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2024 Newsletter



This fall, Eastern Michigan's Philosophy Program will offer an additional opportunity for undergraduate students to get involved!

Dr. Phillips secured a grant from the Upshur Institute to create an [Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl](#) team. Ethics Bowl is a national debate-style competition that de-emphasizes adversariality and "winning," instead focusing on thoughtful, charitable dialogue, ethical reasoning, and civil disagreement. EMU Philosophy has long been involved with Ethics Bowl at the high school level with several faculty and graduate students serving as judges, but this will be the first time we've fielded a team at the undergraduate level. Drs. Higgins and Phillips plan to create and coach the team this year as a university sponsored club and look to compete in the regional round this November. All EMU students are welcome to join. Down the road, the plan is to create an Ethics Bowl course to go along with the club, offering interested students the opportunity to earn credit toward their degree for their efforts with the club.

A Message from the Department Head

Dear alumni, students, and friends of EMU Philosophy,



Greetings from the Philosophy Section! We are delighted to share this newsletter with you and keep you in the loop on the goings-on of the Philosophy Section – events such as the Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy, our Speaker Series, and the accomplishments of students and faculty members.

Perhaps the most exciting news of the year is the hire of [Dr. Kristopher Phillips](#), who joined us from Southern Utah University but originally hails from Michigan. Kris earned his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa, specializing in Early Modern philosophy. His work on Descartes, Cavendish, and Shepherd all seek to expand the canon by incorporating traditionally underrepresented voices and narratives to the scholarly discussions. Kris has projects in philosophy for/with children (P4/wC), public philosophy, the scholarship of teaching and learning, and the philosophy of education, and is the editor of the journal *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*. We could not be happier to welcome Kris to EMU Philosophy.

The Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy (UCiP) continued its proud tradition by hosting students from across the country for the 14th time last year. The UCiP has become the signature event of the Philosophy Section. As inflation pushes event costs higher each year, Dr. John Koolage and I founded the [Endowed Fund for the Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy](#). With a first-year fundraising goal of \$10,000, Dr. Koolage and I will jointly be matching gifts up to \$5,000!

Finally, I am excited to share that after more than a year of work, the Philosophy section has completed an exciting [revision to the Philosophy major](#). Students will now be able to choose from five concentrations: Environmental Justice; Law and Justice; Professional and Applied Ethics; Mind and Cognition; and Global Philosophy. The concentrations incorporate coursework that will help philosophy majors prepare and market themselves for a variety of professional opportunities.

I hope you enjoy the 2024 Philosophy newsletter. Alumni, please stay connected with us and let us know about your accomplishments for inclusion in next year's newsletter!

-Peter Higgins

The 14th annual Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy

EMU's 14th Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy (UCiP) welcomed students from across North America to EMU for a lively weekend of philosophical discussion and conviviality. Paper presentations ranged across numerous subfields of philosophy, with topics spanning forgiveness, neuropsychology and inclusion, AI, and desire. New riffs on ancient thinkers and still-debated topics—such as Plato, St. Augustine, consciousness, moral responses to non-human animals, and mathematical platonism—were part of the mix as well. It is a joy to hear interesting philosophical arguments and ideas combined in novel and exciting ways. The conference continues to be an important event each year for EMU's philosophical community, and we're very pleased to contribute to philosophy in this way.



This year's keynote was provided by Dr. Madeleine Arseneault, of SUNY at New Paltz. She gave us much to think about regarding metaphor and modal knowledge. We are grateful for her additions to a long line of scholars who have supported our conference.

EMU students organized almost every dimension of this event. Special thanks to

Edgar Vasquez, Dylan Wolfe, Rafael Velazquez, Amy Gardner, Austin Meek, Priya Ghotane, John Milkovich, Justin Reamer, and Niamh Quinnan for their hard work organizing the conference and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. EMU students **Nicole Reid** and **Levi Makula** presented papers. Panelists from EMU included **Josh Hunt, John Milkovich, Justin Reamer, and Amy Gardner**. Commenters from EMU included **Brett Jensen, John Milkovich, Edgar Vasquez, Priya Ghotane, Dylan Wolfe, Adam Daily, Amy Gardner, Niamh Quinnan, and Nicole Reid**.

Professor **John Koolage**, the faculty mentor of the UCiP team, could not be prouder of this event and of our students. We look forward to this year's event, which will take place in November 2024!

