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Through the exchange program with Heidelberg University, the Philosophy Department is featuring Ph.D. students Yibin Liang, Shuyi Feng and Georg Oswald.

Events

Philosophy Department Speaker Series Fall 2015-Spring 2016

JUDE CHEETHAM (University of Central Arkansas, Duquesne Ph.D. 2013) for a panel on Philosophy, Teaching and the Need for a Practical Psychology.

MATTHEW VALENTINE (Belmont University), Creativity and the Society of Jungian Analysts), On the Philosophical Origins of Psychoanalysis, January 15th.

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We welcome any news from alumni! If you have anything you would like to share with the department, please contact us at thompson@duq.edu.
Dr. Holly Avenue presented a paper titled “Should We Be Equanimous?” at the academic conference held at the University of Maryland in November. Her presentation focused on the philosophical implications of equanimity in everyday decision-making.

Dr. Mark Jones was also present at the conference, where he delivered a talk on the concept of “The Ethical Implications of Animal Sentience.” His research explores the moral obligations of humans towards non-human animal species.

In April, Dr. Emily Cooper presented her work on “The Metaphysics of Mindfulness” at the International Conference on Mindfulness and Education. Her talk highlighted the philosophical underpinnings of mindfulness and its application in educational settings.

Dr. Sarah Murphy delivered a keynote address titled “The Impact of Technology on Human Cognition” at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Mind. Her presentation discussed the latest research on how technology affects our cognitive processes.

Dr. Jennifer Brown attended the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, where she presented her research on “The Psychology of Creativity.” Her findings shed light on the psychological mechanisms that drive creative thinking.

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Dr. Susan Lee, a leading expert in environmental ethics, presented a lecture on “The Moral Status of the Natural Environment” at the annual conference of the Society for Environmental Ethics. Her talk explored the philosophical arguments for and against treating the natural environment as having intrinsic moral value.

Dr. David Thompson gave a talk on “The Philosophy of Language” at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. His presentation delved into the philosophical aspects of linguistic theory and its implications for understanding human communication.

Dr. Emily Cooper's research on “The Metaphysics of Mindfulness” has been widely recognized, and her paper has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Philosophy and Religion. Her work continues to influence ongoing debates in the field of mindfulness studies.

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