Duquesne University will host a talk by Alasdair MacIntyre on December 4, 2010. This event is a partnership of the Health Care Ethics Program and the Philosophy Department.

The Philosophy Department will host the Canadian and American Hegelians annual meeting Friday March 19 and 20th. The theme of the conference is the Interrelatedness of art, religion, and philosophy. For more information, contact Dr. Jennifer Bates, batesj@duq.edu.

Duquesne will be hosting the Critical Theory Roundtable (CTR) on October 23-24, 2010. The CTR has been in existence since 1993 and is the only annual conference dedicated to critical theory in North America.

The department in the last year has inaugurated two graduate student awards: one for scholarship and one for teaching. The recipients of the Graduate Student Scholarship Award were Hamad Mohamed and Adam Hutchinson, and the recipient of the Graduate Student Teaching Award was Joy Simmons.

Members of Duquesne Women in Philosophy have been volunteering with Gwen’s Girls, a local organization whose mission is to empower young girls. And, at the beginning of the spring semester, they will begin volunteering with the Thomas Merton Center’s Book-it program, which helps provide books to inmates.

The group will sponsor a conference titled Emotion and Gender, which is slated for April 23, 2010.
students were eager to learn, the incarcerated students were men affected by it as well. Needless to say, I am grateful for this

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had changed their outlook on life and the way they understood the

number of incarcerated students said they felt learning philosophy

I could not have agreed more. At the end of our time at the Jail, a

which a couple of my Duquesne students later described as thrilling.

“This proved to be a productive and beneficial experience for all

involved. In reflections they wrote after the experience, some of

my students felt that the experience had changed their lives and

that learning philosophy in the jail helped them to see its real world

relevance. I think that the latter type of comment arose because the

incarcerated students took the material quite seriously. After our first

class on books 1–4 of Saint Augustine’s Confessions, one instructor let

me know that some of the inmates had begun a reading group to
discuss the readings outside of class. In class, this extra work was

apparent, not only to me but to the Duquesne students. The inmates

had a lot to offer in class discussions and in their in-class essays.
They had not only read and digested the assigned readings, but had

clearly given a lot of thought to them as well.

“It only got better as the semester proceeded. A few incarcerated
students wrote essays ‘for fun,’ considering the material from

conventions.

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Internal Time Consciousness, Ideas I, and the Logical Investigations.

Approximately 25 students from various countries, including

China, Germany, the United States and Ireland, were in attendance.

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Brock Bahler gave a paper titled, “Jacques and Jesus: Derridean

Aesthetics,” at the West Chester Graduate Conference. The paper won the Best Paper in Philosophy Award.

Hamad Mohamed and Nathan Eckstrand presented papers at the

convened Philosophers for Peace Conference.

Hamad Mohamed also presented a paper on Human Rights and

Islam at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom.

Ryan Pfahl, Melanie Walton, and Clancy Smith attended the International Association of Philosophy and Literature this past

summer in London. Dr. Selcer was also in attendance. There was

a session on Wilhelm Wurzer, with papers about his work and

anecdotes about his life.

Erik MacBride’s work on Max Scheler earned him presentations at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy and the upcoming American Philosophy Association-Central Division conventions.

Graduate philosophy student Chelsea Harry teaching a class made up of Duquesne University undergraduates and inmates of the Allegheny County Jail.

Kelsey Ward was awarded the Strauss Award for 2009-2010.

James Baboh and Nalan Sarac attended the Colloquium Phenomenologicum in Città di Castello, Italy, in July 2009.

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