Acta Cogitata

ACTA COGITATA



Our undergraduate journal, *Acta Cogitata*, features creative work from undergraduate students from across the globe. This year marks our 11th edition, and we are quite pleased to continue supporting excellent philosophical work at the undergraduate level. The journal, which now features 71 articles across its 11 editions, is on the verge of surpassing 40,000 downloads! The lead student editor for the 2022 edition was **Edgar Vasquez**, with editorial assistance from **Amy Gardner**, both of whom continued the tradition of exemplary student service set by their predecessors.

EMU students **Niamh Quinnan**, **Nicole Reid**, and **Edgar Vasquez** published papers in the 2023 volume.

Read more at:

<https://commons.emich.edu/ac/>

Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Club provides a forum for philosophical inquiry across a wide range of contemporary topics with discussions led by students.

We are grateful for the service and dedication of those who held leadership positions in Philosophy Club this past year:

President: **John Milkovich**

Vice President: **Edgar Vasquez**

Member at Large: **Joshua Hunt**

Faculty Advisor: **Dr. Jeremy Proulx**

Philosophy Speaker Series



The Speaker Series Committee (**Dr. Laura McMahon [chair]**, **Dr. Brian Bruya**, and **Dr. Michael Scoville**) organized five philosophy events for our 2023-2024 Speaker Series:

- **Abe Graber** (The Ohio State University), "All You Need is Love (for Full Moral Status)," Wednesday, October 25 at 5pm (Halle 300). Reception to follow. [For more information, see the event flyer.](#)
- **Shannon Hoff** (Memorial University), "A Phenomenological Account of the Conditions of Transnational Feminism," Thursday, November 20 at 5pm (Halle 300). Reception to follow. [For more information, see the event flyer.](#)
- **Jan Forsman** (University of Iowa), "Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism," Thursday, March 7 at 5pm (Halle 300). [For more information, see the event flyer.](#)
- **Mercedes Valmisa** (Gettyburg College), "Emergence, Spontaneity, and Volition: A New Interpretation of *Wuwei*," Wednesday, March 27 at 5pm (Halle 300). [For more information, see the event flyer.](#)
- MA Student Speakers of 2023-24: **Dylan Wolfe** and **Josh Hunt** (EMU), "An Analysis of Intentional and Unintentional Gaslighting," Thursday, April 18 at 5pm (Pray-Harrold 219). [For more information, see the event flyer.](#)

For information on upcoming talks, all of which are free and open to the public, be sure to check out the Philosophy Speaker Series page, accessible at:

<https://www.emich.edu/history-philosophy/philosophy/beyond-classroom/speaker-series.php>

We hope to see you at the 2024-2025 talks!

Endowed Scholarship Recipients

The **Esther Walker Barnard Endowed Scholarship** was established by a supporter of the Department of History and Philosophy and is awarded annually to an outstanding philosophy major.

- 2024 Recipient: **Louise (LouLou) Missome-Engohang**

The **George Rhodes Endowed Scholarship** was created in memory of a philosophy major who passed away while he was an EMU student and is awarded annually to an outstanding philosophy major.

- 2024 Recipient: **Priya Ghotane**

The **Sophia Endowed Scholarship** was established by Professors Kate Mehuron, Jill Dieterle, and Margaret Crouch and is awarded annually to an outstanding philosophy major or minor.

- 2024 Recipient: **Aleksia Alward**

The **Stephen G. Cassar Memorial Endowed Scholarship** was created by Professor George Cassar in honor of his brother and is awarded annually to an outstanding philosophy M.A. student.

- 2024 Recipient: **Dylan Wolfe**

Prize and Award Recipients

The **Philosophy Prize** is given annually to our most outstanding graduating students.

- 2024 undergraduate recipient: **Nicole Reid**
- 2024 graduate student recipient: **John Milkovich**

The **Outstanding Essay Award** is given in recognition of excellence in philosophical writing.

- 2024 undergraduate recipient: **Louise (LouLou) Missome-Engohang** (for her essay “Confirmation Bias and Stereotyping in the Collection and Employment of Naked Statistical Evidence”).
- 2024 graduate student recipients: **Dylan Wolfe and Josh Hunt** (for their co-authored essay “Epistemic Injustice: Intentional and Unintentional Gaslighting”).

