriage House in Washington, DC, May 1 - 3. The event attracts an international group of about 70 physicists, mathematicians, and philosophers of physics each year. Bub's future plans include a Research Interactive Team (RIT) course in 2010 with Dionysios Margetis of the Mathematics Department on aspects of quantum information and computation, under the auspices of the Mathematics Department, IPST, and the Joint Quantum Initiative.

Carruthers, Peter

Peter Carruthers gave numerous talks in Europe and North America during 2008, a highlight of which were four keynote lectures given at the first European Graduate School in Philosophy of Language, Mind, and Science, held in Bochum, Germany. His 2006 book *The Architecture of the Mind* (Oxford) was the subject of a symposium published in the journal *Mind and Language*, with the author providing a précis and replying to commentary by Fiona Cowie, Edouard Machery, and Robert Wilson. The year 2008 also saw the appearance of the first paperback edition of his book, *The Metaphysics of the Tractatus* (Cambridge), no less than 18 years after its first publication in 1990! In the spring of 2009 his paper, "How we know our own minds: the relationship between mindreading and metacognition," appeared as a target-article in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, together with an extended reply to 28 commentaries under the title, "Mindreading underlies metacognition." Peter Carruthers is on sabbatical in Spring 2009 and will be on leave funded by a University of Maryland GRB award in Fall 2009.

Darden, Lindley

Lindley Darden was the Clark-Way-Harrison Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, Jan-May, 2008, where she taught an advanced philosophy of biology course and worked on a book with Carl Craver, tentative title: *In Search of Biological Mechanisms*. She served as the Faculty Co-Organizer of the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Graduate Training Workshop, *Future Directions in Genetics Studies*, Washington University, St. Louis, August 6-10, 2008, where she coordinated a workshop on "Mechanisms in Hierarchical Context." During 2008, she presented talks on reasoning in mechanism discovery at Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis University, and Georgia State University in Atlanta. She co-organized a workshop on "Anomaly in Contemporary Philosophy of Science" for the Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Pittsburgh, November 6-9, 2008, where she presented a paper, "Reasoning in Anomaly Resolution for Biological Mechanisms." She enjoyed an invited book signing at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, in October 2008 for her book, *Reasoning in Biological Discoveries* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and she published "Thinking Again About Mechanisms," *Philosophy of Science* 75 (5) (2008): 958–969. She and Eric Sædel of George Washington University continue to organize the monthly meetings of the DC/MD History and Philosophy of Biology Discussion Group.

Dwyer, Susan

In March 2009, Susan Dwyer gave an invited talk to the Rutgers Philosophy Department entitled, "Moral Psychology & Moral Philosophy: E, I, E, I, Oh!" In May 2009, she will be an invited speaker at a conference at the University of Kent on the aesthetics of pornography, and will be part of a panel on the same topic at the annual meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics in October 2009. "The role of emotion in moral psychology," co-authored with Bryce Huebner and Marc Hauser, was published in *Trends in Cognitive Sciences* 13 (January 2009): 1-6, and "The Linguistic Analogy: Motivations, results, and speculations," also co-authored with Huebner and Hauser, is forthcoming in the new journal, *Topics in Cognitive Science*. Dwyer's paper, "Moral dumbfounding and the linguistic analogy: Methodological implications for the study of moral judgment," will appear in *Mind & Language* 24 (June 2009): 274-296.

Eaker, Erin

Erin Eaker gave a talk in March 2008 entitled "The necessary a posteriori and species designatio" at "Referentiality: a conference in honor of Keith Donnellan" held at the Università di Bologna. In May 2008 she spoke on "The empirical discovery of necessary truth" at Analysis and Interpretation in the Exact Sciences: A Workshop in Honour of William Demopoulos held at the University of Western Ontario. In May 2008 she gave a paper entitled "Donnellan on natural kind terms" at the University of California Los Angeles. Her paper "A New Starting Place for the Semantics of Belief Sentences" was published in *The Philosophy of David Kaplan*, eds. Joseph Almog and Paolo Leonardi (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). Her plans for 2009 include presenting a paper entitled "Philosophical methodology, scientific progress and necessary a posteriori truth" at the Arche Conference on Philosophical Methodology in St. Andrews and continuing to work on a paper called "Biological species: A case study for the new essentialism."

