Philosopher in Print

This month’s Philosopher in Print is graduate student, Liz Jackson. Her piece titled “Belief and credence: why the attitude-type matters” is available in the July 2018 issue of Philosophical Studies.

Abstract:

In this paper, I argue that the relationship between belief and credence is a central question in epistemology. This is because the belief-credence relationship has significant implications for a number of current epistemological issues. I focus on five controversies: permissivism, disagreement, pragmatic encroachment, doxastic voluntarism, and the relationship between doxastic attitudes and prudential rationality. I argue that each debate is constrained in particular ways, depending on whether the relevant attitude is belief or credence. This means that (i) epistemologists should pay attention to whether they are framing questions in terms of belief or in terms of credence and (ii) the success or failure of a reductionist project in the belief-credence realm has significant implications for epistemology generally.

Get to know our Philosophers!
[Therese Cory]

1. What job would you be doing if you weren’t doing philosophy? reality TV chronicling the misadventures of two philosophers attempting to renovate an old house (episode 1: They extensively discuss Plato’s principle of job specialization, just before discovering that using a crowbar is harder than it looks)
2. What’s your go-to band or artist? Argentine pianist Martha Argerich
3. What’s your dream car? Fire-engine red F150
4. What’s the luckiest thing that’s happened to you? existence
5. Favorite place in the world? Würzburg, Germany
News and Announcements

- Notre Dame 24 - Michigan 17
  That is all.

- Philosophy Club Launch Party - Undergrads!
  Discover the many adventures the Philosophy Department has in store for you this year. Our annual Launch Party is the official launch of three major opportunities for you to get hands on with your philosophy experience. Whether you are looking for a mentor, seeking lectures that matter, or looking for some informal philosophy chatter, we have got you covered! Join us September 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm in 215 Malloy Hall

- CPR News
  Please help us welcome the 2018-19 Center for Philosophy of Religion Fellows:
  - Patrick Kain, Purdue University – Alvin Plantinga Fellow (420 Malloy)
  - Oliver D. Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary – Frederick Crosson Fellow (Spring 2019; 416 Malloy)
  - Jc Beall, University of Connecticut – Research Fellow (423 Malloy)
  - Dawn Eschenauer Chow, The University of Chicago – Research Fellow (421 Malloy)
  - Meghan D. Page, Loyola University Maryland – Research Fellow (419 Malloy)
  - Kimberley Kroll, University of St Andrews – Visiting Graduate Student Fellow (Fall 2018, 416 Malloy)

- Fall 2018 Reading Groups
  - MAP Women in Philosophy Reading Group- Fridays from 12:30-1:20 pm in 107 Malloy. Contact map@nd.edu
  - Greek Reading Group- Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm and Fridays from 1:45-2:45 pm in 107 Malloy. Contact Reid Comstock
  - Indian Philosophy Zoom Reading Group - Fridays at 6 pm. Contact Louise Williams.
  - Naturalized Metaphysics Reading Group- Dates TBD. Contact Ashton Green
  - Physics Journal Club- contact Jeremy Steeger
  - Ethics Reading Group- Wednesdays from 2-3 pm in 107 Malloy. Contact Rachel Jonker, Ross Jensen, or Ting Cho Lau

- Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you want featured? Fill out this questionnaire to tell us!