Undergraduate Symposium Presentations

Priya Ghotane

Paper title: "Descartes and God"

Faculty mentor: Dr. Kristopher Phillips

Amara Kwesiaku

Paper title: "Situated Cognition: A Hybrid Approach to the Symbol Grounding Problem"

Faculty mentor: Dr. John Koolage

Graduate Research and Creative Activity Conference Presentations

Dylan Wolfe

Paper title: "The Phenomenology of Normativity and Ethics in Merleau-Ponty"

Faculty mentor: Dr. Laura McMahon

Justin Reamer

Paper title: "Psycho Tx: A Practice Framework for Psychopathy"

Faculty mentor: Dr. Brian Sellars

Master of Arts Graduates

Andrew Garcia

Capstone Paper: "The Democratic-Deliberative Model: Granting Voice and Determining Value in Public Deliberation."

Committee: Professor Michael Scoville (advisor), Professors Jill Dieterle and John Koolage (readers).

Additional Student Accomplishments

Undergraduate Philosophy Majors and Minors:

Louise (LouLou) Engohang is a member of the highly-acclaimed EMU Forensics team. Earlier this year, LouLou won a *Critical Analysis* event at a Forensics tournament. She also earned second place in the *Informative Speaking* event at the recently held American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament.

Jason Folk is EMU's new liaison to the Secretary of State's Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force—which is a partnership between the Michigan Department of State and the Campus Vote Project. Jason is one of two students serving as a Campus Vote Project Democracy Fellow and is part of a coalition aimed at equipping EMU students, staff, and faculty with tools for actively participating in the democratic process and for fostering civic responsibility and engagement.

Philosophy Graduate Students:

Austin Belanger-Iott published his paper "One Cannot be Colorblind and Empathetic" in the *broly journal of social sciences*, May 2024.

Amy Gardner presented a paper at the Second Annual Philosophy of Video Games Conference and participated in a session at the Michigan Community College Gender & Sexuality Conference.

John Milkovich published a review in Volume 6 of *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*. You can find it [here](#). John also presented at the 2024 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement conference in June 2024 with Dr. Mark Whitters on Reacting to the Past pedagogy and the positive effect it can have for public school students.

Justin Reamer presented "Sensorium" at the Long Island Philosophical Society conference and "On Disability" at the North American Society for Social Philosophy.

Edgar Vasquez presented "Is Empathy a Strike Against Ren?" at the Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought and "Public Intellectuals, Experts, and Authority" at the Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference at Texas Tech University. He also presented "Death as a Requirement for a Meaningful Life" at the Oakland University Philosophy Camp. In September 2024, he will be presenting "Platforming Experts, and Authority" at the Social Justice Through Counter-Speech, Deplatforming, and Silencing Conference at Ohio State University.

Dylan Wolfe presented "Stoic and Buddhist Perspectives on Nature and Human Well-Being" at Oakland University's Philosophy Summer Camp. Dylan also served as a judge at the 2024 Michigan High School Ethics Bowl. He will be teaching PHIL 100 as instructor of record this coming fall.

Alumni News

Ruth Whittier (BS 1979) went on to the University of Michigan and earned her Masters in Philosophy. She has worked steadily at teaching and is now a school district official. Ruth notes, "I am proud that I co-taught with Sid Gendin the first seminar called 'Women in Philosophy' in 1980 in the EMU Philosophy Department. I love EMU and miss my friends and professors."

Anthony Penta (BS 1995) began making films on super-8 and 16 mm at EMU, and, after graduating, continued making movies as he worked in higher education. He received an MFA in film production from the University of Texas at Austin in 2010. After UT, he continued making films as a video producer within the higher education system and taught film production at the Interlochen Academy of Art in Michigan. In 2023, Anthony completed a long film essay/documentary titled *We Kill for Love* <http://www.wekillforlove.com>. The film premiered at the Overlook Film Festival in New Orleans and was subsequently reviewed by Forbes, The New York Times, and many genre film publications. It was picked up by the distributor Yellow Veil Productions and is currently available on every major streaming service and on bluray via Vinegar Syndrome. In 2024, Anthony completed a year-long contract documenting NASA's Europa Clipper mission at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. He was hired by NASA to document the final year of the mission before the spacecraft was sent to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Dave Coverly's (BS 1987) cartoon panel, *Speed Bump*, is celebrating its 30th year of syndication, and as a part of that, Dave has been given a solo exhibit and will be the featured speaker at the Galway Cartoon Festival in October. *Speed Bump* began in the Eastern Echo as a comic called "Freen" back in 1986. See *Speed Bump* here: <https://www.speedbump.com/>

