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ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

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,

[Link to paper found here](#)

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

October

- 13** **Dissertation Defense**
Michael Longenecker
1-3 pm
107 Malloy Hall
- 14** **Mid Term Break**
October 14-22
Office closed the 18th
- 25** **MAP Event**
Sister Prudence Allen
6:30-7:30 pm
220 Malloy Hall
- 27** **Breast Cancer Soup Fundraiser**
11:30-1 pm
Theology Hallway
Soup, desserts, and games!
- Lunchtime Talk: Paul Blaschko**
Title TBA
12-1 pm
220 Malloy Hall
- Shut Up and Write**
1:45-2:15 pm
220 Malloy Hall
- Pre-Colloquium Gathering**
2:15-3 pm
Philosophy Library/Lounge
- Colloquium: Peter van Inwagen**
'If' and '→'
3-5 pm
138 DeBartolo Hall
- 31** **Pedagogy Workshop**
3:30-5 pm
107 Malloy Hall

- 13** **DEADLINE: Grad Student Research Applications Due**
isla.nd.edu/student-funding/gsra
- 14** **Family FuNDays**
Thistleberry Farm
1-5pm
register at recsports.nd.edu
- 19** **IT Spotlight**
October 19-20
DeBartolo Hall
oit.nd.edu for more info
- 21** **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
- 22** **Pizza, Pop, and Politics**
5-6 pm
Geddes Hall Coffee House
- 27** **Last day for course discontinuance**
- 30** **Undergrad Workshop: Writing a Strong Grant Proposal**
3-4 pm
110 Brownson Hall
- 31** **Undergrad Workshop: Getting Started in Undergraduate Research**
4-5 pm
110 Brownson Hall

- **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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