

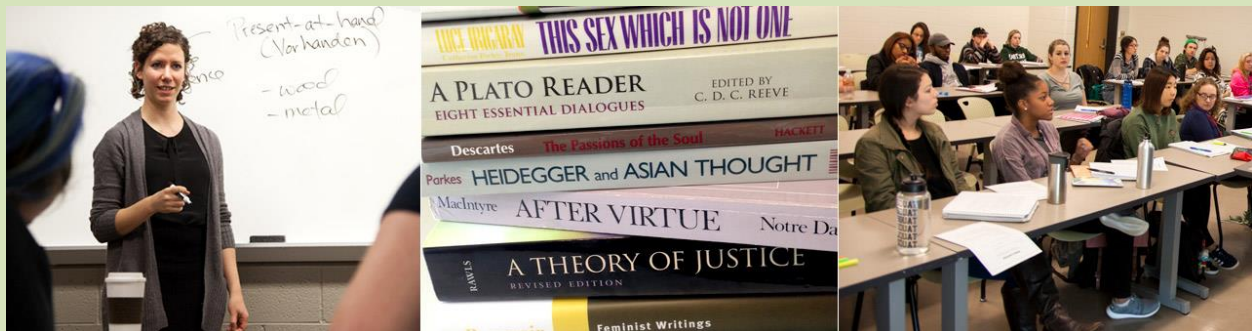
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

## Philosophy Section

# 2018 Newsletter

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**Please join us for the 2018  
Fall Welcome Reception on  
Wednesday, September 26,  
4:30 - 6:30, at the EMU  
Lakehouse. Students,  
alumni, friends -- all are  
welcome!!**

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### Graduate Program News:

Danielle Clevenger and Kevin Mager successfully defended their M.A. capstone projects in Winter Semester 2018. Both were accepted to Ph.D. programs with full funding. Danielle will continue her study of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Kevin will attend the University of Loyola-Chicago. Congratulations Danielle and Kevin!

**For details, and lots of other exciting news about Philosophy at EMU, our students, and our alumni, see below.**

# Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy

EMU Philosophy hosted its eighth Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy in March 2018. Students from 18 colleges and universities presented at the conference. EMU students **Eric Garant, Blake Trinske, Timothy Petzold, Natalia Anderson, Lauren Williams, Joseph Longo, and Katelyn Pyles** presented their own original papers; **Avinash Vivekanandan, Vanessa Thornburn, Michael Neal, Samuel Curran, Caleb Bragg, Greg Woodring, and Marisa Kennedy** provided critical commentary. The conference is organized by a team of faculty and students. This year's student leadership included **Dani Clevenger, Sarah Bruckler, and Leah McQuone**. Dr. Shannon Hoff (Memorial University of Newfoundland) was the keynote speaker. For the second year in a row, EMU faculty and graduate students organized a graduate student panel, where graduate students provided perspective on continued study in philosophy and the value of philosophy beyond the academy. We encourage you to join us for the 2019 conference in March! For more information, see the UCiP webpage: <http://www.emuucip.com>



# Acta Cogitata

Our undergraduate philosophy journal *Acta Cogitata* features creative work from undergraduate students across the globe. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition was published in 2017-18, and features papers from former EMU philosophy majors Áine Keefer and Dylan Delikta. The journal is available at <http://commons.emich.edu/ac/vol5/iss1/>

# ACTA COGITATA

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## Philosophy Club

Over the last year, the Philosophy Club at EMU has provided a forum for philosophical inquiry and supported student success through weekly, discussion-based meetings and peer review events. Members met bi-weekly to discuss a wide range of contemporary philosophical topics relevant to member's lives and research interests. At the end of the Fall and Winter semesters, the Philosophy Club hosted Peer Review & Pizza Night events in which students offered each other philosophical critique on final papers or papers students had submitted to conferences. Pizza and beverages were provided by the Department of History and Philosophy. In addition to the regular meetings and peer review events, the Philosophy Club lent its support to the annual Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy by securing additional funding from Student Government, by staffing the UCiP, and by hosting the annual UCiP Meet & Greet event.

