


Alumni Newsletter



The "Business" of Alumni Day October 13, 2006



John Carroll and Kenton Machina

EXAMPLES IN PRACTICAL BUSINESS ETHICS

This year we were honored to have as our Alumni Day guest John Carroll ('76) Since Jim was on sabbatical for the fall, he was accompanied to the Alumni luncheon by a former professor, Kent Machina.

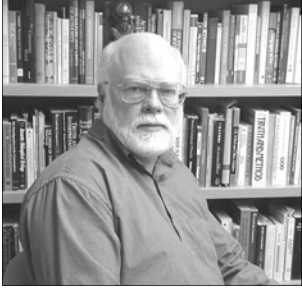
Later in the afternoon John was joined by Scott Elliott ('85), guest of the College of Arts and Sciences, for a presentation/panel discussion on "Examples in Practical Business Ethics" dealing with the ethics of business from a national and international perspective with the focus on real life examples from each of their experiences. And experience they have. John is Vice President Operations—Life/Health at State Farm Insurance. He joined State Farm in 1976 and oversees all of the internal operations related to State Farm life and health insurance. Scott is Senior Vice President, Partner and Director, Asset Allocation Strategies at Wellington Management Co. He joined Wellington in 1994 and oversees Wellington Management's active and strategic asset allocation efforts. He manages global balanced, asset allocation, and commodity portfolios for mutual fund sponsors and institutional clients around the world. The theme of the presentation/panel was based on an article "The Business of the Humanities" by Michael DeWilde in the Chronicle of Higher Education, July 1, 2005. Being a success in business entails more than the coldness involved in calculating the bottom line. Many business CEO's are seeking a different image. "Can the humanities help? To communicate content and intent effectively -- from "Your performance is lousy" to "We're changing our entire operating system, and we want you to lead the change" -- it helps to have read widely, to have a broad range of references, analogies, and perspectives at the ready. The people one communicates with are often understandably confused or nervous about change. "Reading" them, and responding humanely, draws on the kind of thoughtfulness the humanities seek to cultivate. Yes, the humanities can -- and should -- help. "Life is tough; deal with it," while concise, is rarely helpful." (DeWilde) As John and Scott related numerous true stories from their experiences it was obvious that their broad education and philosophical background have certainly made an immense difference not only in their personal lives but those of co-workers and clients.

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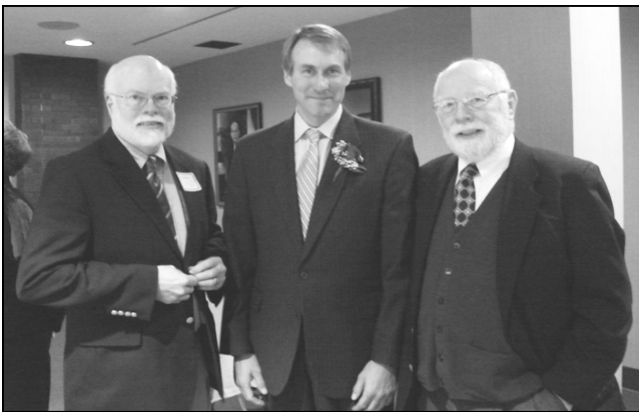
A Generous Gift

And Much More . . .



News From Normal

A Life Touched A Generous Gift



Taken at the College of Arts & Sciences
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

L-R: Jim Swindler, Scott Elliott, Paul Baker, Prof. Emeritus, EAF

The Mind Project Update



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David Anderson, Director

www.philosophy.ilstu.edu/mind_project.html

News From Alums

Nancy Slonneger Hancock—1986

Nancy received her PH.D. in philosophy from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln in 1993 and is currently Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Women's Studies program at Northern Kentucky University. Her research interests are ethics of information technology; technology, human nature, and moral personhood; the role of philosophical ethics in moral education; and ethical issues in service-learning. She is currently editor of the "Logic Notes" column in *Teaching Philosophy* and is President of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers. Her husband, Nathan Hancock, is an environmental regulator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Kevin Theos— 1993

Kevin Theos is doing well. He, his wife and two daughters live in Birmingham, Alabama and says he doesn't miss shoveling snow at all! After graduation he was a tennis teaching professional for three years before attending law school at Northwestern University. After graduation he practiced corporate law in downtown Chicago during which time he met his future wife who was completing a medical fellowship. Amy eventually accepted a faculty position at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and so they moved. For a while he directed a non-profit organization that provided after school programs for economically disadvantaged children and is now on the board of that organization while he works in marketing for the United States Tennis Association. He is passionate about his job, his non-profit involvement and his family and has not looked back.

