Philosopher in Print

This month's "Philosopher in Print" is graduate student, Dustin Crummett. His piece titled "The problem of evil and the suffering of creeping things" is in the August edition of the International Journal for Philosophy of Religion.

Abstract:

Even philosophers of religion working on the problem of non-human animal suffering have ignored the suffering of creatures like insects. Sensible as this seems, it's mistaken. I am not sure whether creatures like these can suffer, but it is plausible, on both commonsensical and scientific and philosophical grounds, that many of them can. If they do, their suffering makes the problem of evil much worse: their vast numbers mean the amount of evil in the world will almost certainly be increased by many, many orders of magnitude; the fact that disproportionately many of them live lives which are nasty, brutish, and short means that the proportion of good to evil in the world will be drastically worsened, and their relative lack of cognitive sophistication means that many theodicies, including many specifically designed to address animal suffering, would apply to their suffering only with much greater difficulty, if at all. Philosophers of religion should therefore more seriously investigate whether these beings can suffer and what, if anything, could justify God in allowing as much.

Link to paper found here

If you would like to be featured in this section, please email cgrandy@nd.edu.
Around Campus

September

Study Abroad Fair
5-8
Morris Inn

Graduate Student Social
4-6
1060 Nanovic Hall

Student Wellness Expo
11:30-1:30
North Quad

Workshop: “Doing Stress Well”
3-4
3rd floor conference room
Saint Liam Hall

Northeast Neighborhood Back to School Picnic
5:30-7:30
Robinson Community Learning Center

DEADLINE: Graduate Students
Last day to waive school-sponsored health insurance plan

8th Annual Fath Ted Run/Walk
8:30-11:00
throughout campus
trio.nd.edu for registration/info

DEADLINE: All
Last day to drop a class at Saint Mary’s College

Blood Drive
11-5:30
Rolfs Sports Rec Center

Game Day
ND vs. Miami of Ohio
gameday.nd.edu

News and Announcements

• Therese Cory Awarded National Humanities Center Fellowship
  Prof. Cory has been awarded the Philip L. Quinn Fellowship by the NHC. She is one of 34 fellows chosen from among 630 applicants. Congratulations, Therese! Full story here.

• Website, Website, Website!!
  The new philosophy.nd.edu is up and running!! We are so excited to finally unveil our summer project. We are constantly updating it so if you see anything wrong or have any feedback for us, email Christine!

• Tutors Needed!
  The Academic Services for Student-Athletes is looking for Philosophy tutors for Fall and Spring Semesters. Please contact Carlton Lyons (clyons@nd.edu) if you are interested, or would like more information.

• New Philosophy T-shirts!
  If you would like to submit a new saying for the 2017-18 school year philosophy t-shirts, please email Jennifer (pavlick.5@nd.edu). You can submit design ideas as well.

• Wear in the World?
  The Graduate School is running a t-shirt contest for all graduate students. All you have to do is submit a photo of you wearing your professional development t-shirt (you can get one at 502 Main Bldg if you don’t have one) wherever you may be and you have a chance to win a $100 Bookstore gift card. You will also be entered to win the yearly research prize of $500. For more information visit their page.

• Colloquium Location Change
  There was an email sent out that the Colloquiums will be in 123 Nieuwland Science Hall this semester. After last weeks colloquium, we decided to move it back to DeBartolo. The rest of the colloquiums for this semester will be in 138 DeBartolo Hall. Sorry for the confusion!

• Philosophy Mentors Needed!
  If you are a graduate student and want to mentor an undergraduate student, email Louise (lwilli16@nd.edu).

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