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Philosopher in Print

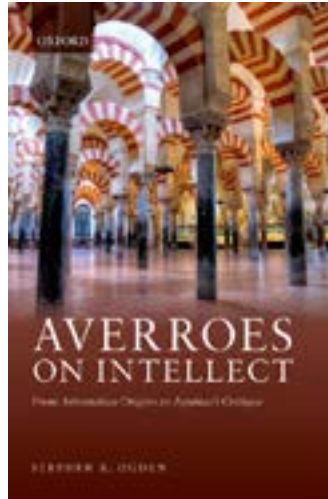
This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is Professor Stephen Ogden. His book, "Averroes on Intellect", is now available for [pre-order](#) on Oxford University Press.

Description

Averroes on Intellect provides a detailed analysis of the Muslim philosopher Averroes (Ibn Rushd)'s notorious unicity thesis -- the view that there is only one separate and eternal intellect for all human beings. It focuses directly on Averroes' arguments, both from the text of Aristotle's De Anima and, more importantly, his own philosophical arguments in the Long Commentary on the De Anima.

Stephen Ogden defends Averroes' interpretation of De Anima using a combination of Greek, Arabic, Latin, and contemporary sources. Yet, Ogden also insists that Averroes is not merely a 'commentator' but an incisive philosopher in his own right. The author thus reconstructs and analyzes Averroes' two most significant independent philosophical arguments, the Determinate Particular Argument and the Unity Argument. Alternative ancient and medieval views are also considered throughout, especially from two important foils before and after Averroes, namely, Avicenna (Ibn Sina) and Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas' most famous and penetrating arguments against the unicity thesis are also addressed. Finally, Ogden considers Averroes' own objections to broader metaphysical views of the soul like Avicenna's and Aquinas', which agree with him on several key points including the immateriality of the intellect and the individuation of human souls by matter, while still diverging on the number and substantial nature of the intellect.

The central goal of this book is to provide readers with a single study of Averroes' most pivotal arguments on intellect, consolidating and building on recent scholarship and offering a comprehensive case for his unicity thesis in the wider context of Aristotelian epistemology and metaphysics.



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December

- 03 HoP Workshop: Fr. Philip Neri Reese**
12-1 pm
Maritain Library
- Quinn Lecture: Hartry Field (NYU)**
"Conventionalism about Mathematics and Logic"
3:00-5 pm
126 DeBartolo
- 09 Undergrad Cookie Decorating Party**
1-3 pm
The Great Hall of O'Shag
- Pedagogy Workshop**
with Paul Blaschko
4-5 pm
107 Malloy Hall
- 10 Metaphysics Workshop**
Alex Skiles
4-6 pm
107 Malloy Hall or Zoom

Get to know our Philosophers!

[Paddy Blanchette]

1. What would you sing at Karaoke night? *I can only sing when I'm alone in the car. (Grateful Dead.)*
2. What did you want to be when you were small? *A veterinarian, of course. And an adult.*
3. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? *You mean, what would that life be? It would be very short.*
4. What's the worst gift you've received? *I don't know what it was, but it was crocheted and it had a lot of orange and brown.*
5. Who would you want to play you in a movie? *Meryl Streep. Or, really, anyone who isn't Matthew McConaughey.*