Looking forward, the Philosophy Club will be partnering with the University Writing Center to offer monthly, targeted writing workshops for undergraduate and graduate students in the Philosophy Program. In addition to these workshops, the Philosophy Club will continue the tradition of discussion-based meetings, and support the UCiP.

# Student Accomplishments

## Undergraduates

**Vanessa Thornburn** spent 6 weeks in an intensive Spanish program in Spain.

**Natalia Anderson** presented “Is Discovery Necessarily Linguistic?” at the 2018 EMU Undergraduate Symposium.

**Eric Garant** presented “While the Grass Grows: Adjudicating the Debate Between Food Security and Food Sovereignty” at the 2018 EMU Undergraduate Symposium.

**Lauren Williams** presented “The Ethical Order of Antigone” at the 2018 EMU Undergraduate Symposium.

## Graduate Students

**Dani Clevenger** successfully completed and presented her M.A. Capstone Project, “The Sophia Project: Philosophy Outside the Ivory Tower” on March 2, 2018. She will begin a fully-funded Ph.D. program in philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Fall 2018.

**Kevin Mager** successfully defended his thesis, “Merleau-Ponty and the Phenomenology of Scientific Discovery” on March 2, 2018. He will begin a fully-funded Ph.D. program at Loyola-Chicago in Fall 2018.

**Áine Keefer** presented “Presenting the General Welfare: Creating Urban Food Oases in the US” at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society in June, 2018.

Áine also takes over the position of Student Editor of *Acta Cogitata* for the 2018-19 academic year.

**Sarah Bruckler**’s paper, “Non-Anthropocentric Food Justice,” was accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society.

**Sarah** presented “The Anti-Restoration Thesis and the Respectful Representation of Indigenous Peoples” at the Great Lakes Philosophy Conference.

**Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments!**

# Philosophy Scholarships and the Philosophy Prize

Each year, the Philosophy Program awards scholarships and the Philosophy Prize at the April Departmental Honors Reception.

The **Philosophy Prize** is given annually to an outstanding graduating senior; the **Graduate Philosophy Prize** is awarded to an outstanding graduating MA student.



The Philosophy Program awards three undergraduate scholarships annually and one bi-annually:

- The **George Rhodes Endowed Scholarship** was created in memory of a philosophy major who died while he was an EMU student.
- The **Sophia Endowed Scholarship** was established by Kate Mehuron, Jill Dieterle, and Margaret Crouch.
- The **Esther Walker Barnard Philosophy Scholarship** was endowed by a supporter of the Department of History and Philosophy.
- The **Friends of History and Philosophy Scholarship** was created by the faculty and friends of the Department. The recipient alternates between the History Program and the Philosophy Program.

We also award one graduate scholarship annually:

- The Stephen G. Cassar Memorial Endowed Scholarship was created by Professor George Cassar, in honor of his brother.

## 2018 Recipients:

PHILOSOPHY PRIZE:  
**Nathan Cox**

GEORGE RHODES ENDOWED  
SCHOLARSHIP:  
**Natalia Anderson**

SOPHIA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:  
**Eric Garant**

ESTHER WALKER BARNARD  
SCHOLARSHIP:  
**Blake Trinske**

GRADUATE PHILOSOPHY PRIZE  
**Danielle Clevenger**

STEPHEN G. CASSAR MEMORIAL  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:  
**Eva Chrysochoou and Brian  
Bellinger**

# 2017-18 Philosophy Speaker Series

Mike Doan organized the Philosophy Speaker Series for the third year in a row. He invited a pluralistic group of philosophers from across the state of Michigan, and also highlighted the current research of three of EMU's own: Prof's Koolage, Higgins, and Bruya. This gave our students an opportunity to see works in progress, and to learn more about the process of sharing, revising, and polishing papers through sustained interaction with peers.

