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# ND Philosophy

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## Philosopher in Print

This month's Philosopher in Print is undergraduate student, Jonah Poczobutt. His piece titled "Moral Arguments Based on Analogy: Implied Positions and Difficulties" is available in the Spring 2018 issue of Areté, Rutgers Undergraduate Philosophy Journal.

### Introduction:

The widespread use of analogies as rhetorical devices hardly seems controversial upon first glance. Successful analogy allows us to quickly understand a new situation by comparing it to one that is already understood; this is done by focusing on similarities between the two. Such a device makes for a highly attractive argumentative strategy, which makes the popularity of analogies unsurprising. In fact, this argumentative tool is so pervasive that it almost seems strange to refer to it with a term such as 'popular' at all.

One particularly interesting application of analogies is in arguments concerning morality. Focusing on the similarity of an unfamiliar situation to a well known one might allow us to apply the same process that led us to past conclusions to the new situation. What might be more surprising is the position I will attempt to defend in this paper; that the device of analogy is frequently misapplied in ways that undermine its effectiveness. I believe that by carefully examining the finer details of this device and expounding on the form of what I will now refer to as Moral Arguments Based on Analogy, these weaknesses become apparent. This is not to say that analogies have no place in such arguments, only that those who choose to use them may be committing themselves to positions that are difficult to defend.

Continued...

[Link to paper found here](#)



## August

- 17 Grad Student Adventure Day!**  
12:30-2:30  
136 DeBartolo Hall
- 17 Adventure Day Reception: All welcome**  
2:30-4:00 pm  
Philosophy Library/  
Lounge
- 23 Philosophy Picnic**  
For Grad Students, Faculty, and their families  
5-8 pm  
St. Patricks Park, Berta Shelter
- 28 Pedagogy Workshop**  
3:30-5:00  
107 Malloy Hall
- 31 MAP Mentorship Application Due**  
"(Epistemic) Responsibility Without

## Get to know our Philosophers!

[Sean Kelsey]

1. What job would you be doing if you weren't doing philosophy? *No idea*
2. What's your go-to band or artist? *Bob Dylan*
3. What's your dream car? *Tesla*
4. What's the luckiest thing that's happened to you? *My wife agreed to marry me*
5. Favorite place in the world? *Ojai, CA*

## Around Campus August

- 13** [Graduate Student Orientation](#)  
August 13-14
- 15** **International Grad Student Orientation**  
August 15-16
- 17** **Undergrad halls open for first-year students**  
move-in begins at 9 am
- 19** **Undergrad halls open for upperclass students**  
move-in begins at 9 am
- 20** **Try It You'll Like It Week**  
Rec Sports  
August 20-26  
Try group classes for free this week!
- 21** **First Day Of Classes**  
[Opening of the Academic Year Mass and Picnic](#)  
5:30-8:00 pm  
South Quad
- Activities Night**  
7-9 pm  
Stadium Concourse
- 31** **Pep Rally**  
6-7 pm  
Location TBD  
Cheer on the Irish as they prep for the Wolverines!
- [events.nd.edu](https://events.nd.edu) for full list