Frisch, Mathias

Mathias Frisch is working on a project investigating the role of causation in physics. During the last year he has written three papers connected to this project, which are all forthcoming: "The Most Sacred Tenet'? Causal Reasoning in Physics" forthcoming in the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; "Causality and Dispersion: A Reply to John Norton" forthcoming in the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; and "Causal Models and the Asymmetry of State Preparation" forthcoming in the *Proceedings of the First Congress of the European Philosophy of Science Association*. He has also written a paper that just appeared in *Philosophy Compass*: "Philosophical Issues in Classical Electrodynamics" and, for the *Notre Dame Philosophy Review*, a review of Stephan Hartmann, Carl Hoefer, and Luc Bovens (eds.) "Nancy Cartwright's Philosophy of Science." In 2008 Frisch gave talks at the Universities of Pittsburgh, Tilburg, Leeds, and Texas Tech. In May 2009 he is presenting a paper at Rutgers University and in July he will be presenting two papers in Melbourne. During the academic year 2009-2010, he will be on leave, thanks to a University of Maryland GRB award and a sabbatical.

Greenspan, Patricia

Patricia Greenspan's interview on her work on free will and other issues in philosophy of action just came out in *Philosophy of Action: 5 Questions* (Automatic Press/VIP), edited by Jesús H. Aguilar and Andre A. Buckareff. Her paper on the rationality of "satisficing" was accepted for publication in a special issue on rationality of the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, edited by Paul Moser. During 2008 she also wrote a new paper, "Moral Reasons, Imperfect Duties, and Choice," for a conference on moral obligation at the Bowling Green Center for Social Philosophy and Policy; part of the paper was also presented at meetings of the Australian Association for Philosophy in Melbourne during a summer visit to confer with a colleague interested in her earlier work on emotions. Further invitations have prompted extensions of her earlier work to moral philosophy: "Learning Emotions and Ethics," is about to appear in the Oxford *Handbook of Emotions*, edited by Peter Goldie, and she has begun work on "Emotions and Moral Reasons" for Carla Bagnoli's Oxford anthology, *Morality and the Emotions*.

Kerstein, Samuel

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Sam Kerstein was a Fellow in the Program in Ethics and Health at Harvard University. In 2008, he gave lectures at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard School of Public Health, the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, and the University of Zurich. Among his papers that will appear in 2009 are "Death, Dignity, and Respect" in *Social Theory and Practice*, "Kantian Condemnation of Markets in Organs" in the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, and "Treating Others Merely as Means" in *Utilitas*. He will be on sabbatical during Fall 2009 and will continue his work in Kantian normative ethics and bioethics.

Levinson, Jerrold

Jerrold Levinson was on leave from Maryland during 2008-2009. During that time he was Leverhulme Visiting Professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Art in the School of Drama, Film, and Visual Arts at the University of Kent in Canterbury,

where he offered a series of lectures on 'Key Concepts in Aesthetics' and two research seminars. As part of his remit he also gave talks at philosophy departments at other universities around the UK--London, Cambridge, Sussex, Warwick, Southampton, Sheffield, York, Leeds and Edinburgh--as well as a talk at the Tate Britain museum. Being based in fact in Brussels for all of that period, Levinson also had many academic engagements on the continent: Amsterdam, Leuven, Louvain, Lille, Palermo, Tübingen, Steyr, and--bien sûr--Paris. Some forthcoming papers are "The Aesthetic Appreciation of Music," "Music and Philosophy," "Beauty Is Not One," and "Jazz Vocal Interpretation: A Philosophical Analysis."

Manekin, Charles

Charles Manekin, who divides his time between the US and Israel, co-edited *Philosophers and the Jewish Bible* (University Press of Maryland, 2008) with Robert Eisen of George Washington University. He published an article on "Propositions and Propositional Inference in Medieval Hebrew Logic," in the *Cambridge History of Medieval Jewish Philosophy* (2008), and several articles on Moses Maimonides, including "Maimonides' On Divine Will and the Limitations of Knowledge," in *Maimonides: Tradition and Originality* (2008) and "Divine Will in Maimonides' Later Writings," in *Maimonidean Studies* 5 (2008). He was invited to speak at conferences in Israel (Hebrew University and Bar-Ilan), and at the Boston Colloquium of Medieval Philosophy ("The Ambiguous Impact of Christian Scholasticism on Jewish Philosophy in the Late Middle Ages"). Manekin also wrote a few encyclopedia entries on Jewish philosophy, and he continues to co-edit the Jewish Philosophy section of the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. When not engaged in scholarly activities, Manekin performs with the Encore! Theater group in Israel. His performance this past December in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Yeoman of the Guard*, was hailed by the *Jerusalem Post* as "spirited and funny."