2017-2018 EMU Philosophy Speaker Series		Co-sponsored by EMU's History & Philosophy and Women's & Gender Studies Departments		2017-2018 EMU Philosophy Speaker Series	
<h2>SELECTIVE REALISM AND THE AGREEMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEASUREMENT</h2>		<h2>DECOLONIZING THE ETHICS OF KNOWLEDGE</h2>		<h2>THREE HYPOTHESES FOR EXPLAINING THE ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF MEN</h2>	
<p>Sponsored by the Department of History &amp; Philosophy</p>  <p><b>Prof. John Koolage</b> Eastern Michigan University</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> <i>Scientific Realism</i>, the sciences deliver true or at least true descriptions of the world commonly targeted by an argument in the history of science. It seems that over again scientific theories overturned by newer theories. A realist response is to suggest that parts of earlier theories that are retained over these revolutions in theorizing. This part-splitting is sometimes called <i>Selective Realism</i> and is recently come under fire. In this presentation, I will outline the basic arguments in this literature and ask whether <i>Selective Realism</i> can weather the new anti-realist challenges.</p>		 <p><b>Dr. Elena Ruiz</b> Michigan State University</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This talk analyzes theories that claim to proceed from conceptualizing people in their capacity as a decolonial perspective. I will draw on testimonies in the Recover Memory Project and trans commissions. I identify criteria with mainstream accounts of 'testimonial' and 'hermeneutic' and argue these problems are cultural biases and prejudiced interpretive frameworks that account of epistemic injustice. I argue that the fact of redoubt the invisibility of hermeneutic forms of violence in Latin America.</p>		<p>Sponsored by the Department of History &amp; Philosophy</p>  <p><b>Dr. Peter Higgins</b> Eastern Michigan University</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Are men oppressed as men? The evidence given in support of affirmative responses to this question usually consists in examples of harms, limitations, or requirements masculinity imposes on men: men are expected to pay on dates, must be breadwinners for their families, can be drafted for war, etc. In this presentation, Dr. Higgins will explicate three hypotheses that account for the harms, limitations, and requirements masculinity imposes on men in ways superior to the hypothesis that men are oppressed as men.</p>	
 <p><b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th</b> 5:30 - 7:00pm, Halle 300</p>		 <p><b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st</b> 5:30-7pm, Halle Auditorium</p>		 <p><b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th</b> 5:30 - 7:00pm, Halle 300</p>	
2017-2018 EMU Philosophy Speaker Series		2017-2018 EMU Philosophy Speaker Series		Co-sponsored by EMU's History & Philosophy and Women & Gender Studies Departments	
<h2>FOSTERING WISDOM IN THE CLASSROOM</h2>		<h2>THE POVERTY OF THE REMAINDER: ON REACTIONS TO VIOLENCE</h2>		<h2>THE NATURE OF PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL CHANGE: DU BOIS AND RAWLS ON KANT'S COSMOPOLITANISM</h2>	
<p>Sponsored by the Department of History &amp; Philosophy</p>  <p><b>Prof. Brian Bruya</b> Eastern Michigan University</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Recently, the virtue of wisdom has been operationalized for empirical study, which has brought speculation about how to foster wisdom systematically. This paper will report on a recent study, describing the curriculum, course assignments, and classroom strategies—a combination of using classic texts from different cultures, journal entries, and hypothetical dilemmas. We speculate about the causes of wisdom growth in students in this study, identifying the following methods of fostering wisdom: (1) challenge beliefs; (2) prompt the articulation of values; (3) encourage self-development; (4) encourage self-reflection; (5) groom the moral emotions. These methods are thought to be facilitated by: (1) reading classic texts; (2) fostering a community of inquiry.</p>		<p>Sponsored by the Department of History &amp; Philosophy</p>  <p><b>DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER of 2018:</b> <b>Dr. Leonard Lawlor</b> Penn State University</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This paper tries to show the irreducible connection between vulnerability and violence. This connection leads us back to the ethical level of experience. If vulnerability makes violence irreducible then at least two reactions to violence are possible. On the one hand, a reaction is possible in which one attempts to negate vulnerability in order to close the very thing within us that allows violence to enter. This negative reaction is actually the worst violence. On the other hand, a reaction is possible in which one attempts to affirm vulnerability, even though its affirmation opens us to the violence that will happen. Affirming vulnerability is the least-violent reaction; the formula for the worst violence is apocalypse without remainder, then the least violence is the maintenance of the remainder. The maintenance would happen only by not possessing the remainder which places us in a new situation of poverty.</p>		 <p><b>Dr. Elvira Basevich</b> U of M Dearborn</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I assess Kant's account of the purposive nature of history in light of Rawls's and Du Bois's conceptions of progressive political change. Whereas Kant links the purposive character of history to the development of rational agents' natural predispositions, Rawls and Du Bois shift the focus to ordinary citizens' revision of the norms of public reason in political communities. Du Bois highlights the situatedness of the habits of public reasoning in light of the lived experience of racial embodiment. He calls upon citizens to engage with the historical memory of major episodes of racial trauma that continue to inform what it means to be "raced." In this presentation, I defend Du Bois's formulation of the nature of progressive political change as superior to Kant and Rawls because it more precisely articulates the obstacles to citizens' full development as rational agents.</p>	
 <p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th</b> 5:30 - 7:00pm, Halle 300</p>		 <p><b>THURSDAY, MARCH 8th</b> 5:30-7:00pm, Halle Auditorium</p>		 <p><b>THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd</b> 5:30-7:00pm, Halle 300</p>	