Kevin Brinnehl—1999

Kevin is currently working for Simple Network Consulting, a private IT consulting firm, as a Senior Systems Engineer. He is also perusing options to attend graduate school to obtain a Masters in Information Technology Infrastructure Management. In his free time, he's an avid musician in addition to exploring the local culture of Wisconsin.

Alexis Krapf— 2000

After graduation she took, what she had intended to be a temporary job, with the Petco in Normal. Now through many moves and promotions she is a Regional Inventory Manager for about a hundred stores in the southeast. She handles product flow and assortment issues and travels more than she'd like, training new store managers on the inventory managements systems. She offices out of the east coast distribution center in New Jersey but an important point: She only works in New Jersey, she does not live there!

Personally, she's as good as married. She and Steve haven't gotten around to a ceremony, but bought a house a couple of years ago; have two adopted dogs and a small flock of rescue parrots with emotional issues. She gets to be step-mom to Steve's wonderful daughter, Ashley, who is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dennis Draper—2001

Dennis moved to Mesa, AZ in January of 2007. He took a job in security while searching for something better. Currently, he's the head of security at the Embassy Suites of North Phoenix. He also started working for a DJ company called Andre's Music with Personality (www.musicwithpersonality.com), doing weddings, parties, etc (his usual DJ act as many remember from our Gala's!).

He's living with my cat, Princess, his two fish (Molly & Little Teri Freesmeyer), and his motorcycles. His girlfriend is moving there sometime in September. And he says "Yes, it's serious, and yes, marriage is a distinct possibility!"

Lester Deaver—2004

Lester is currently stationed in Camp Humphreys Korea, assigned as a Tactical Intelligence Officer to the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Aerial Exploitation. They conduct Special Reconnaissance Operations along the DMZ using RC-12 Guardrail and EO-5C ARL(M) (Airborne Reconnaissance Low, Multifunction) aircraft to collect intelligence on North Korea. His current job is a platoon leader for the ARST (aerial reconnaissance support team). ARST operate on the ground with the mobile uplink to imagery assets on the aircraft. He has one more year here; hopefully will get stationed in Europe after that. Going back to the Sandbox is an inevitability, so he might as well be stationed somewhere nice while he's NOT in the desert. Korea is almost a vacation since it's not South-west Asia, there are no roadside bombs or anyone shooting at them. He does however fly in planes occasionally, and the threat of surface to air missiles does present itself. Supposedly, due to the Armistice Agreement, they won't shoot them down; in the event they violate their airspace, they won't be covered by the Armistice. Anything more than that would be classified and he likes his job and he doesn't like prison.

James Holland—2006

James is currently in law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Also, this summer he will be studying international law in Ireland at National University of Ireland-Galway and University College Dublin. He also won a trivia tournament through the law school but says that only pseudo-academic.

Jon Henner— 2005

Jonathan works at Verizon Business as an Instructional Designer. He is attending graduate school at Walden University, working towards a Master of Science in General Psychology. He would have hobbies, but he is otherwise busy tending to a new family. When he accidentally finds free time, you will find him studying or engaged in discourse with friends.

In Memory

Eric Illiff (2003) died March 13, 2007 in Normal, IL. After graduating from ISU he attended and graduated from St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY. Eric was a founding member of Holy Apostles Orthodox Church (Normal), member of SNAP—The Survivor Network of those Abused by Priests and a member of the ISU Civic Chorale. As was written by family "He was a kind and generous young man taken from us far too soon. May his memory be eternal."