Adam Melinn (BS 2001) has been living in China for almost eight years. He is teaching cross-cultural communication courses for grad students. He is working at Chongqing University and has a lot of freedom concerning the content of his courses. He always includes philosophical topics such as aesthetics, ideology, and Aristotle's rhetoric. Adam and his wife have a cat and a rabbit. He still plays music and has regular gigs at some bars near campus. He says, "The adjustment and culture shock weren't easy to get over, but it's a pretty good life here. I'm just content to be back in the classroom again."

Scott Duimstra (BS 2001) accepted a position in October 2023 to become the new Director for the largest library system in Minnesota -- a system with 41 locations, a \$72 million operating budget, more than 600 employees and nearly half a million (461,222) library cardholders.

Mohammed Abouzahr (BS 2005) is currently working at U of M in Ann Arbor, where he develops vaccine-related tools for local health departments. On the side, he contributes to projects analysing and preserving language families. Mohammed has also been collaborating with other inclusion-minded tech folks to revitalize the social scene in the area. Finally, he recently nailed a vegan barbacoa recipe, and he is happy to share or swap.

Jena-Christine Lawrence (BS 2016) finished her MS in Project Management and started a DBA in Supply Chain Management & Logistics. She is currently living in Charleston, South Carolina and is the Director of Product Management, Product Strategy & Training at KION North America.

Mike Neal (BA 2019) is currently working in banking with JP Morgan Chase. He was teaching yoga before the pandemic. Mike is about to start an Accounting Certificate Program and is working on a book of poetry chronicling everything he learned over the course of the last few years (post-pandemic).

Lisa Gawel (MA 2021) is currently in an adjunct role for six different schools- Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, Washtenaw Community College, Oakland Community College, Southern New Hampshire University, and the University of Michigan-Flint. As an adjunct, she typically teaches introduction to philosophy, ethics, and logic, but she notes that she is "fortunate to be able to teach philosophy of race, gender, and sexuality and also philosophy of disability (which is definitely my passion)."

Zachary Tobias (BA 2022) is entering his third year in the Philosophy Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; he is also completing a graduate minor in Gender and Women's Studies. The third year is an important year because at the end of it he will defend a portion of what will become his dissertation as well as a proposal for the whole thing. He is undecided between two projects. The first would be based on his paper "Tracking Cases of Silencing in Responses to Silent Protest," which he presented earlier this year at a graduate conference at Marquette University. The second is "*Women* are like Squirrels: An Account of Slurs' Neutral Counterparts," which he presented at this year's North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference in July. Both projects are in social epistemology and social philosophy of language. This fall, Zach will be TA-ing (with his own discussion sections) for the third time; this time for a writing intensive version of Introduction to Philosophy. He will also be serving as a guest lecturer for an upper-level course, Theory of Knowledge. Last year, Zach served as the Vice President for the Graduate Philosophy Organization and it is likely that he will serve as the President this coming year.

Faculty News

Professor Brian Bruya's upper level / graduate course this fall is focused on the *Dialogues of Confucius*, a fascinating but neglected text from ancient China. His critical translation of the text has recently been approved for publication by Princeton University Press. He also published the first article describing its philosophy in detail and presented key parts of it at three conferences this past year. Last November, Brian was invited to give the annual John C. Maraldo Lecture in Comparative Philosophy at North Florida University. Brian's translation of the comic book *The Illustrated Mencius* will be published this coming year, also from Princeton University Press. In addition to the *Dialogues* course, Brian looks forward to teaching Philosophy of Art and two non-credit courses in the Classical Chinese language—level 1 (for students with no background in the language) and level 2 (for students who took level 1 last year). He will also be continuing his self-improvement club. All are welcome! Contact him for details about the language classes and the club.