## News and Announcements

- **Summer Defenses**  
Congratulations to Callie Phillips who defended her dissertation "Metaphysics Without Naturalness" on Jul 23rd and to Paul Blaschko who defended his dissertation "Intending to Believe: An Essay on Doxastic Agency and the Voluntarist Foundations of Epistemic Normativity" on July 31st.
- **Fantasy Football**  
If you would like to be a part of our ND Philosophy Fantasy Football League on ESPN.com, please email [cgrandy@nd.edu](mailto:cgrandy@nd.edu) for an invite. Draft day/time will be determined when league is full.
- **Before the Semester Starts...**
  - Please make sure to complete ND Roll Call by August 28th (opens August 15th)
  - Graduate Students:** make sure you are registered for at least 9 credits. If you are unsure which class to register for, please email Christine.
  - Undergrads:** Be on the lookout for announcements regarding the Philosophy Club, the mentorship program, MAP, and the Majors Advisory Council (MAC).
  - Directed Reading forms: [undergrad](#) / [grad](#)
- **CPR News**  
The Spring 2018 Issue of *Logoi* is now available [here](#). The newest publication features articles by Jc Beall, Jeffrey E. Brower, Annette Bryson, Kristopher McDaniel, and Joshua Seachris.
- **Grad Students:**  
Do you care about getting a job? Do you want experience teaching? Join the Philosophy Mentorship program to get one-on-one experience working with undergraduates while boosting your CV! This year the Philosophy Mentorship Program is launching the first-ever Philosophy Faire. Mentors and mentees will work together to master the work of their philosopher of choice. On March 27, 2019, mentor and mentee pairs will work together to bring these ideas to life in a one of a kind cosplay presentation! Mentors are required to:
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  - (2) Attend both the Philosophy Launch Party on September 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm and the Philosophy Faire on March 27th from 5-7pm and
  - (3) Participate in at least two additional events each semester.[Apply here](#) (Questions or Concerns - Contact Louise Williams [lwilli16@nd.edu](mailto:lwilli16@nd.edu))
- **Undergrads:**  
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## FACULTY Summer Recap

### Sara Bernstein:

- "Causation and Grounding" at Metaphysical Mayhem at Rutgers
- "Could a Middle Level be the Most Fundamental?" at St. Andrews
- "The Metaphysics of Intersectionality" at GRSelona (University of Barcelona)
- Social Metaphysics (University of Nottingham)
- "Deviant Causation and the Law" at the Legal Philosophy Workshop at Rutgers

### Therese Cory:

- Symposium Thomisticum: Aquinas and the Greeks" conference, Athens, Greece

### Don Howard:

- "How General Relativity Shaped Twentieth-Century Philosophy of Science." Invited keynote lecture delivered at the First Biennial Midwest Summer School in Philosophy of Physics, University of Chicago
- "Quine, Dewey, and the Pragmatist Tradition in American Philosophy of Science." Lecture given as part of a symposium on "Pragmatism in the Philosophy of Science," at HOPOS 2018: The Twelfth International Conference of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science in Groningen, the Netherlands
- "Concepts of Completeness in Einstein's Critique of Quantum Mechanics." Invited talk given at the workshop on "The Formal Semantics of Theories: Conceptual and Historical Foundations," University of Salzburg
- "Complementarity and Decoherence." Invited lecture given at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, University of Munich
- "The Virtue of Productive Uncertainty, or, What to Do When You Don't Know Something." Conference on Practicing Science: Virtues, Values, and the Good Life. University of Notre Dame London Global Gateway
- Ran a two-day set of ethics workshops on "Physics and Nuclear Weapons -- The Scientist's Responsibilities" for twenty-five physics undergrads participating in Notre Dame's Physics REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) Program

### Sean Kelsey:

- "What is intelligence? (Aristotle DA III 4-8)", conference in Prague
- "Intelligibility", gave paper in Tübingen, Germany
- "Measuring (perceptible) being", gave paper in Munich

### Janet Kourany:

- Invited to two European conferences: "How the Light Gets In 2018" in Hay on Wye, Wales and "Democratization of Science - Epistemological Issues and New Perspectives" in Lyon, France. In the first Janet gave a talk entitled "Science, Ignorance and Doubt" on the new area of ignorance studies ("agnotology") and its relation to science. She also participated in a debate on feminism and science ("Science, Sex and Subjectivity") with cognitive neuroscientist Gina Rippon and science writer Angela Saini. In the second conference Janet gave a plenary address entitled "Bacon's Promise" on the contributions of science to society. Janet also was invited to give her "Science, Ignorance and Doubt" talk at Nanjing Normal University in Nanjing, China.

### Alex Jech:

- Over the summer, Alexander Jech traveled to Ethiopia to set up a Study Abroad program for Notre Dame International and a partnership with Addis Ababa University. He will teach "Bridging Theory and Practice: Philosophical and Pragmatic Perspectives on Development" there during Summer Session 2019.