Morris, Christopher

Chris Morris was on leave in the spring and fall of 2008. He gave lectures at several universities, including Wisconsin (Madison) and Georgetown (Law School) and, more recently Chapman University, the University of Richmond, and Arizona. His essay, "State Legitimacy and Social Order," appeared in *Political Legitimization without Morality*, edited by Jörg Kühnelt (Heidelberg: Springer, 2008), and "The Trouble with Justice," in *Morality and Self-Interest*, edited by Paul Bloomfield (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008). An edited collection of critical essays, *Amartya Sen, Series: Contemporary Philosophy in Focus*, is forthcoming with Cambridge.

Pietroski, Paul

Last academic year, Paul Pietroski was the Mind, Brain, and Behavior fellow at Harvard, where he was also a Visiting Professor of Philosophy. Since the start of 2008, he has given talks at Princeton, Chicago, U. Mass., Harvard, Concordia, Brown, Rutgers, SUNY Buffalo and Stony Brook, Toronto, NYU, here at Maryland, and meetings of the Linguistics Society of America and the American Philosophy Association. His plans for the next year include a series of lectures in Norway and a conference in Udaipur. His recent publications--some reporting on collaborative experimental studies of the interface

between linguistic understanding and visual perception--have focused on the nature of semantic composition in spoken languages.

Rey, Georges

In 2008, Georges Rey did an extended update of his entry on "Analytic Synthetic Distinction" for the *Stanford On-Line Encyclopedia*. He wrote a review for *Trends in Cognitive Science* ("TICS") of Zenon Pylyshyn's recent book on vision, as well as a long article, "Concepts, Defaults, and Internal Asymmetric Dependencies: Distillations of Fodor and Horwich" (based on a paper he gave in a conference in Zurich and at the University of Warwick in the summer of 2008), which has just come out in Germany in a volume, *The A Priori*. Another article, "In Defense of Folieism" (his view that standard linguistic entities don't exist), appeared in the *Croatian Journal*, which has become a kind of main journal for philosophy of linguistics (he attends a yearly conference in Dubrovnik on the issues). Several articles are in press. One with Michael Teztlaff, "Systematicity in Honeybee Navigation," will appear in an anthology *Philosophy of Animal Minds* (Cambridge University Press). An article submitted two years ago on "Externalism and Inexistence in Early Content" will appear in a volume, *Prospects for Meaning*, to be published in the US and Germany. He and Steven Gross wrote a long entry on "Innateness" that will appear in the *Oxford Handbook on Cognitive Science* (ed. by Eric Margolis). And he has finally received an editorial response for a long entry on philosophy of mind that he submitted nine years ago to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Last December he joined Michael Devitt in a whirlwind tour of four places in Finland and Denmark, discussing their on-going debate about linguistics, which included a conference on intuitions in Turku, and eventuated in a session on the debate at the Philosophy and Psychology society meeting in Philadelphia, last June. This last March he gave a talk at Brown, "Are We all 'Self-Blind'?" in which he takes exception to the view that people don't have special introspective knowledge of their attitudes. He is presently working that talk into an article, as well as trying to finish a book on which he has been working for a number of years, *Representing Nothing: Intentionality and Inexistence in a Chomskyan Theory of Mind*.

Singpurwalla, Rachel

Rachel Singpurwalla recently received a fellowship from the Center for Hellenic Studies ('07-'08) and a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities ('08) for her work on Plato's *Republic*. Recent presentations include "Unity and the Good of the City," at the Thirteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (2008), and a reply to Mary Louis Gill's "The Structure of Being" at the Fourteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy (2009). Forthcoming articles include "Is There a Platonic Form of Pleasure? A Reply to Vallejo" in the *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* (2009), "Moral Psychology in the *Republic*," in the *Blackwell Philosophy Compass*, and "Unity and the Good of the City," in the *Cambridge Critical Guide to the Republic*.