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FORM

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

If you'd like to update your information in the "News From Alums" section that would be great. Below is a much shorter sample format.

Your Name—Year Graduated

Your name is currently working for?????? as ?????? Went to/is in grad school????? at????? and working on/received a degree in????? Was grad assistant working/research with????? Was recipient of????? Any other things you want to share: marriage, children, etc.



The Department Moves to Turner Hall

In May after graduation the Department will be moving to Turner Hall. Stevenson will be undergoing a two year life safety renovation. There will be asbestos abatement, ventilation improvements, and technology upgrades. They will also convert all the classrooms to smart rooms. The third and fourth floors will be moving out mid May '07. The first and second floor will move out May '08 so the building will be completely vacant for the summer of '08. We (third and fourth floors) return in August '08 and first and second floors will return August of '09. The logistics of all this are somewhat mind boggling as many items will have to go into storage. Iris is doing a fantastic job of coordinating all the details with her usual calm and organized manner. I'm sure that inside she is a wreck but you'd never know it. All her efforts are making the unhappy temporary location at least tolerable. She gets a gazillion gold stars!



So should you pay us a visit you'll know where to find us—Turner ????



Faculty Publications

Publications

David Anderson

"Consciousness and Realism" in a special volume on *The Concepts of Consciousness: Integrating an Emerging Science* in the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* [in press]

Alison Bailey

Strategic Ignorance. In *Race and Epistemologies of Ignorance*, eds. Nancy Tuana and Shannon Sullivan. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. (2007).

Hypatia Special Issue, The Reproduction of Whiteness: Race and the Regulation of the Gendered Body, eds. Alison Bailey and Jacqueline N. Zita, 22:2 (Spring 2007).

Christopher Horvath

"Biological Explanations of Human Sexuality: The Genetic Basis of Sexual Orientation". In *The Cambridge Companion to the Philosophy of Biology*. London: Cambridge University Press (2007)

Todd Stewart

"Topical Epistemologies," *Metaphilosophy*, January 2007

Larry Waggle

"Aesthetic Survey of Concrete Bridges in the Mid-West", co-authored with Kimberly Kramer, in the proceedings of National Concrete Bridge Council. Reno, Nevada. 2006.

"Introduction to Indian Logic", Sri Vedavyasa Sanskrit Research Foundation. Bangalore, India. published 2006.

Presentations

David Anderson

"The Mind Project Learning Community" with Robert Stufflebeam and "Teaching Courses on the Nature of Persons with AI Software, Robots & Virtual Labs," with Robert Stufflebeam *American Association of Philosophy Teachers 16th Biennial International Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy*, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, August 2006.

"The Future of Cognitive Science Education" at the *Cognitive Science Curriculum Workshop*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, June 2006

Alison Bailey

Purity and Ignorance in Charles Mills's *The Racial Contract*. North American Society for Social Philosophy, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. August 7, 2006.

Kenton Machina

"Moral Responsibility -- What Is All the Fuss About?", presented at the 2006 Bled Conference on Freedom and Determinism, Bled Slovenia, June 1, 2006. A revised version of this paper is forthcoming in *Acta Analytica*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Spring 2007), 29-47.

Mark Siderits

'Universals and Double Negation' to the 2nd All-India Conference on Logic, held in Calcutta, India January 6, 2007.

Thomas Simon

"Ten Truths About the University of Malaya" University public lecture requested and sponsored by the Vice Chancellor, University of Malaya, May 11, 2006

James Swindler

"Normativity: From Individual to Collective", Collective Intentionality V, Helsinki, Finland, August 2006

