

October 2019

ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is Grad Student, Sara Chan. Her article "The Moral Status of Infants and Fetuses: Teleological Potential, Justice and Charity" is available in the June issue of *Journal of Philosophy of Life*.

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Philosophy of Life

Abstract

In this paper, I review accounts of the moral status of infants and fetuses to show that they either fail to establish that infants are properly rights-bearers or fail to explain the grounds of this status. I then develop an account of teleological potential understood with reference to Phillipa Foot's Natural Norms and argue that it can ground the rights-bearing status of infants and fetuses while avoiding the typical objections to potentiality-based accounts. I then incorporate this into a two-fold account of moral status directed at concerns of justice and charity, and grounded in sophisticated cognitive capacities and sentience respectively, which allows one to maintain that fetuses possess rights-bearing status alongside the intuition that infants are due more moral consideration. Finally, I consider potential objections based on concerns about women's autonomy and implications about the severely cognitively disabled.

[Full article found here](#)

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October

- 01 Graduate Appreciation Week**
Sept. 30-Oct. 6
- 04 Pamela Hieronymi (UCLA)**
"Fairness, Sanction, and Condemnation"
A lecture hosted by the ND Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS)
3-5 pm
104 Bond Hall
- 07 Mock Interview Week**
October 7-11
107 Malloy Hall
- 09 Grad Student Colloquium: Corey Dethier**
Title TBA
6:30-7:30 pm
320 Malloy Hall
- 16 Grad Student Colloquium: Ben Middleton**
6:30-7:30 pm
320 Malloy Hall

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Corey Dethier]

1. Favorite album? *A great question! It changes all the time, but Highway 61 Revisited and Led Zeppelin I are both great candidates. For something more recent, I really like In Rainbows. But the main thing I've been listening to recently is The Shepard's Dog.*
2. If you were an ice cream flavor what would you be? *Pistachio. The best of the nutty flavors.*
3. Early bird, or night owl? *Very much an early bird.*
4. If you could be any animal, which would you be? *I like being a human, to be honest. Not many other animals get to spend their time on philosophy. But if I had to be something different, probably some sort of corvid. Most people seem to find crows annoying, but I love them.*
5. Favorite place in the world? *The White Mountains in New Hampshire. Great hiking and swimming with incredible views and not too touristy unless you try to drive up Washington or are there for a three-day weekend.*

Around Campus October

News and Announcements

- 01** **Grad Student Appreciation Week!**
September 30-October 6th
gradlife.nd.edu
- 05** **Notre Dame vs. Bowling Green**
3:30 pm
gameday.nd.edu
- 12** **Notre Dame vs. USC**
7:30 pm
gameday.nd.edu
- 19** **Mid-term break**
October 19-27
- 22** **Mid-term grades available**
- 29** **Graduate Student Social**
4-6 pm
1050 Jenkins Nanovic Hall
- 31** **Happy Halloween!**

events.nd.edu for full list

- Happy Graduate Student Appreciation Week!
September 30-October 6th is Grad Appreciation Week around the University. Visit gradlife.nd.edu for a list of all the specials and events going on all week. And don't forget to use the hashtags #thanksbetograds and #humanities for everything you post on Facebook and Twitter!
- Wondering what to do in South Bend?
find.nd.edu is a great resource for living around Notre Dame. From entertainment to housing to personal care, it has it all!
- Placement News
Check out the full list of recent placements [here](#).
- Philosophy Phone Wallets!!!
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- Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you want featured? Fill out [this questionnaire](#) to tell us!

Meme of the Month



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