Stairs, Allen

Allen Stairs spent the fall of 2008 on sabbatical, studying questions about quantum states and counterfactuals. During the coming year he will be continuing that work. With

Jeffrey Bub he has also been investigating properties of so-called "non-local boxes": hypothetical devices that have correlations stronger than quantum correlations, but still do not permit faster-than-light signaling. He visited the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in December 2008, where he gave a seminar titled "The EPR Illusion."

Svenonius, Lars

Lars Svenonius will retire at the end of the academic year 2008-9, after 40 years at the University. His former student, Professor Krister Sederberg of Uppsala University, presented a special colloquium on May 5, 2009, followed by a reception to honor Professor Svenonius. Lars Svenonius will become an Emeritus Professor and continue to teach his "Retreat from Aristotle" course once a year.

Other Faculty

Brown, John, Emeritus

John Brown contributed an essay, "Connoisseurship: Conceptual and Epistemological Fundamentals," to a collection of essays edited by Jason Kuo, "Perspectives on Connoisseurship of Chinese Painting," published by New Academia Publishing, Washington, D.C., 2008. He also presented a paper on environmental aesthetics to the Canadian Society for Aesthetics in June 2008 and one on pictorial seeing to the American Society for Aesthetics in October 2008. An enlarged version of the latter, "Seeing Things in Pictures," is pending publication in a collection of papers on depiction edited by Catherine Abell and Katerina Bantinaki, title not yet announced. Two presentations of a paper, "Beautiful Functionality," are scheduled for the Canadian and the American Society for Aesthetics in June and October 2009 respectively. John is currently engaged on an updating of two articles in the new edition of the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, viz. "Beauty" and "Abstract Art." His other project at the moment is a paper on aesthetic experience.

Graduate Students

Barros, Ben

Ben Barros won the graduate student essay contest of the Philosophy of Science Association for 2006; the prize was awarded at the Philosophy of Science Association Meeting in Pittsburgh in November 2008. His prize winning paper appeared in the Association's journal: Barros, D. Benjamin (2008), "Natural Selection as a Mechanism," *Philosophy of Science* 75: 306-322.

Chan, Benedict

Benedict Chan is currently working on his dissertation: *An East and West Debate on Human Rights*. In January 2008, he presented "Confucianism and Human rights" at the conference of the Contemporary Significance of Confucianism: Implications for Harmonious Society, Sustainable Development, and World Peace (jointly organized by the Asian Division of the Library of Congress and the Confucius Institute at the

University of Maryland). He also wrote a book review in Chinese: "Book Review of *Beyond Liberal Democracy: Political Thinking for an East Asian Context* (by Daniel Bell)," *Hong Kong Journal of Social Sciences*, no. 35, Fall 2008, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, pp. 215-222.

Christie, Jason

Jason Christie's current work focuses on in the impact of behavioral economics to moral theorizing and practical rationality. His most recent major project involved conducting experimental work on undergrads and seasoned philosophers to explore how moral judgments are altered by the considerations which philosophers are subjected to over their careers.

Fanselow, Ryan

Ryan Fanselow is working on a dissertation on the methodological status of moral intuitions and some related questions in moral epistemology. In 2008, he gave a talk in South Korea at the World Congress of Philosophy in which he proposed a Kantian solution to Michael Thompson's puzzle about justice. This summer, he will be presenting a paper entitled "Moral Intuitionism, Disagreement, and Epistemic Over-Determination" at the Knowledge, Belief, and Normativity conference on Responsible Belief in the Face of Disagreement at VU University Amsterdam.

Gibson, Joel

Joel Gibson has a review of Marcia Cavell's *Becoming a Subject* forthcoming in *Review of Metaphysics*. In the spring of 2009, he presented "Why Cognitive Science Doesn't Need a Personal-Subpersonal Distinction" at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on Consciousness at Boston University and at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, where he also presented a commentary on Jamin Asay's "How to Express Ontological Commitment in the Vernacular."

