

February 2021

# ND Philosophy

## Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is HPS grad student, Char Brecevic. Her article, "The Role of Imagination in Ernst Mach's Philosophy of Science: A Biologico-Economical View", is available in a forthcoming issue of *HOPOS*.



### Abstract

Some popular views of Ernst Mach cast him as a philosopher-scientist averse to imaginative practices in science. The aim of this analysis is to address the question of whether or not imagination is compatible with Machian philosophy of science. I conclude that imagination is not only compatible, but essential to realizing the aim of science in Mach's biologico-economical view. I raise the possible objection that my conclusion is undermined by Mach's criticism of Isaac Newton's famous "bucket experiment." I conclude that Mach's issue lies not with thought experimentation, tout court, but with the improper use of thought experimentation as it relates to the aim of the biologico-economical development of science.

[Full article found here](#)

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## February

- 05 Colloquium - Katie Creel**  
3:30-5:30pm  
Zoom
- 12 Friday Social Hour**  
4:30-5:30  
Zoom ID: 987 2660 0100  
Passcode: Aristotle
- 16 Pedagogy Workshop**  
Paul Blaschko  
11-12:30  
Zoom ID: 950 0755 4446  
Passcode: 3XYbx1
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4:30-5:30  
Zoom ID: 987 2660 0100  
Passcode: Aristotle
- 26 Friday Social Hour**  
4:30-5:30  
Zoom ID: 987 2660 0100  
Passcode: Aristotle

## Get to know our Philosophers!

### [Justin Brittain]

1. What would you sing at Karaoke night? *I met my spouse immediately after some friends pressured my brother and I into singing ABBA's "Dancing Queen". Our rendition was horrendous, but, somehow, it made a favorable impression on her. So I'd probably choose to sing it again to relive that memory.*
2. What did you want to be when you were small? *I wanted to open an amusement park called "Pony Land". It more-or-less consisted of a horse pasture with some adjacent fast food restaurants. My five-year-old self didn't manage to get investors on board, unfortunately.*
3. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? *Fish and chips, maybe? Or pizza. My food preferences are pretty boring.*
4. What's the worst gift you've received? *I'm not having much come to mind. I think I've given far more bad gifts than I've received. For instance, right after my dad started jogging, I bought him ankle weights for Christmas. I meant well, I think, but he interpreted it as my way of saying that I was so far unimpressed with his efforts.*
5. Who would you want to play you in a movie? *I'm not much of a movie buff, but I'm gonna go with Christian Bale here—assuming he'd be up for shaving his head.*

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## Around Campus February

03 First Class Day!

09 Social Concerns Fair  
4-5:30 pm  
Virtual Event

10 Last day to make class changes

17 Don Howard talk: Advances in  
Nuclear Technology Part Two: "A  
Moral Imperative"  
7-8 pm  
[register here](#)

26 Blood Drive  
10-4 pm  
[sign up for a time here](#)

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# News and Announcements

- **Roll Call**  
Don't forget to complete Roll Call by February 10th!!
- **Spring Semester Office Hours**  
Starting February 8th the Philosophy office (100 Malloy Hall) will be open Monday-Thursday
- **New MI Graduate Minor**  
The Medieval Institute has two New Graduate Minors in Medieval and Byzantine Studies. These minors are available to master's and Ph.D. students enrolled in any graduate program in the College of Arts and Letters. If you have questions, we invite you to contact the Medieval Institute's Director of Graduate Studies, [Professor CJ Jones](#).
- **Love Memes?**  
Interested in creating funny philosophy memes for our social media pages? Contact [Christine](#)! And be sure to follow up on social media!
- **Philosophy Merch!!!**  
Womens size XS-L and Men's S-M are available. We also have phone wallets for \$1! They make great Valentine's Day gifts!
  
- Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you want featured? Fill out [this form](#) to tell us!

## Meme of the Month



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