Philosopher in Print

This month's Philosopher in Print is Philosophy as a Way of Life Project Program Coordinator, Justin Christy. His piece titled "Naïve realism: a simple approach" is available in the May 2018 issue of Philosophical Studies.

Abstract:

Naïve realism is often characterized, by its proponents and detractors alike, as the view that for a subject to undergo a perceptual experience is for her to stand in a simple two-place acquaintance relation toward an object. However, two of the leading defenders of naïve realism, John Campbell and Bill Brewer, have thought it necessary to complicate this picture, claiming that a third relatum is needed to account for various possible differences between distinct visual experiences of the same object (for example, differences that result from changes in the object’s spatial orientation relative to the subject, or from changes in the intensity with which the subject focuses her attention on the object). This, I argue, is a mistake. Once it is acknowledged that a subject’s visual experience acquaints her with more than just a single object, all of the relevant facts can be explained from within the simpler naïve realist framework.

Link to paper found here

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Fr. Philip Neri Reese]

1. What is the best least-known hangout in South Bend? Eating is the only way I know how to hangout, so definitely Janitzio Taqueria. It’s amazing. And cheap. And the chairs are really, really brightly colored.
2. What’s the best Halloween costume you’ve ever had? A Spider-Man costume back when I was in grade school. There wasn’t really anything special about the costume, but that was the best candy year of my life. Lots of king-sized candy bars. A homemade caramel apple. A whole trash-bag (not just a pillow case) full of loot. So I remember that costume fondly.
3. What is your go-to napping strategy? Oh man, I’m a terrible napper. I have to block out 3 hours, blackout my windows, change into my pajamas, and bury myself beneath the covers. And I wake up feeling horrible. It’s a disaster.
4. What is your most-used emoji? 😷
5. Favorite Kitchen appliance? When full, my coffee pot. When empty, literally anything else in the kitchen.
**News and Announcements**

- **Grad Student Appreciation Week**
  October 1-7
  gradlife.nd.edu

- **Talk: “The Impostor Syndrome”**
  12-1 pm
  Jordan Auditorium (Mendoza Hall)

- **Postgraduate Service and Social Impact Fair**
  5-8 pm
  Joyce Center, 2nd Floor Concourse

- **Information Session: 2019 International Summer Service Learning Program**
  7-8 pm
  Geddes Hall, McNeill Library

- **Life Lunch Seminar with John O’Callaghan**
  12-1 pm
  W210 Duncan Student Center
  Register Here

- **Arts and Letters Trivia Night Breast Cancer Fundraiser**
  7-10 pm
  St. Joe High School
  RSVP Here

- **Fall Break!**
  October 13-21
  Offices Open

- **Pitt at ND**
  3:30 pm

- **Last Day to Drop a Class**

- **Poverty and Stress Workshop**
  11 am-4 pm
  Geddes Hall, Coffee House
  RSVP Here

- **Happy Halloween!**
  events.nd.edu for full list

- **Congratulations to Meghan Sullivan!**
  The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded Meghan Sullivan a three-year, $806,000 grant to establish the Philosophy as a Way of Life Project at Notre Dame. The project focuses on developing innovative undergraduate philosophy curricula that emphasize concrete questions about how to live well. The grant will fund an annual series of curricular development workshops, the first of which will be hosted at Notre Dame from June 16-21, 2019. It will also be used to expand the courses God and The Good Life and The Examined Life, to develop additional courses in a similar vein, and to provide seed funds to other institutions interested in implementing curricula focused on philosophy as a way of life. Recent graduate Justin Christy has been hired as full-time Program Coordinator for the project. Josh Barthuly and Ross Jensen are serving as the Mellon Graduate Fellows. And in Summer 2019 the project will award a post-doc to work closely with our ND team and one of our collaborating schools.

- **Curtis Franks Makes [ND Philosophy] History**
  Thanks to alum, Mousa Mohammadian, Curtis was the top story on the Leiter Report on September 17th. Because of that he hit a record 5147 hits on his webpage over 5 days.

- **Congratulations to Ashton Green**
  Grad Student, Ashton Green, was the winner of a competition to attend the Interdivisional Teaching Commission’s pedagogy workshop at the European Society for History of Science conference at University College London. She submitted an interdisciplinary syllabus “Fire and Light in History of Science”.

- **Graduate Student Appreciation Week**
  Happy Grad Week! Make sure to check out gradlife.nd.edu for all the freebies and events happening this week. And don’t forget to tweet your heart out with the #thanksbetograds and #humanities hashtags!

- **Grad Student Writes Online Book**
  [From Robert Goulding] HPS Philosophy track student Sebastián Murgueitio Ramírez has just published his first book: Física Paso a Paso, a digital textbook in Spanish on the foundations of physics. This has been a labor for the last few years, and fills a much needed gap in the educational market for Latin American high school and college students. You can find out more about the book here.

- **Potentially Useful Info, Courtesy of your GSU reps:**
  - **Go Grants**: Get ND to pay for you to have fun with your friends!
  - **The Shirt Charity Fund**: Financial help for extenuating medical conditions.
  - **GSU Conference Presentation Grant**: Free money! (And this year they have more to dole out.)
  - **Office of Grants and Fellowships**: Help getting free money!
  - **Free Weekly Babysitting**: Fridays from 9:30 am-1:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus building. Contact ND Right to Life for more info.

  Questions? Input? Ideas you’d like us to pass along to the GSU? Let us know! 
  ~Rachel & Will

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

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**Meme of the Month**

Melcyver @MerrickHabrer

Socrates: The only thing I know is that I know nothing.
ME: Aw, hey, don’t say that. You know things.
Socrates: No, I meant—
ME: If you want I can teach you some stuff.
Socrates: ME.
Socrates: ME. Pointa. Thats a tree.