This month’s “Philosopher in Print” is graduate student, Emily Spencer. Her piece titled “Conceptual clarification and implicit-association tests: psychometric evidence for racist attitudes” is in the June edition of the European Journal for Philosophy of Science.

Abstract:

Critics of the Implicit Association Test (IAT)—a measure of the strength of a person’s automatic, memory-based association between two concepts, such as “black” and “threatening” or “white” and “caring”—have at least three main objections. Their symmetry argument (SA) is that the IAT should but does not give equally valid results for black-on-white and white-on-black racism. Their cultural-awareness argument (AA) is that the IAT illegitimately presupposes that use of racial stereotypes presupposes no stereotype acceptance, only stereotype awareness. Their completeness argument (CA) is that at best the IAT measures only questionable or implicit, not explicit, bias because IAT ignores the fact that subjects’ conscious desires to avoid bias often enable them to check their biased behavior. Examining each of these anti-IAT stances, the paper summarizes the IAT and then argues for 6 main claims. (1) Clarifying concepts like racism is important for progress in social science. (2) IAT critics’ SA presupposes an ahistorical/acultural concept of racism. (3) IAT critics’ AA presupposes a linguistically-insensitive concept of racism. (3) IAT critics’ AA presupposes a linguistically-insensitive concept of racism.

Link to paper found here

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DEADLINE: Grad Student Research Applications Due
isla.nd.edu/student-funding/gsra

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Family FunDays
Thistleberry Farm
1-5pm
register at recsports.nd.edu

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IT Spotlight
October 19-20
DeBartolo Hall
oit.nd.edu for more info

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Game Day
ND vs USC
gameday.nd.edu

Saturday Scholars: God and the Good Life-Lecture and Q&A
4-5 pm
Annenberg Auditorium-Snite
Presenter: Meghan Sullivan

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Pizza, Pop, and Politics
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Geddes Hall Coffee House

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Last day for course discontinuance

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Undergrad Workshop: Writing a Strong Grant Proposal
3-4 pm
110 Brownson Hall

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Undergrad Workshop: Getting Started in Undergraduate Research
4-5 pm
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News and Announcements

• Graduate Student Reps
Your grad student reps for the 2017-18 school year are:
  Year 1: Will Shankles
  Year 2: Char Brecevic
  Year 3: Corey Dethier
  Year 4: Ting Cho Lau
  Year 5: Kevin Scott
  Overall Rep: Ting Cho Lau

• Undergraduate Advisory Council
The council meets with the Chair and DUS to provide
undergraduate feedback and input on the state and direction of the Philosophy curriculum and other matters related to the Philosophy major. The members are:
  Abbey Whalen (Jr.)
  Colin Rahill (Jr.)
  Daniel Loesing (Sr.)
  Natasha Reifenberg (Sr.)
  Sarah Barcomb (Sr.)

• Grad Student Appreciation Week
Thank you to everyone that participated in Grad Appreciation Week! The humanities department won the pizza party! And they especially thanked the Philosophy Dept. students for solidifying the win. Details on the grad students pizza party will be communicated via email.

• New Philosophy t-shirts!
If you would like to submit a new saying for the 2017-18 school year philosophy t-shirts, please fill out this Google Form.

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

• Fall Break
Please note that the office will remain open for fall break EXCEPT on Wednesday (Oct. 18th) for a staff retreat. The fall break office hours will be 8 am-4:30 pm. Thanks!

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