The Department is thrilled to announce the hiring of Tom Eyers as Assistant Professor within the Philosophy Department. Dr. Eyers received his Ph.D. from Kingston University in London and recently completed a Post-Doctorate Fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Eyers specializes in contemporary French philosophy, psychoanalysis (particularly Lacan), and Marxism. Dr. Eyers will start teaching classes in the fall, including a course on Contemporary Philosophy as well as offering Basic Philosophical Questions courses. Dr. Eyers’ published works include his books, Lacan and the Concept of the Real and the upcoming Post-Rationalism: Psychoanalysis, Epistemology, and Marxism in Post-War France (May 2013).

The department would like to congratulate Matt Eshleman; he recently received tenure at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. We are very proud of your success, Matt.

The department is also excited to announce the hiring of Paula Schwebel as a visiting Assistant Professor within the philosophy department. Dr. Schwebel received her Ph.D. in Philosophy and the collaborative program in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto and—after receiving the prestigious SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant for 2012-2014—recently completed her positions as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the University of Antwerp (2011-2012) and the University of Potsdam (2012-2013). Dr. Schwebel’s areas of specialization include 20th-Century and Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Frankfurt School Critical Theory and Modern Jewish Thought. She will be teaching a course on Modern Jewish Philosophy in the fall.

Dr. Schwebel’s publications include a chapter entitled “Monad and Time: Reading Lévinas with Heidegger and Benjamin,” to be included in the forthcoming book “Sparks Will Fly”: Martin Heidegger and Walter Benjamin, edited by Andrew Benjamin and Dimitris Vardoulakis.

The department congratulates George Yancy on his promotion to full Professor! Dr. Yancy has published prodigiously since his hiring in 2007. He is the author of Look, A White!: Philosophical Essays in Whiteness and Black Bodies, White Gazes: The Continuing Significance of Race as well as his recently released edited books: Race and Pedagogy: Scholars of Color Reflect on Exploring Race in Predominantly White Classrooms (2013), Pursuing Trayvon Martin: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Manifestations of Racial Dynamics (2012), Christology and Whiteness: What Would Jesus Do? (2012), and Rethinking the Practice of Philosophy: Bodies of Color, Bodies of Knowledge (2012). Dr. Yancy also was recently the keynote speaker for conferences at Kent State University, West Chester University and Drake University in addition to multiple invited papers and presentations at other universities.

Matt Lovett received a faculty development grant to develop a “Philosophy Before and After the Holocaust” course that will involve a spring breakaway trip to Berlin in 2014.

Martin Krahn recently received a DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant and will be studying at the Goethe Institute in Berlin from June to August.

Kelly Arenson, with a grant from the NEH, hosted a conference on The Body and The Non-Rational in Ancient Greek Thought on March 15, 2013. Panel attendees included Dr. Emily Austin (Wake Forest), Dr. Christina Ionescu (Catholic University of America) and Dr. Rachel Singpurwalla (University of Maryland, College Park).

We also had a great year for invited speakers. We had excellent presentations in the fall by Dr. E.D.C. Reeve (UNC-Capel Hill), Dr. Karen Stohr (Georgetown), Dr. Jay Lampert (University of Guelph and visiting Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center Scholar) and our own Dr. Patrick Miller. Additionally, during our spring semester we were honored to have presentations by Dr. Ulla Björk (University of Uppsala) and Dr. Jonathan Lear (University of Chicago).

Through Dr. Yancy’s Critical Race Theory Speaker Series, Dr. Robert E. Birt, who discussed the meaning of Black existentialism, and Dr. Emily Lee, who discussed her work on phenomenology and race, visited campus.
We are pleased to be in the fourth year of the Ronald M. Polansky Graduate Fellowship, Selcer Teaching Development Fellowship, and the Carnegie Mellon University Faculty ScholarhiP highlight. For the latest information about the Philosophy Department, visit www.duq.edu/philosophy.

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Publications


H.A. Nethery, “Author.” Entry for the Cambridge Foucault Lexicon. Ed. Leonard Lawlor and John Nale (forthcoming, 2012). “Jay-Z, Philosophy, and Subversion,” (anti)Foundations Conference: Duquesne University Philosophy conference. Conference organizers included Duquesne philosophy graduate students Jacob Greentime and Bethany Somma. The conference was a great success and included presentations by Dr. Veronica Foci (Penn State University) and Todd Lavin (Clarion University of Pittsburgh), as well as keynote presentations by Dr. Kristen Inglish (University of Pittsburgh) and Dr. Patrick Miller.

Duquesne graduate students James Bahah, Martin Krann and Jacob Greentime as well as Villanova graduate student Dave Morey are organizing the Pittsburgh Summer Symposium in Contemporary Philosophy. Schelling and Naturphilosophie. The seminar will be led by Dr. Iain Hamilton Grant (University of the West of England, Bristol) and Dr. Joss Wett (Oxford University). The seminar will culminate in a conference on August 5-9, 2013.


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