Welcome back, everyone! The staff is very excited to start this new academic year with you. Please don’t hesitate to ask any of us in the office for help with anything.
We have a couple of things to bring to your attention:

• We have had a lot of changes in Malloy over the summer, as you have probably noticed. Our fearless leader, Jeff Speaks, has made Malloy more undergrad-friendly, and also added spaces for all graduate students. We hope you like all the new furnishings, and put them to good use!
• Roll call is now open until August 29th. Your schedule will be dropped if you do not do this.
• August 29th is also the last day to do anything yourself in NOVO (add/drop, credit change, etc.)
• Graduate Students: If you are planning on taking a directed reading course, please pick up a form from Christine.
• Undergraduate Students: If you are planning on taking a directed reading course, please pick up a form from Jennifer.
• We have a ton of events this semester! Please check the newly upgraded Philosophy board outside of the office.
• Graduate Students: If you have any suggestions on how to improve “Adventure Day”, please email Christine.
• Costco has a special appreciation event this weekend for all faculty, staff, students, alumni, and families of Notre Dame. It is a one-day shopping pass for those who don’t have a membership. You can pick up the “pass” in the office.
• We have two hashtags in the department: #NDphilosophy and #NDphiloevents. Use them (when appropriate), please!! We are working hard on our social media presence.
• Webpage update: Jeff has been working really hard all summer to get the new and improved philosophy website up and running. The date has now been pushed to the first week of September. We are sorry about the delays!
Announcements

Grad CFP

Conferences

Happenings

• Reading Groups this semester (thus far):
  1. Aquinas Reading Group - contact Martin Beers
  2. Epistemology Reading Group - contact Liz Jackson or Paul Blaschko
  3. Greek Reading Group - contact Christine
  4. Gorgias Reading Group - contact Christine

• There are two new writing groups this year as well:
  “Shut up and Write” - Fridays before colloquia from 1:45-2:15pm in 220 Malloy. Open to all!
  Dissertation writing group - Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 8:50 at Au Bon Pain (Library)

Up and Coming

August 25-26
Aquinas and the Arabs International Fall Meeting - Oak Room at the South Dining Hall

Saturday, August 26
175th opening mass and picnic for all students - South Quad - 12:30-4:00 pm

Monday, August 28th
Justin Christy Dissertation Defense - 107 Malloy Hall - 3:30 pm

Friday, September 1st
Colloquium: Curtis Franks “The Context of Inference” - 101 DeBartolo Hall - 3:00-5:00 pm

Monday, September 4th
Labor Day - Classes still in session, offices are closed

Friday, September 8th
Colloquium: Robert Audi - 101 DeBartolo Hall - 3:00-5:00 pm