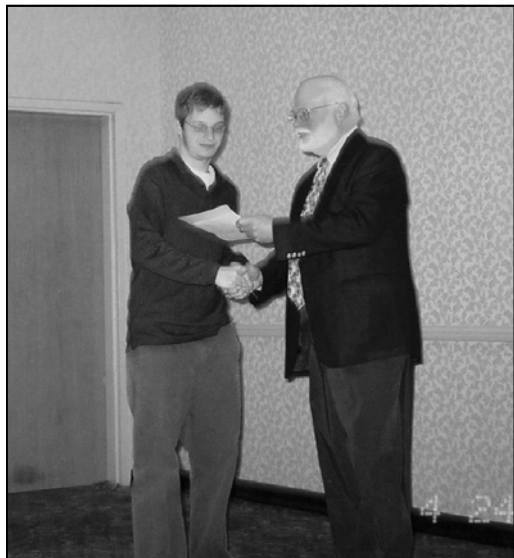


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Student Awards and Honors

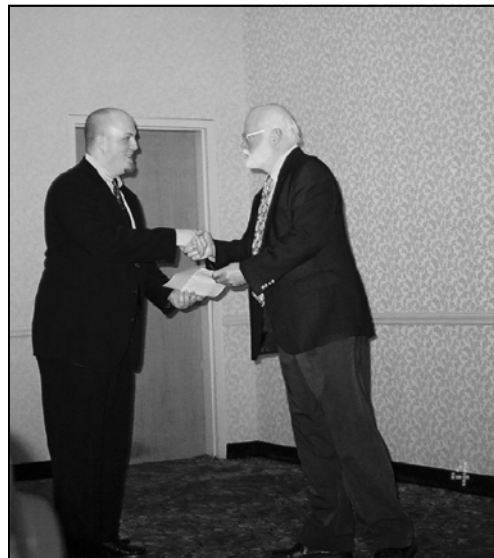
Andrew Higgins had his paper "Epiphenomenalism and Causal Considerations" accepted at the 9th Annual Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Creighton University and presented on April 13th.

Rob Paulsen had his paper "Porphyry's Ancient Vegetarianism Based on Secular Arguments" accepted at the Illinois Wesleyan Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Illinois Wesleyan University and presented it on March 31st.



Aaron Lauter
Kenneth and Marilyn Kennard Scholarship
For the Outstanding Rising Senior

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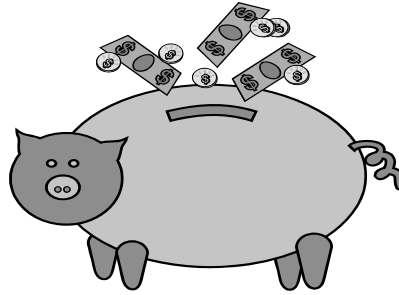


Andrew Maxwell
Outstanding Senior
Departmental Award

2006

Memorable Department Events

Thanks!!!



David and Cathy Anderson
 Marcus Anderson
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 Deborah and J Kevin Brown
 Robert and Barbara Brunette
 Martha Burk
 Robert and Catherine Carmody
 John and Valerie Carroll
 J James Chambliss
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 Kenneth Dooley
 Thomas and Ruth Durkin
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 Scott Elliott
 James and Rita Farina
 Stephen French
 Delia Gil
 David and Deborah Goehrke
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 David Goulding
 Julie Gowen
 John and Michelle Greuling
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 Libby Hatchel
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 Sheri Glarborg and Morton Jorgensen
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 John and Beth Konny

Kenton and Connie Machina
 David and Constance MacTaggart
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 Gina and Richard Maziarz
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 David and Tricia Monier
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 John Onorato
 Ryan Peters
 Darlene and Roger Raudabaugh
 Andrew and Polina Reisman
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 Ronald and Laura Rohlfing
 Solomon Rutzky
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Once again a big thank you to all who have supported us. As state support for the university declines, private support becomes ever more important. ISU has lost more than \$17 million in annual state funding over the past several fiscal years and the proposed operating budget for this year is flat. There are many areas in the department to which you may contribute. Your contributions to the Kenneth and Marilyn Kennard Philosophy Fund have been much appreciated by students. The Mind-Project has benefited from your generous contributions and your donations to the Department Excellence Fund have helped us to send students to the undergraduate conferences, reward outstanding scholarship among the students, provide other project support, and enhance support for faculty travel to meetings. We certainly understand that everyone is in the belt tightening process both at work and at home and we appreciate your many contributions. Your help and support allow us to provide vital assistance to and recognition of students to substantially enrich their education.

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Thank you! We appreciate your time!

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