Our [Distinguished Speaker](#) for this year was Prof. Leonard Lawlor of Penn State University. Prof. Lawlor earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Eastern Michigan University, where he was on the Dean's List. After graduating from EMU, he went

on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D in Philosophy at State University of New York at Stony Brook. While on his homecoming visit to EMU, Prof. Lawlor very generously took some time to converse with our graduate students about their projects and aspirations before sharing his recent research on the phenomenology of violence.

Here is an overview of the 2017-18 edition of the Series:

- John Koolage, Eastern Michigan University, "Selective Realism and the Structure of Independent Measurements."
- Elena Ruíz, Michigan State University, "Decolonizing the Ethics of Knowing," co-sponsored by WGST.
- Peter Higgins, Eastern Michigan University, "Three Hypotheses for Explaining the Alleged Oppression of Men."
- Brian Bruya, Eastern Michigan University, "Fostering Wisdom in the Classroom."
- Distinguished Speaker, Leonard Lawlor, Penn State University, "The Poverty of the Remainder: on Reactions to Violence."
- Elvira Basevich, University of Michigan—Dearborn, "The Nature of Progressive Political Change: Du Bois and Rawls on Kant's Cosmopolitanism," co-sponsored by WGST.

We would like thank the good people at the *Eastern Echo* for [their excellent coverage of Prof. Higgins' talk!](#) Be on the lookout for future coverage of the Series in our student newspaper.

Be sure to visit our [Philosophy Speaker Series](#) page for information on upcoming talks, all of which are free and open to the public.

We hope you'll join us for the 2018-19 edition of the Philosophy Speaker Series!

# Alumni News

**Andrew Dyl** (2016) recently departed for a year-long English-teaching stint in China.

**Mandy Mak** (2015) attended San Francisco State University in pursuit of an M.A. in philosophy. She taught classes there for three semesters (Critical Thinking and Introduction to Philosophy). She moved back to New York to study software engineering, and she is now a full-stack software engineer. Mandy writes, "I owe much of my success in my studies to the Logic courses I took [at EMU]." Mandy also sends warm regards to the Philosophy Section.

**William Harder** (2014) received his Juris Doctor from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2017.

**Bradley Wakefield** (2010) received tenure in the Philosophy Department at Macomb Community College. Bradley writes, "The most rewarding part of my job is being able to introduce students to philosophy at the ground floor. Most of these students have no idea about philosophy. It's really nice to be their first exposure."

**Mohammed Abouzahr** (2005) is working at JSTOR in Ann Arbor and, as a side project, developing open access logic software.



## EMU PHILOSOPHY ALUMNI:

We always love hearing from you. Tell us what you are doing! Send us your news! We'll include it in the next edition of the newsletter.

