**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 Arete, 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.

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[Link to paper found here](#)
Graduate Student Orientation
August 13-14

International Grad Student Orientation
August 15-16

Undergrad halls open for first-year students
move-in begins at 9 am

Undergrad halls open for upperclass students
move-in begins at 9 am

Try It You'll Like It Week
Rec Sports
August 20-26
Try group classes for free this week!

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

Pep Rally
6-7 pm
Location TBD
Cheer on the Irish as they prep for the Wolverines!

Summer Defenses

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 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 Aogoi is now available. 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:
1) meet with their mentees at least once per month
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
3) Participate in at least two additional events each semester.

Undergrads:
Want to get the insider scoop on Philosophy? Looking for advice on how to be a successful student of philosophy? Join the Philosophy mentorship program to get one-on-one experience with your very own Philosophy Graduate Student. 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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UNDERGRAD CFP’S

Memes of the Month

FACULTY

Summer Recap

Branch: (Name of Branch)
Position: (Position)
Institution: (Institution)
Phone: (Phone)
Email: (Email)

Sara Berman:
- “Causation and Grounding” at Metaphysical Mayhem at Rutgers
- “Could a Middle-Level be the Most Fundamental?” at St. Andrews
- “The Metaphysics of Intersectionality” at GRISelona (University of Barcelona)
- Social Metaphysics (University of Nottingham)
- “Lavant Causation and the Law” at the Legal Philosophy Workshop at Rutgers

Theo Cerys:
- Symposium Thomsitticus 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 Biannual 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 INOS 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 Deconstruction.” Invited lecture given at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, University of Munich
- 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 Undergraduate) Program

Sean Kelly:
- “What is intelligence? “ (Aristotle DA III 4-8) conference in Prague
- “Intellegibility,” 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 “Democratisation 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 Joch:
- Over the summer, Alexander Joch 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:
- “Hypertemporalization and Impossible Worlds”, at the Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers, New Brunswick
- “Marriage and Its Limits,” DMG (Derivative Metaphysics) 3 Conference, University of Barcelona, Barcelona Spain
- “Third Person Causation” for Mathematics and Mind Seminar series, University of Leeds, Leeds UK
- “Third Person Causation” Metaphysics Reading Group, University of St Andrews, St Andrews UK
- “Space, Time and Persons” at JoshReid, which was a memorial conference for the philosopher Josh Parsons. It was held at the University of St Andrews.
- “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 Wahlman:
- “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 Sapientza and LUISS in Rome

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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
- "Física Paso a Paso", published by Universidad de los Andes (uniandes.ipublishcentral.com/product/fsica-paso)

Fr. Philip Neri Reese:
- "Dominic of Flanders, Celestial Movers, and the Principles of Being," Annual Conference on Aristotle and Aristotelianism, June 28th, 2018, Marquette University

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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