Izumi, Yu

Yu Izumi is currently writing his dissertation on the semantics of proper names and definite descriptions. In summer of 2008, he gave two presentations on related topics: "Some Remarks on an Implementation of the Burgean View of Proper Nouns" at The XXII World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul, Korea, August 2008 and "Names as Predicates" at Kyoto Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Japan, July 2008. He received his MA in Spring 2008 and was admitted to candidacy in Spring 2009. The title of his Master's paper is "Is Linguistics Physiological? Epstein's Physiological-Functional Mode of Explanation."

McElhoes, David

David McElhoes presented his paper "The Mysterious Mu: an Argument for Small-Number Nihilism" at two conferences: the Western Canadian Philosophical Association's (WCPA) 2008 annual conference held in Edmonton; and the 2009 Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association held in Vancouver, for which he was awarded a Goldhaber travel award.

Ritchie, Brendan

This year, Brendan Ritchie gave a presentation on experimental work he has done in collaboration with Thomas Carlson (Psychology, UMD) on sensory integration and mirror self-recognition titled "Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall, Is that Even My Hand At All?" for NACS-fest, the open house for the Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science here at the University of Maryland, Winter 2009. In April 2009, he also presented a paper titled "Dualism, Function, and the Limits of Conceivability" at the annual conference of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, GA. He will soon be presenting a paper titled "The Extension of 'Mind'" at PhilMiLCog 2009, the University of Western Ontario graduate student conference in the philosophy of mind, language, and cognitive science.

Russo, Michael

Michael Russo is presently completing his dissertation entitled "Action, Character, and the Living Body: Aristotle on the Physiological Foundations of Moral Psychology." He recently presented a paper on material from this dissertation called "Aristotle on the Psychosomatic Sources of Action" at the International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, hosted by the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fordham University, October 2008. He is also a collaborating co-author of a forthcoming book on the history and philosophy of world religions entitled *The Spiritual Heritage of the Human Race: An Introduction to the World's Religions* (Oneworld, 2009). This book is the text for a UMCP honors course (of the same title) in which Russo has lectured, most recently on "Divine Madness and Moral Sanity: Virtue and the Soul's Ascent in Ancient Greek Philosophy." Russo is also a Board Member of the Center for Self-Concordance (CSC), a non-profit organization based in Michigan. Founded by Hope May, PhD, J.D., the CSC is devoted to the protection and promotion of self-concordance through philosophical education, policy, and legal defense work. Lastly, Russo reviewed various logic texts for Prentice Hall and contributed to the development of an online interactive resource called MyLogicLab accompanying Stan Baronett's *Logic: The Basics and Beyond* (Prentice Hall, 2008).

Sanders, Leland

Leland Saunders published a chapter entitled "Reason and Intuition in the Moral Life: A Dual Process Account of Moral Justification" in a volume edited by Jonathan Evans and Keith Frankish, *In Two Minds: Dual Processes and Beyond* (OUP, 2009). This chapter contains some early ideas that have since been developed in more detail in his dissertation.

Schechter, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Schechter defended her dissertation, "How Many Minds? Individuating Mental Tokens in the Split-Brain Subject," and graduates with a Ph.D. in May 2009. In the spring of 2009 she presented her paper "The Phenomenal Contents of the Global Workspace" at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association. She published "Persons and Psychological Frameworks: A Critique of Tye," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 16 (2009): 141-163. She has a paper forthcoming in *Philosophia* and a book chapter (co-authored with her father, Harold Schechter) forthcoming in Blackwell's *Serial*

Killers and Philosophy. Next year she will be at Oxford where she has received a Mellon Career Development Fellowship in the Philosophy of Cognitive Science.