Send news/updates to [jdieterle@emich.edu](mailto:jdieterle@emich.edu)



# Faculty News



## Brian Bruya

Professor Brian Bruya published three articles:

- "[Is Attention Really Effort? Revisiting Daniel Kahneman's Influential 1973 Book Attention and Effort.](#)" Co-authored with Yi-Yuan Tang. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9.
- "[Wisdom Can Be Taught: A Proof-of-Concept Study for Fostering Wisdom in the Classroom.](#)" Co-authored with Monika Ardelt. *Learning and Instruction*, 58: 106-114.
- "[Ethnocentrism and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Philosophy.](#)" *Philosophy East and West* 67, no. 4: 991-1018.

He also published two translations:

- Tsai, C. C. [Confucius: Analects](#). Princeton University Press.
- Tsai, C. C. [Sunzi: Art of War](#). Princeton University Press.

Professor Bruya made three presentations on four occasions:

- "Fostering Wisdom in the Classroom." Co-authored with Monika Ardelt. Eastern Michigan University. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting, San Diego.
- "Wisdom in the Classroom: A Short-Term Longitudinal Study of Fostering Wisdom in a Traditional Higher Education Setting." Co-authored with Monika Ardelt. Society for the Study of Human Development Biennial Meeting, Providence, RI.
- "Confucius and a Scientific Pedagogy of Wisdom." Eighth Confucian World Congress, Qufu, China.

Professor Bruya serves as the Chair of the American Philosophical Association Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies and is a

member of the American Philosophical Association Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession.

## **Brian Coffey**

Professor Brian Coffey presented "Using an Ethics Bowl Style Competition to Teach Ethics Students How to Do Philosophy" at the 19th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum, hosted by Grand Valley State University. October 2017.

He also served as a judge for the Michigan High School Ethics Bowl Semi-Finals, held in February 2018 in Ann Arbor, and served as a judge for the Ethics Slam event hosted by A2 Ethics in March of 2018, in Ann Arbor. The Ethics Slam was an event where teams of people from the community (non-professional philosophers) took turns defending stances on controversial ethical dilemmas that were submitted by other members of the community.

## **Jill Dieterle**

Professor Jill Dieterle published "Cooptation or Solidarity: Food Sovereignty in the Developed World," co-authored with Mark Navin (Oakland University) in *Agriculture and Human Values* 35 (2): 319 – 29.

Professor Dieterle presented "Disability and Food Insecurity" at Oakland University, as part of the Oakland Philosophy Speaker Series, on Oct. 26, 2017. She also presented "Authentic Food Choice" at the Perugia Food and Sustainability Studies Conference: Exploring Ethics Through Food Choice, in Perugia, Italy, June 9, 2018.

## **Michael Doan**

Professor Michael Doan published four papers:

- Doan, M. D. (forthcoming in 2019). "Collective Inaction and Epistemic Agency." In *Routledge Handbook of Collective Responsibility*, edited by Deborah Tollefsen and Saba Barzagan-Forward. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Doan, M. D. (forthcoming in 2018). "Afterword." In *Conversations in Maine: A New Edition*, written and edited by Grace Lee Boggs, James Boggs, Freddy Paine, and Lyman Paine. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press.
- Howell, S., Doan, M. D., & Harbin, A. (2017). "[Detroit to Flint and Back Again: Solidarity Forever.](#)" *Critical Sociology*.
- Doan, M. D. (2017). "[Epistemic Injustice and Epistemic Redlining.](#)" *Ethics and Social Welfare* 11(2): 177-190.

He also published a book review: Doan, M. D. (2017). [The Fifty-Year Rebellion by Scott Kurashige](#), *Riverwise Magazine* 1(3): 30.

Professor Doan presented his work on 9 occasions:

