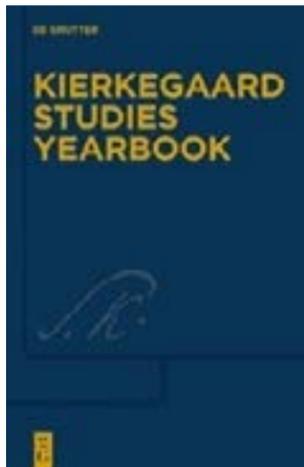


May 2019

ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is DUS (and ND alum!), Alexander Jech. His piece titled "Kierkegaard on the Dancers of Faith and of Infinity" is available in the *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook 2019*



Abstract:

Fear and Trembling's goal is illuminating the nature and difficulty of faith. To this end, Silentio, Kierkegaard's pseudonym, introduces two ideal types, the knight of resignation and the knight of faith, to stand as examples of the extremes of human possibility. At a key juncture in his argument, Silentio blends the ideal type of the knight with a new ideal type, that of the ballet dancer; he claims that although both knights are "dancers," only the knight of faith can dance perfectly, doing what perhaps no actual dancer can do: he does not "hesitate" in the moment between landing from his leap and assuming the position from which to reengage with the ordinary world of finitude. Kierkegaard deploys a surprisingly precise grasp of classical ballet's vocabulary of movements, positions, and leaps, and of its aesthetic of lightness and defiance of gravity -- something passing almost unnoticed in the literature -- and I examine how these concepts provide him additional power to clarify the essence of faith.

[Link to paper found here](#)

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May

- 02 Office Closed for Lunch**
The office will be closed from 11:30 am - 1 pm
- 10 Aristotelian Causation Workshop**
The Center for the Aristotelian Tradition Annual Spring Workshops and Colloquia
May 10-11
McKenna Hall
[Full schedule](#)
- 17 Major/Minor Graduation Reception**
4 pm
101 Jordan Hall
RSVP to Jennifer asap
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Get to know our Philosophers!

[Hannah Rubin]

1. What would you be doing if you weren't doing philosophy? *I have no idea!*
2. What's your go-to band or artist? *Warren Zevon*
3. What's your dream car? *This thing looks cool*
4. What's the luckiest thing that's happened to you?
Getting hired by Notre Dame, of course! (editors note: suck up! ;-))
5. Favorite place in the world? *A comfortable bed*

June

- 04 Dissertation Defense: Ting Cho Lau**
1-3 pm
107 Malloy Hall
- 25 Dissertation Defense: Graham Clay**
9-11 am
107 Malloy Hall

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

Around Campus May

News and Announcements

- **Congratulations to Therese Cory!**
Prof. Therese Cory was appointed a member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas. It is among the European academies and founded in 1879 by Pope Leo the XIII to study and promote the thought of St. Thomas in service to the Church and the world. The academy is limited to fifty members appointed for life by the pope.
- Christopher Shields interviewed by *3:16 am*
[Full interview here.](#)
- Hannah Rubin interviewed by *Sci Phi Podcast*
[Full interview here](#)
- **Undergrad Graduation Reception**
All majors and minors, and their families, are invited to the UG grad reception on May 17th at 4 pm in 101 Jordan Hall. Please RSVP to Jennifer asap.
- **Congrats to Te'von Coney!**
Philosophy Major, Te'von Coney, is headed to the Oakland Raiders!
- **Undergrad Award winners!**
Congratulations to Abigail Whalen, winner of the Oesterle Prize in Philosophy, and to Peter Landau and Claire Wolford, winners of the Dockweiler Medal in Philosophy.
- **ND Day - Thank you!**
Thank you to everyone that donated and/or shared our ND Day page on social media! We raised \$1,064 for our program!
- **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.
- **Major/minor update**
Against the trend of shrinking humanities programs, our undergraduate population has been swelling: for the first time since 2005, there are over 200 combined Philosophy majors and minors!
- ***The Fall of Language***
Ph.D. Alum Alex Stern's dissertation has been turned into a book and is now [available!](#)
- **Philosophy T-shirts**
Looking for a graduation gift? Look no further! Only \$10 for one of our Philosophy t-shirts! Stop by 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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Last Day of Class!
Graduate Head Shots
11 am - 2 pm
Jordan Hall of Science, North Entrance, 3rd floor

Reading Days
May 2-5
Study at the Snite
10 am - 7:30 pm

Ramadan Begins

Finals Week
May 6-10

Undergraduate Halls Close at 2 pm

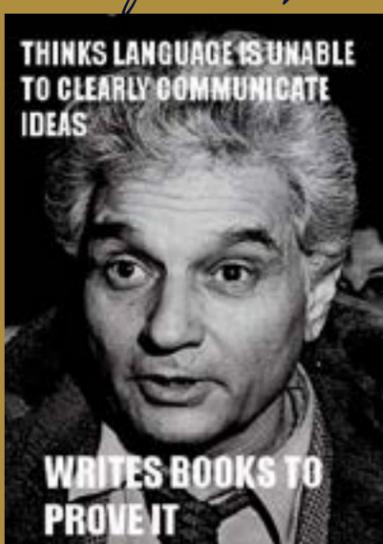
Commencement Weekend
May 17-19
[website](#)

Memorial Day

Alumni Weekend
May 30-June 2
[website](#)

events.nd.edu for full list

Meme of the Month



[GRAD CFP'S](#)

[UNDERGRAD CFP'S](#)

