

December 2018

# ND Philosophy

## Philosopher in Print

This month's Philosopher in Print is Grad Student, Liz Jackson. Her piece titled "Belief, credence, and evidence" is available in the October 2018 issue of *Synthese*.

### Abstract:

I explore how rational belief and rational credence relate to evidence. I begin by looking at three cases where rational belief and credence seem to respond differently to evidence: cases of naked statistical evidence, lotteries, and hedged assertions. I consider an explanation for these cases, namely, that one ought not form beliefs on the basis of statistical evidence alone, and raise worries for this view. Then, I suggest another view that explains how belief and credence relate to evidence. My view focuses on the possibilities that the evidence makes salient. I argue that this makes better sense of the difference between rational credence and rational belief than other accounts.



[Link to paper found here](#)

## Get to know our Philosophers!

[Kevin Schieman]

1. What is the best least-known hangout in SB? *I don't know what's well-known or not well-known in South Bend, but my favorite place to hangout in Granger is Uptown Kitchen. I'm not sure I get a lot of work done, but the people are nice, the food is great, and the coffee is fresh (and plentiful).*
2. What's the best Halloween costume you've ever had? *Probably when I dressed as a [Lego man](#). Family costumes as the [Incredibles](#) were pretty outstanding too.*
3. What is your go-to napping strategy? *The couch in the first-year office is a good spot unless there is a something due in logic or prose. In that case, I usually sleep under Jeff's desk while he's teaching.*
4. What is your most-used emoji? *According to my phone it's a smiley face in a cowboy hat, but I don't remember ever using that one. 🤠*
5. Favorite Kitchen appliance? *Obviously, my Keurig. After that, it's my soda-maker. I'm pretty earthy like that.*

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## December

- 01** **MAP Event: Movie Screening!**  
*Fantastic Beasts*  
Movie Time: 2:05 pm, Dinner and Discussion immediately afterward with Prof. Dave O'Connor  
[Sign up here](#)
- 04** **5+ years cohort meeting**  
2:30-2:30 pm  
107 Malloy Hall
- 04** **Pedagogy Workshop**  
8:00-9:00  
102 DeBartolo Hall
- 05** **3rd year cohort meeting**  
10:00-11:00 am  
107 Malloy Hall
- 05** **4th year cohort meeting**  
11:30-12:00 am  
107 Malloy Hall
- 07** **Graham Clay Lunchtime Talk**  
"Hume and Perceptual Knowledge"  
12:00-1:15 pm  
220 Malloy Hall
- 07** **Quinn Lecture: Robert Adams (Rutgers)**  
"Possibility of Life After Death"  
3:00-5:00 pm  
138 DeBartolo Hall

## Around Campus December

# News and Announcements

- 01** **Holiday Gift Auction**  
4-6 pm  
Robinson Community Learning Center
  
- 04** **International Travel Health and Safety Summit**  
2 sessions -December 4th and 5th  
101 DeBartolo Hall  
[More Info](#)
  
- 04** **Annual Pottery Sale**  
December 4-6  
9:30 am-5 pm  
122 Riley Hall
  
- 06** **Last Day of Class**
  
- 07** **Reading Days**  
December 7-9
  
- 10** **Pancake Break**  
10-11 am  
Coleman-Morse Hall
  
- 10** **Final Exams**  
December 10-14
  
- 15** **Undergraduate Dorms Close**
  
- 24** **Christmas Break**  
December 24-January 1

[events.nd.edu](http://events.nd.edu) for full list

- Study Abroad in Ethiopia!  
This summer, Professor Alexander Jech is leading a 3-week study abroad program to Ethiopia! [Apply Now!](#)
  
- Congratulations to Liz Jackson!  
Liz Jackson defended her dissertation "Belief and Credence: A Defense of Dualism". Her advisors are Robert Audi and Fritz Warfield and her committee consisted of Lara Buchek, Daniel Nolan, and Blake Roeber.
  
- Have a safe Holiday!  
The university will be closed from December 24th-January 1st.

- Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you

## Meme of the Month

“ University President Why is it that you physicists always require so much expensive equipment Now the Department of Mathematics requires nothing but money for paper, pencils, and erasers...and the Department of Philosophy is better still. It doesn't even ask for erasers.

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