Stevens, Christopher

Christopher Stevens was awarded a grant from the Helsinki University Centre for Environment for his contribution, as one of three leaders of an eleven person interdisciplinary group, to the 2008-2010 consortium project "Urban Nature: the Aesthetic, Recreational, and Ecological Aspects of Urban Greenspace Biodiversity" See the webpage at <http://www.helsinki.fi/bioscience/environmental/urbannature.htm> He was also awarded a grant for dissertation research from the Maj and Tor Nessling Foundation for Environmental Protection for the year 2009. In 2008-09, he presented the following papers to professional organizations or special event conferences: "Applied Everyday Aesthetics: Problems, Foundations, and Sociopolitical Significance" (Nordic Society of Aesthetics, Uppsala, Sweden); "Everyday Aesthetics: Problems, Principles, and Prospects" (International Institute of Applied Aesthetics, Messilä, Finland); "Aesthetics, Culture, and Conservative Perfectionist Politics" (Scruton's Aesthetics, Durham, UK); "Aesthetic Perfectionism: Liberalism, Paternalism, and the Normative Upshot of Everyday Aesthetics" (American Society for Aesthetics, Northampton, MA); "Simplicity, Consumption, and Virtue: Toward a Public Environmental Ethics" (Human Flourishing and Restoration in the Age of Global Warming, Clemson, South Carolina). He is currently editing *Aesthetics, Urbanity, and Environment* with Arto Haapala and Virpi Kaukio (2010/11). He has the following articles and book chapters forthcoming: "Embracing Scruton's Cultural Conservatism," *British Journal of Aesthetics*, special issue on the aesthetics of Roger Scruton (2010); "Re-conceiving Environmental Virtue Ethics from the Ground Up," in Allen Thompson and Jeremy Bendik-Keymer (eds.), *The Virtues of the Future: climate change and the challenge of restoring humanity* (2010/11); "Embracing Scruton's Cultural Conservatism," in Nick Zangwill and Andy Hamilton (eds.), *Scruton's Aesthetics* (2010/11); "A Conspiracy Theory of Unsustainable Overconsumption: The Market and Environmental Collective Action Problems," in Olli Loukola and Leonidas Donskis (eds.), *Secrets and Conspiracies* (New York: Rodopi, 2010); "Aesthetic Values and Moral Obligation: everyday aesthetics as a legitimate part of applied moral philosophy," in Arto Haapala, Christopher Stevens, and Virpi Kaukio (eds.), *Everyday Aesthetics, Urbanity, and Environment* (2010/11). In 2009 Bryan Norton will be commenting on his "Reasons, Values, and Environment: A Neo-Sentimentalist, Buck-Passing Account of Nature's Value," which he'll present at the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: The Environment, University of Idaho and Washington State University. And he will present "Cities, Environmentalism, and the Built Environment as a Sustainable Technology" in the Environment & Sustainability Track of the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Technology, Twente, The Netherlands, July 2009.

Picciuto, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Picciuto will have a paper, "The Pleasures of Suppositions," published in *Philosophical Psychology*.

Philosophy Department Research Associates, Postdocs, and Recent Graduates

Baetu, Tudor

Tudor Baetu has a two-year post-doctoral fellowship from FQRSC (Fund for Research on Society and Culture) from the province of Quebec. He is visiting in the Committee for Philosophy and the Sciences and working with Lindley Darden on topics in philosophy of molecular biology. He is completing papers on the concept of the gene and the interfield relations among the mechanism schemas of Mendelian genetics and molecular biology. He discussed his paper, "The referential continuity of gene concepts based on classical and molecular analyses," with the DC/MD History and Philosophy of Biology Discussion Group at the February meeting.

Baltzly, Vaughn Bryan

Bryan Baltzly graduated in May 2008 with an M.P.P. from the Maryland School of Public Policy. That November, he defended his dissertation, *Diversity, Modesty, and Liberty: An Essay on State Neutrality*, completed under the direction of William Galston and Christopher Morris. During the 2008-09 academic year, Bryan was a Visiting Instructor in the philosophy department at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, teaching Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Issues, Philosophy of Punishment, and History of Political Philosophy (graduate-level). For the next two years, he will put his public policy degree to work as a ['Presidential Management Fellow'](#) in the federal government, beginning in the fall of 2009. There, he hopes to gain some 'industry experience' before eventually returning to an academic career, teaching political and moral philosophy.

Hall, Nancy

Nancy Hall continues her position as Research Associate and Departmental Librarian. In the spring of 2008, she made two trips to Raleigh, NC to do research in the Special Collections section of the North Carolina State University Library, for the biography she is writing of Gertrude Cox, an American statistician. She also made a trip to Indianapolis, IN to borrow photo albums from a family member of Cox's. In November 2008, she chaired a session on the History of Mathematics at the History of Science Society meetings in Pittsburgh. In conjunction with her job as Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Associate in Arts Program, U of Delaware, she chaired a 5-year review committee and a search committee for a computer/mathematics faculty member. She continues to be a participant in the DC/MD History and Philosophy of Biology Discussion Group.