This month’s ‘Philosopher in Print’ is Grad Student, Liz Jackson. Her piece titled “How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment” is available in the February 2019 issue of The Philosophical Quarterly.

Abstract:

Belief-credence dualism is the view that we have both beliefs and credences and neither attitude is reducible to the other. Pragmatic encroachment is the view that stakes alone can affect the epistemic rationality of states like knowledge or justified belief. In this paper, I argue that dualism offers a unique explanation of pragmatic encroachment cases. First, I explain pragmatic encroachment and what motivates it. Then, I explain dualism and outline a particular argument for dualism. Finally, I show how dualism can explain the intuitions that underlie pragmatic encroachment. My basic proposal is that in high-stake cases, it is not that one cannot rationally believe that p; instead, one ought not to rely on one’s belief that p. One should rather rely on one’s credence in p. I conclude that we need not commit ourselves to pragmatic encroachment in order to explain the intuitiveness of the cases that motivate it.

Link to paper found here

Get to know our Philosophers!

Will Shankles

1. What is the best least-known hang out in SB? My living room table-board game night
2. What’s the best Halloween costume you’ve ever had? A “ceiling fan”
3. What is your go-to napping strategy? Naps are for the weak
4. What’s your most-used emoji? 😊
5. Favorite kitchen appliance? Crock pot so I can make a meal for the week with little effort
News and Announcements

- **Fall 2019 New Faculty Members**
  Feraz Azhar, Laura Callahan, and Kris McDaniel will be joining our team in the fall!

- **Fred Rush interviewed by Aesthetics for Birds**
  ND Ph.D. alum, Tom Mulherin, interviewed Prof. Rush for the website Aesthetics for Birds. Full interview here.

- **Placement News**
  David Squires has accepted a position of Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of St. Thomas, Houston starting Fall 2019
  Fr. Raphael Mary Salzillo, O.P. has accepted a tenure track position at the University of St. Thomas, Houston starting Fall 2019
  Jeff Tolly has accepted a 2-year post-doc position at Rudgers starting fall 2019

- **Grad Student Superlatives**
  If you have a favorite superlative you would like to see one lucky grad student win, email Christine!

- **Thank you!**
  Thank you to everyone that helped out with recruitment week 2019. Special shoutout to Sean Kelsey for being our faculty ambassador this year, and to the grad student recruitment committee! Curtis and Christine really appreciate everyone.

- **The Good Class**
  Have you heard? Prof. Sullivan (along with Prof. Becker and Prof. Herbst from Film, Television, and Theatre) is offering a 1 credit class in the fall all about the hit TV show The Good Place. We are only accepting 6 (!) philosophy majors to take the class, so apply today!

- **CPR News**
  We’re excited to announce that our refreshed website is live! In addition to aesthetic and navigational upgrades, we have made substantial changes to pages and content. Please check out our new look at philreligion.nd.edu. Special thanks to Joshua Seachris for all his work with this redesign.

- **Philosophy T-shirts**
  We re-stocked our sizes of Philosophy t-shirts! Mens and womens XS-XL. Pick them up in the office today!

- **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

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