Professor Jill Dieterle published “Epistemic Failures and Animal Suffering: A Reply to Podosky” in the *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. The article was part of an extended discussion with Paul-Micheal Podosky. She also presented two papers in Italy this summer: “The ‘Unnaturalness’ of Cultured Meat” at the Umbra Food Conference in Perugia, and “Parental Rights and Food Justice” at the Food Justice and the Family conference in Rome.

Professor Dieterle stepped back into the role of Chair of Philosophy in July. She remains the Undergraduate Advisor, too, so don't hesitate to contact her if you need advising. Professor Dieterle is excited about teaching a (kind of) new class this fall: Philosophy of Language with a Social Justice twist.



Over the last year, **Professor John Koolage's** research covered a wide range of topics, some old and some new, including mindshaping, social-procedural objectivity, leadership, college teaching, and the interface between scientist and non-scientist knowledge producers. These projects have yet to reach publication, but he believes he will have much to report next year. Stay tuned. His chapter for Brynn Welch's *The Art of Teaching Philosophy*, “Flatten that Hierarchy: Everyone wins when we all teach (and learn) together,” made it to print this summer. He also presented a paper, “Leadership doesn't have to be lonely: Co-writing to build community,” with his MAC co-writing friends at the Academic Chairperson Conference in Indianapolis.

Professor Koolage continues to enjoy serving the EMU community as the Director of General Education, as well as on committees too numerous to mention. He continues in his roles on the APA committee for teaching, the AAPT finance committee, and the editorial board for *Studies in Pedagogy*. He is also pleased to share that he has joined the journal, *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*, as an associate editor.

Professor Koolage enjoyed returning to teaching Introduction to Philosophy this past fall semester. He was very excited that some of the students from that class joined the major. He also enjoyed teaching philosophy of the life sciences, where he learned a lot about epigenetics and returned to some very fun ideas in philosophy of psychiatry. And, of course, he has enjoyed all his work with our MA students. He is looking forward to teaching Intro again this year, as well as a return to philosophy of science in the winter.



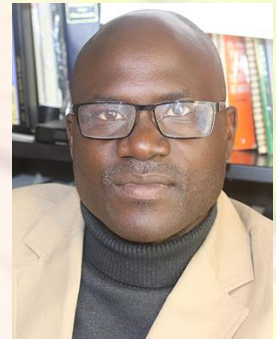
This past year **Professor Laura McMahon** continued work on her research project using phenomenological concepts to think about the nature of democratic transformation. She published three journal articles and book chapters: "The Virtue of Vulnerability: Merleau-Ponty and Minuchin on the Boundaries of Personal Identity" (in the edited volume *Philosophical Health: Thinking As a Way of Healing*); "Existentialism and Political Transformation: Sartre on the Ambiguities of Freedom and Praxis" (in *The Routledge Companion to Contemporary Existentialism*); and "The Politics of Vulnerability and the School for Peace: Insights from Merleau-Ponty, Butler, and Family Systems Theory" (in *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*). She also gave a talk at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, entitled "Experience and Form: Dewey, Merleau-Ponty, and the Aesthetic Nature of Political Transformation." She concluded her term as President of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, and continued her term as Secretary-Treasurer for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Dr. McMahon will be on parental leave in Fall 2024 and a Faculty Research Fellowship in 2025, but looks forward to being back in the classroom in Fall 2025.



Professor Kate Mehuron's research is currently focused on the topic of moral injury and systemic complicity. Her paper, "A Case of Moral Injury in Global Context: How a Remorseful Address to Migrant Communities Fails in Moral Repair," was published in *The International Journal of Literary Humanities* (2024). Dr. Mehuron wrote "Adoptee Ancestry Searches: The Intersubjective Space of Self-Integration." This paper applies some of her conceptual work on moral injury, and psychoanalytic and philosophical conceptualizations of intersubjectivity, to an analysis of the cultural practice of ancestry DNA searches. Dr. Mehuron delivered this paper at the Fourth Annual IAFOR International Conference on Arts & Humanities in Hawaii. This paper is now digitally accessible in the official conference proceedings.

