

March 2019

ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

This month's Philosopher in Print is Grad Student, Corey Dethier. His piece titled "Forces in a true and physical sense: From mathematical models to metaphysical conclusions" is available in the January 2019 issue of *Synthese*.

Abstract:

J. Wilson (2009), Moore (2012), and Massin (2017) identify an overdetermination problem arising from the principle of composition in Newtonian physics. I argue that the principle of composition is a red herring; what's really at issue are contrasting metaphysical views about how to interpret the science. One of these views—that real forces are to be tied to physical interactions like pushes and pulls—is a superior guide to real forces than the alternative, which demands that real forces are tied to "realized" accelerations. Not only is the former view employed in the actual construction of Newtonian models, the latter is both unmotivated and inconsistent with the foundations and testing of the science.



[Link to paper found here](#)

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Brian Cutter]

1. What job would you be doing if you weren't doing philosophy? *Probably some kind of computer programming/software development gig. Maybe graphic design. But I would still read and write philosophy on the side.*
2. What's your go-to band or artist? *Nickel Creek, Ray Lamontagne, Tracy Chapman, Simon and Garfunkel*
3. What's your dream car? *Any self-driving car*
4. What's the luckiest thing that's ever happened to you? *Existing in a universe where the fundamental constants are fine-tuned to allow for the emergence of life. Also, meeting my wife and begetting my three children, Leona, Anselm, and Penelope, rather than any fo the indefinitely many possible children I could have begotten in their place.*
5. Favorite place in the world? *A camping/backing area in the north Cascades (Washington State) called the Enchancements.*

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March

- 01 Lunchtime Talk: Kevin Scott**
"Form of Life' as a Foundation for Sexual Normativity."
10-12:00 pm
136 DeBartolo Hall
- Colloquium: Jon McGinnis (Missouri-St. Louis)**
"Timing Is Everything: God, Causation and Temporal Atomism in Medieval Islam"
3:00-5:00 pm
138 DeBartolo Hall
Reception to follow in 119 Malloy
- 06 Colloquium: JC Beall (CPR)**
"Classical Logic is dead. Long Live Classical Logic!"
3:30-5:30 pm
312 DeBartolo Hall
Reception to follow in 119 Malloy
- Grad Student Colloquium: Ellen Lehet**
"Impurity in Contemporary Mathematics"
6:30-7:30 pm
320 Malloy Hall
- 18 Recruitment Week!**
March 18-20
- Grad Student Colloquium: Sebastian Murgueitio Ramirez**
Title TBA
4:00-5:30 pm
107 Malloy
Reception to follow in Malloy
- 19 Recruitment Party at Sean Kelsey's**
All grad students and faculty invited!
7-11 pm
- 22 Lunchtime Talk: Rachel Rupprecht**
Title TBA
12:00-1:15 pm
220 Malloy Hall
- Colloquium: Declan Smithies (Ohio St.)**
"The Global Ambitions of Phenomenal Conservatism"
3:00-5:00 pm
138 DeBartolo Hall
Reception to follow in 119 Malloy
- 29 Colloquium: Dean Zimmerman (Rutgers)**
Title TBA
3:00-5:00 pm
138 DeBartolo Hall
Reception to follow in 119 Malloy
- Lunchtime Talk: Tobias Flattery**
"Leibniz's Lost Argument Against Causal Interaction"
12:00-1:15 pm
220 Malloy Hall

philosophy.nd.edu/news/calendar for an up-to-date listing

Around Campus March

News and Announcements

- 02** **Come Celebrate Dr. Suess!**
10 am-1 pm
Hammes Bookstore
- 09** **Spring Break**
March 9-17
- 12** **Mid-term grades are viewable**
- 17** **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
Everyone is Irish today!
- 19** **Graduation Fair**
Hammes Bookstore
- 20** **Summer Registration Begins**
- 22** **Last Day to drop a course**

- "Professor Sullivan in Print"
Professor Meghan Sullivan was in two publications last month to talk about GGL. "[Can Students Handle the Big Questions?](#)" was in the March 1st issue (article published Feb 24th). She also contributed to the Inside Higher Ed article '[Students Are Using Mobile Even If You Aren't](#)' published on February 27th.
- Placement News
Allison Murphy has accepted a tenure-track position at Carleton College in Minnesota where she is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor.
Liz Jackson has accepted a research fellowship at Australian National University from Summer 2019-Summer 2020. She will then join the Philosophy Department at Ryerson University (Toronto) as an Assistant Professor starting Fall 2020.
- Recruitment Week!!
Don't forget about Grad Student Recruitment week March 18-20th! Look out for email announcements about events that week and which prospectives you can meet with in your area.
- March Madness!
It's Christine's favorite time of year again! The ND Philosophy MM Group on ESPN is up and running and you can join at any time! Click [this link](#) to join, or search [espn.com](#) with the info below. Selection Sunday is on March 17th and you will have until March 19th at noon to fill out your bracket. Happy picking!
Group Name: NotreDame Philosophy
Password: Kierkgaard
- Free Massages!? Whaaat?
Did you know that the University Counseling Center offers an Inner Resources Room that provides a free massage chair, light therapy, negative ion therapy, and much more!? It's not only available to all Notre Dame students, but also faculty and staff! So take a break from your daily grind and visit [their website](#) to reserve a time.
- Philosophy T-shirts
We re-stocked our sizes of Philosophy t-shirts! Mens and womens XS-XL. Pick them up in the office today!

Meme of the Month



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[UNDERGRAD CFP'S](#)

