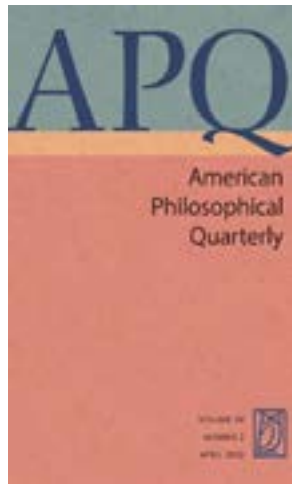


August 2022

# ND Philosophy

## Philosopher in Print

This month's 'Philosopher in Print' is grad student Johnny Waldrop. His paper, "Modal Collapse and Modal Fallacies: No Easy Defense of Simplicity", is in the April edition of APQ.



### Abstract

I critically examine the claim that modal collapse arguments against the traditional doctrine of divine simplicity (DDS) are in general fallacious. In a recent paper, Christopher Tomaszewski alleges that modal collapse arguments against DDS are invalid, owing to illicit substitutions of nonrigid singular terms into intensional contexts. I show that this is not, in general, the case. I show, further, that where existing modal collapse arguments are vulnerable to this charge the arguments can be repaired without any apparent dialectical impropriety. I conclude that the genuine debate over modal collapse and divine simplicity and modal collapse is substantially a controversy over the metaphysics of divine action, and that this constitutes a fruitful direction in which to take future discussions of the subject.

[Full paper here](#)

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## August

- 23 **Grad Student Colloquium- Oliver Traldi**  
"Conceptual Engineering and Reasons for Belief"  
7 pm  
220 Malloy Hall
- 26 **Placement Meeting: Writing Samples**  
1-2:30 pm  
[Zoom Link](#)

## Get to know our Philosophers!

[Pixie Shen]

1. What would you sing at Karaoke night? *Death by Rock 'n Roll*
2. What did you want to be when you were small? *Professor*
3. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? *Unagi Don*
4. What's the worst gift you've received? *mushroom figurine*
5. Who would you want to play you in a movie? *Taylor Momsen*

## Around Campus August

23 First Day of Classes

Opening of the Academic Year Mass  
5 pm

30 Last day for all class changes and to  
complete Roll Call

31 First Graduate Student stipend pay  
date

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

# News and Announcements

- **New Faces in the department office!**

Starting July 1st, the new Chair of the department is Prof. Sam Newlands. Thank you, Jeff, for your 6 years of awesome service to our department! We also have a new Undergraduate Coordinator, Lisa Cebra. Come stop by Malloy 100 to welcome them to their new rolls!

- **Roll Call**

Make sure to complete Roll Call by August 30th or your whole schedule will be dropped!

- **CPR News**

Welcome to our 2022-23 CPR fellows!

Khaled Anatolios – John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame

Andrew M. Bailey – Associate Professor of Philosophy, Yale-NUS College

Meredith Trexler Drees – Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion & Philosophy, Kansas Wesleyan University

Déborah Marber – Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of St Andrews

Andrew J. Peterson – Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics, Princeton Theological Seminary

Katherine Sweet – Ph.D. in Philosophy, Saint Louis University

- **New Mental Health Board**

Located in our kitchen/lounge (117 Malloy) we have a new mental health board with great resources! Please come check it out if you need a little extra something to get you going :-)

- **New International Travel Policy**

Please aware of the new international travel policy that requires you to register your travel before you leave. More information [here](#).

- **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!

- **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!

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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