This month’s “Philosopher in Print” is graduate student, Graham Clay. His piece titled “Russell and the Temporal Contiguity of Causes and Effects” is in the September edition of Erkenntnis.

Abstract:

There are some necessary conditions on causal relations that seem to be so trivial that they do not merit further inquiry. Many philosophers assume that the requirement that there could be no temporal gaps between causes and their effects is such a condition. Bertrand Russell disagrees. In this paper, an in-depth discussion of Russell’s argument against this necessary condition is the centerpiece of an analysis of what is at stake when one accepts or denies that there can be temporal gaps between causes and effects. It is argued that whether one accepts or denies this condition, one is implicated in taking on substantial and wide-ranging philosophical positions. Therefore, it is not a trivial necessary condition of causal relations and it merits further inquiry.

Link to paper found here
News and Announcements

• Grad School Interest Night
  Calling all undergraduates! Dr. Jech and Dr. Blanchette will answer all your questions about the application process, lifestyle, and expectations of graduate school. Come to 215 Malloy Hall from 6-7 on the 13th to discuss all these things. And bring your questions! Pizza and snacks provided!

• Grad Student Appreciation Week
  The Humanities Graduate Student Pizza Party is from 12-1 pm in the Carey Auditorium (107 Hesburgh Library). Enjoy, grads!

• Merch Voting!
  This is your last chance to vote on a quote (or no quote) for this years philo t-shirt. Click here for poll. You have until Friday!

• Majors!
  Remember to pick up your official Philosophy pin! They’re free! See Jennifer in the office.

• Congratulations to Michael Longenecker!
  Michael defended his dissertation "The Contingently Non-Concrete: Uses and Nature". His director is Peter van Inwagen, and his committee members are Daniel Nolan, Michael Rea, Jeff Speaks, and Meghan Sullivan.

• Monster Mash Soup Fundraiser
  The Philosophy and Theology Departments held their annual $5 Soup fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We raised a total of $651 for mammograms in St. Joseph County. Thank you to everyone that bought soup! See you again next October!

• Philosophy Mentors Needed!
  If you are a graduate student and want to mentor an undergraduate student, email Louise (lwill16@nd.edu).

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