### Daniel Nolan:

- Papers published: "Cosmic Loops" in Bliss, R. and Priest, G. (eds) Reality and Its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality, Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp 91-106 and "Reflections on Routley's Ultralogic Program". Australasian Journal of Logic. 15:2: 407-430
- "Hyperintensionality and Impossible Worlds", at the Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers, New Brunswick
- "Marriage and its Limits". DM3 (Derivative Metaphysics 3 Conference), University of Barcelona, Barcelona Spain
- "Time and Parsimony". Centre for Metaphysics and Mind Seminar series, University of Leeds, Leeds UK
- "Time and Parsimony". Metaphysics Reading Group, University of St Andrews, St Andrews UK
- "Space, Time and Parsons" at Joshfest, which was a memorial conference for the philosopher Josh Parsons. It was held at the University of St Andrews, St Andrews UK
- Workshop: "Thinking Counterfactually with Daniel Nolan", held by the Thinking Counterfactually Research Project at the University of Leeds

### Christopher Shields

- Keynote note in Gothenburg, Sweden, 'Hylomorphic Mental Causation'
- Six-volume work, History of the Philosophy of Mind, that I co-edited with Rebecca Copenhaver, appeared from Routledge

### Jim Sterba:

- This past summer, Jim taught a graduate course in Moral and Political Philosophy at Wuhan University, China. He also gave two public lectures there and another public lecture in Shanghai and two in Beijing. One practical consequence is his new "action photo" on the faculty website. Jim also hopes to return to China next summer.

### Paul Weithman:

- "Catholic Social Teaching and Contractualist Justice" at the Catholic University of Lisbon
- "The Self-Defeat Objection to Political Liberalism" at a conference on political legitimacy held at La Sapienza and LUISS in Rome

## Meme of the Month



## [GRAD CFP'S](#)

## [UNDERGRAD CFP'S](#)

## [JOBS](#)



# GRAD STUDENT *Summer Recap*

Matteo Bianchetti:

- "Transfer of competence: analogy and understanding" to the conference Zur Interpretationsfunktion der Literaturwissenschaft, University of Heidelberg, Germany

Tobias Flattery:

- "Worlds Apart, Causal Independence, and Existential Independence in Leibniz's Metaphysics" at the Franco-American Workshop in Modern Philosophy at U Michigan

Liz Jackson:

- "How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment" and also "Belief, Faith, and Hope." at the World Congress of Philosophy in Beijing  
- Seminar on sex and gender at Berkeley

Jordan Lavender:

- Participated in the Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies at The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto

Sebastian Murgueitio Ramirez:

- "What is "separability" in quantum mechanics and how was it used by Einstein?" at the PHILOGICA V conference held at Villa de Leyva, Colombia  
- Participated at the summer school on the philosophy of quantum field theory, Urbino, Italy  
- Participated in the First Biennial Midwest Summer School in Philosophy of Physics, Chicago  
- "Nomologically impossible dispositions" at the Metaphysics of Science conference, Milan  
- "Fisica Paso a Paso", published by Universidad de los Andes ([uniandes.ipublishcentral.com/product/fsica-paso](http://uniandes.ipublishcentral.com/product/fsica-paso))

Fr. Philip Neri Reese:

- "The Puzzling Science of Metaphysics: Aristotle, Aquinas, and Flandrensis," Symposium Thomisticum, The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Academy of Athens), Greece  
- "Dominic of Flanders, Celestial Movers, and the Principles of Being," Annual Conference on Aristotle and Aristotelianism, June 25th, 2018, Marquette University  
- "Francisco Suárez, Metaphysical Principles, and the Ratio Entis," Being Univocal, Being Equivocal: Scotus and Suárez, London

Louise Williams:

- "Creating the Self through Story Telling: Daniel Dennett, Tim Bayne, and Evan Thompson", Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Conference, Krakow, Poland

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