02 **Carols & Cookies**
4-4:30 pm
O'Neill Hall- LaBar Performance Hall

06 **Last Night of Hanukkah**

07 **Last Day of Classes**

08 **Reading Days**
Dec 8-9

10 **Finals**
Dec 10-11

12 **Reading Days**
Dec 12-13

14 **Finals**
Dec 14-16

17 **Winter Break**
Dec 17-Jan 10

25 **Merry Christmas!**

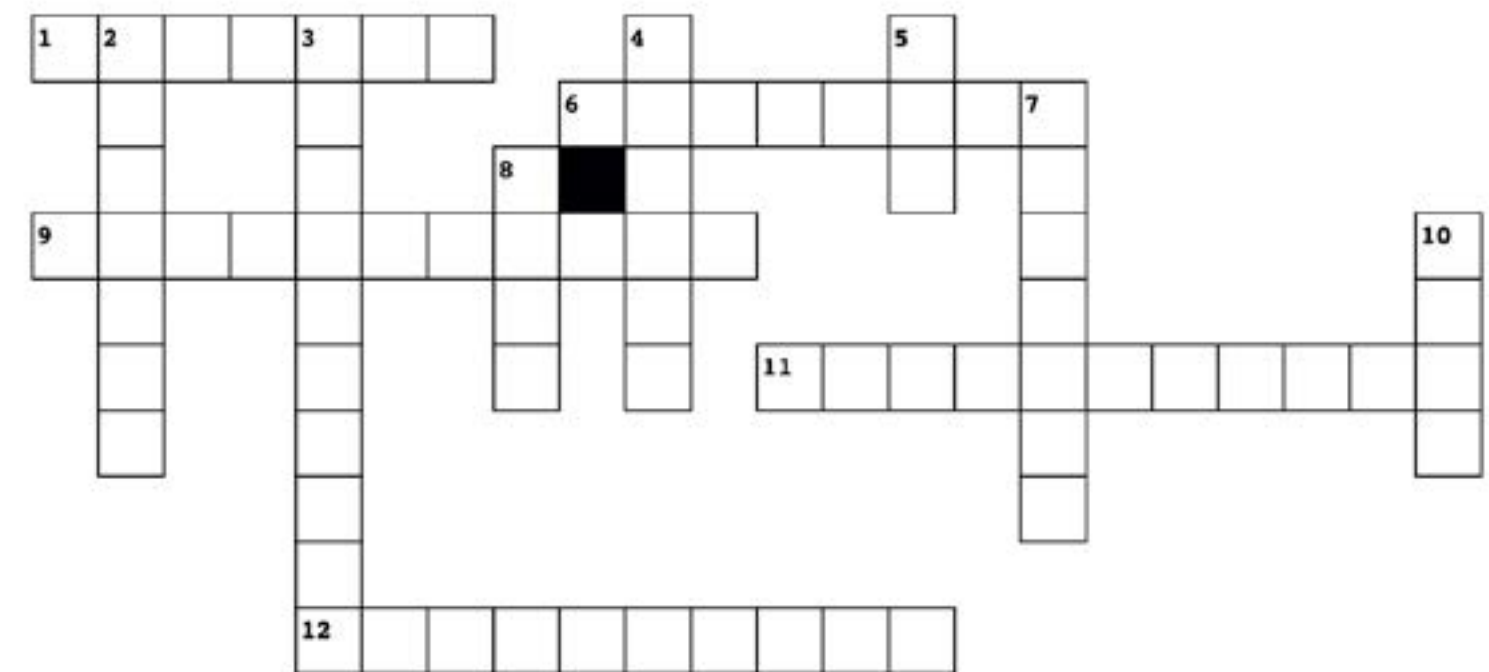
- **Cookie Decorating Party!**
Calling all undergrads! Take a break from studying for some hot cocoa and cookie decorating in The Great Hall! December 9th from 1-3 pm.
- **New Philosophy T-Shirts are here!**
Just in time for the holidays! We have short and long sleeve styles available in unisex S-XL. Short sleeved is \$10 and long sleeved is \$15. Cash or check only. Stop by 100 Malloy for yours today!
- **Welcome Kim Early!**
Starting Monday, December 6th we will have a new face in the office. Kim Early is our new faculty coordinator for the department. Stop by the office anytime to meet her
- **Philosophy Gift Guides**
Gift guides are available on our [website!](#) Send them to your parents for ideas!
- **St. Niccolo**
Be on the lookout for this years philosophy elf: St. Niccolo! He'll be wandering the halls of Malloy this month so be sure to snap a pic and tag us on socials.
- **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!

events.nd.edu for full list

PHILOSOPHY CROSSWORD

By Paolo Mazzara '23

Early Modern Philosophy



Across

- "esse est..." according to Bishop Berkeley
- The Cartesian "res" (substance) having to do with thought.
- Spinoza's method used to write the Ethics, similar to that employed by Euclid in the Elements.
- The view that "reason" is the best source of knowledge.
- The view that "experience" is the best source of knowledge.

Down

- The Cartesian "res" (substance) having to do with bodies.
- Kant's "categorical..." influential in moral philosophy.
- The unextended units that make up the universe according to Leibniz.
- The malleable material used by Descartes in a famous example in Meditation II.
- The "blessed" monist known for the phrase "Deus, sive Natura."

Meme of the Month



meme by Dominic LaMantia

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