A surprising applied learning event occurred in the fall term, while Dr. Mehuron taught PHIL/WGST/RLST 320 Gender, World Religions, and Social Justice. Student Joanna Whaley, using the course's applied research option, assisted Dr. Mehuron by developing the Queer Story Slam offered to the City of Chelsea, and hosted by Equality Chelsea, an LGBTQ+ social action group founded by Dr. Mehuron in 2023. Joanna shared her coming out story as a transwoman and evangelical preacher to over 150 attendees. Ms. Whaley also organized for the Slam an LGBTQ+ panel of speakers who offered stories about their own coming out experiences in their churches. Following the Queer Story Slam, this student gave a keynote address to the Department of Women's and Gender Studies. She is now working on her Masters in Theology and keeps an active social media presence to promote LGBTQ+ positivity in the Christian churches.

Professor John Ouko Professor Ouko presented a paper titled "Food and Climate Change: Myths and Reality," at the Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit 17th Annual Conference held at the University of Detroit Mercy on October 13, 2023. He also presented a paper titled "Human Rights Minimalism: Towards a Moderate Political Conception" at the Atlantic Federation for Technical Education and Research's International Conference on Human Rights Law and Substantive Rights on May 8th 2024. Professor Ouko also served as a judge at the 2024 Michigan High School Ethics Bowl. In addition to the above, Professor Ouko peer reviewed articles for the following journals: *Philosophies* (July 2024, April 2024, and December 2023), and *Religions* (June 2024).



Professor Kristopher Phillips published two book chapters in the past year. The first, "Via Transformativa: Reading Descartes' *Mediations* as a Mystical Text" is co-authored with Dr. Amber Griffioen (Duke Kushan University) and appeared in the volume *Transformation and the History of Philosophy* (Routledge). The second, "Dialogue, Virtue, and Assessment: Teaching for More than Technical Proficiency" is forthcoming in the volume *The Art of Teaching Philosophy* (Bloomsbury). He also published a "Syllabus Showcase" for the *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*, and stepped into the role of Editor-in-Chief for the journal *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*, publishing his first volume in the summer.

Dr. Phillips is continuing to work on a handful of additional scholarly projects including his book on the conception of philosophy and its place in education in early modern philosophy (under contract with Lexington Press). He earned a grant from the Upshur Institute to facilitate the development of an Ethics Bowl team at Eastern Michigan and will begin recruiting for the team this fall. In addition, he won two awards this year: The Central Michigan University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Award of Distinction for Scholarly Activity and the American Philosophical Association (APA) and American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Prize for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy. Dr. Phillips has continued to serve on the APA's Taskforce on Recruiting Majors and is presenting at the APA's Workshop for Department Chairs, presented at the AAPT's Summer Workshop, and took over as Graduate Coordinator this summer. He looks forward to working more actively with our students this year.

Last year, **Professor Jeremy Proulx** led the team to negotiate the very first joint contract for Part- and Full-Time Lecturers at EMU. He has thus spent the last year consumed with the process of administering and enforcing this new contract to ensure that the hundreds of Lecturers at EMU get the support they deserve from the university. Other than that, Professor Proulx has been spending time thinking about how to incorporate Generative AI in a philosophy classroom and he published a short account of this work in relation to themes in Kant's Enlightenment essay.



Professor Michael Scoville continued work this past year on two research projects, each of which connects to his teaching in environmental philosophy and ethical theory. One project focused on how different concepts of nature are understood and deployed in environmental theory and policy discussions. That project expanded on work Professor Scoville had done in his article, "On the Concept of Independent Nature," which was published in *Environmental Philosophy* in December 2023. A second project explored how pluralistic theories of value and deliberation can help to frame, inform, and justify public policies relating to the environment. Professor Scoville received an EMU Faculty Research Fellowship for 2024-

2025; he will be on research leave in Fall 2024. During that time, Professor Scoville will continue his work on value pluralism, democratic deliberation, and the justification of environmental policy (with special attention to global climate policy).

Professor Scoville's three-year tenure as Chair of the Philosophy section ended in June 2024. He enjoyed serving in that leadership position, and is pleased to have contributed to a number of Philosophy program revisions, notably, the creation of concentrations within the major (which will be in effect as of Fall 2024). Professor Scoville will continue to serve on several committees within Philosophy this coming year, in addition to maintaining his extensive involvement with the Environmental Science and Society (ENVI) program. In March 2024, he was re-elected to serve as Co-coordinator for the ENVI program. He will also continue to serve as a member of the ENVI Steering Committee and as the advisor for the Environment and Society Concentration within the ENVI major. He is looking forward to another year of working with students, of serving the EMU academic community, and of making progress on his research.

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