

September 2021

ND Philosophy

Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is graduate student, Isabel Canfield. Her co-authored article, "Psychological Distress Among the U.S. General Population During the COVID-19 Pandemic", is available in the July issue of *Frontiers in Psychiatry*



Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic is taking a significant global toll on emotional well-being, but evidence of mental health impacts in the United States remains limited. In April 2020, we conducted an exploratory survey of U.S. residents to understand prevalence of and factors associated with psychological distress during the pandemic. Data collection was conducted using Qualtrics, an online survey platform, and U.S. adult respondents were recruited via Amazon's Mechanical Turk platform. Among 1,366 respondents, 42% (n = 571) reported clinically significant anxiety and 38% (n = 519) reported clinically significant depression. Factors associated with anxiety and depressive symptoms included Hispanic/Latino ethnicity; younger age; lower income; employment as or living with a health care worker-first responder; caregiver status; SARS-CoV-2 infection status; decreased frequency of engagement in healthy behaviors; and changed frequency of engagement in unhealthy behaviors. That some of these factors are associated with elevated distress during the pandemic is not yet widely appreciated and might be useful in informing management of mental health care resources.

[Full article found here](#)

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September

- 03 **Colloquium Series: Nandi Theuissen (Pitt)**
3-5 pm
126 DeBartolo
- 24 **John Rawls's A Theory of Justice at Fifty: An Anniversary Conference**
September 24-25
McKenna Hall
philosophy.nd.edu/rawls for more information

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Stephen Ogden]

1. What would you sing at Karaoke night? *I think we need to find out... Something 80s, maybe late 70s, with high range. Shock and awe. Though I also do a pretty decent Elvis.*
2. What did you want to be when you were small? *Like every other American boy, a professional baseball player or a lawyer. (My dad was an attorney.) When I was a kid, I also remember thinking Presbyterian pastors had a pretty good gig: "They only work one day a week!"*
3. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? *Cheeseburgers.*
4. What's the worst gift you've received? *I don't know. I tend to like free stuff.*
5. Who would you want to play you in a movie? *My first thought was Daniel Day-Lewis (obviously). But I might not want my life movie to turn out that serious. So let's go with Jim Carrey.*

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Around Campus September

News and Announcements

07 **Labor Day - Classes in Session,
Offices closed.**

**Laudato Si' at Notre Dame: Setting
the Stage and Faculty Perspectives**
4-5:15pm
215 McKenna Hall

08 **The Center for the Study of
Languages and Cultures (CSLC)
Open House**

3-5 pm
334 Bond Hall

11 **ND vs. Toledo**
2:30pm
ND Stadium

17 **Friday Night Bash**
6:30-10pm
ND Stadium

[Ticket Link](#)

29 **A Lecture by Bonna Wescoat**

5:15-6:30pm
Location TBD
[more info](#)

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• Join our Fantasy Football League

If you want to join our fantasy football league, sign up at this [link](#) (must have an ESPN account). Draft is Tuesday, September 7th at 7 pm

• Undergrad and Grad Students!

Want to tell the world why you love our department? Drop Christine a short video (we're talking just a couple seconds) on why you do! She is collecting them to make into a Reel.

• Love Memes?

Interested in creating funny philosophy memes for our social media pages? Contact [Christine](#)! And be sure to follow us on social media!

• Want to design the next philosophy t-shirt?

Have a t-shirt design in mind for our next t-shirt? Send [Christine](#) your idea (or a mock-up) and we might pick it for the next roll out!

Do you have any suggestions for our newsletter or have news that you want featured? Fill out [this form](#) to tell us!

THE ELYSIAN CAFE

THE BAR OF LOST SOULS

Outside of space and time, outside of history, in a pocket dimension accessible from any time or place in human history, lies the Elysian Café. Found only by the fortunate chosen few, this bar will serve any beverage one can imagine, except the "three forbidden drinks" known only to the barkeep, Hesperus Cerberides.

PHILOSOPHER IN QUESTION: MIA LECINSKI

Which three philosophers would you invite to the bar?

1. Margaret McGreevy
2. Ross Jensen
3. Heraclitus

What drink do you imagine each of them ordering?

1. Margaret would order a Long Island iced tea
2. Ross would order whiskey on the rocks.
3. Heraclitus would order a shot of fireball.

What topic would you wish to see them debate? Why?

I wish to see them discuss the ethics of National Parks because each of them has environmental interests.

How does it all end?

Heraclitus would be the least humble, and the least informed about the concept of National Parks. Margaret and Ross would stay civil and generate some real insights about the world. In the end, a camping trip would be planned for ND Philo students, but Heraclitus would not be invited (despite the fact, that he makes a mean campfire).

Meme of the Month



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