- “Public Health Ethics and Precarity,” 35th International Social Philosophy Conference, hosted by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), Oakland University, Rochester Hills, MI (July 2017).
- “Building a Freedom Schools Movement in Detroit,” 20th Allied Media Conference, hosted by Allied Media Projects (AMP), Wayne State University, Detroit, MI (June 2018).
- “Public Health Ethics and Precarity,” Shaping a More Just Bioethics: A Celebration of the Work of Susan Sherwin, hosted by the Philosophy Department at Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS (May 2018).
- “Freedom Schools: Interrupting Slow Violence through Community-Based Education,” 7th Annual Ecojustice and Activism Conference, hosted by the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI (March 2018).
- “Collectivizing the Ethics of Impurity,” Central Division APA Meeting, hosted by the American Philosophical Association (APA), Chicago, IL (February 2018).
- “Resisting Structural Epistemic Injustice,” Dalhousie Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS (November 2017).
- “Building the Detroit Independent Freedom Schools Movement (DIFS),” 6th Annual Place-Based Education Conference, hosted by the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (GLSI), Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI (November 2017).
- “For an Impure, Antiauthoritarian Ethics,” Feminism, Philosophy, and Engaging the Public: Theory, Policy, and Practice, hosted by the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy (CSWIP), Western University, London, ON (October 2017).
- “Resisting Structural Epistemic Injustice,” 34th International Social Philosophy Conference, hosted by the North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), Loyola University, Chicago, IL (July 2017).

Professor Doan serves as a Board Member of the James & Grace Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership; as a Coordinating Committee Member for the Detroit Independent Freedom Schools Movement (DIFS); and as a member of Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management (D-REM).

## Peter Higgins

Professor Peter Higgins published [“The Rights and Duties of Immigrants in Liberal Societies.”](#) in *Philosophy Compass* (forthcoming). He served as the Chair of an invited symposium (The Ethics of Migration) at the American Philosophical Association (Central Division) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL., February 22, 2018 and as a referee for *Global Policy* and *The European Journal of Political Theory*. Since August 2017, he has served as the interim Department Head of Women’s and Gender Studies.

## John Koolage

Professor John Koolage published “Reasoning, Science, and The Ghost Hunt” (with Timothy Hansel) in *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 40, No. 2, p 201, 2017.

He also presented his work on seven different occasions:

- “Cognition, College, and Guns,” McComb Community College sponsored by Macomb Multicultural International Initiative, 2018 (Invited Talk)
- “The Sophia Project: An Experimental Co-Curriculum,” (with Dani Clevenger, Taylor Chase, Lauren Williams, and Catrina Whitton) Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference, 2018
- “Who put the Students in Charge!?! The Sophia Project,” (with Dani Clevenger) AAPT’s Teaching Hub at the Eastern American Philosophy Association Conference, 2018
- “Selective Realism: The Agreement of Independent Measurements,” Eastern Michigan University’s Philosophy Speakers Series, 2017
- “Is a Scientific Worldview at Odds with a Religious One?” (with Steven Backues, Clay Carlson, Phil Schmitz, and Michael Scoville, Eastern Michigan University, 2017
- “Can Computers Think?” Zion Lutheran Church, 2017 (Invited Talk)
- “Teaching Through Culminating Events,” (with Dani Clevenger), National Association for Developmental Education, 2017

## Laura McMahan

Professor Laura McMahan published one book chapter and two journal articles:

- McMahan, Laura. “Phenomenology as First-Order Perception: Speech, Vision, and Reflection in Merleau-Ponty.” *Perception and Its Development in Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology*. Eds. Kirsten Jacobson and John Russon. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017. 308-37.
- McMahan, Laura. “(Un)healthy Systems: Merleau-Ponty, Dewey, and the Dynamic Equilibrium Between Self and Environment.” *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- McMahan, Laura, “Freedom as (Self)-Expression: Natality and the Temporality of Action in Merleau-Ponty and Arendt.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

She presented the following papers at conferences:

- “Freedom as (Self)-Expression: Natality and the Temporality of Action in Merleau-Ponty and Arendt.” Maine Philosophical Institute, Orono, ME: April 28, 2018.
- “Vulnerability, Destiny, and Responsibility in *Oedipus Rex*.” Seminar in Greek Tragedy, Windsor, ON: January 20, 2018,
- “(Un)Healthy Systems: Merleau-Ponty, Dewey, and the Dynamic Equilibrium Between Self and Environment.” The International Merleau-Ponty Circle. Albuquerque, NM: November 2-4, 2017.
- “(Un)Healthy Systems: Merleau-Ponty, Dewey, and the Dynamic Equilibrium Between Self and Environment.” Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences. Memphis, TN: October 19-21, 2017.

- “Freedom as (Self-)Expression: Natality and the Temporality of Action in Bergson, Arendt, and Merleau-Ponty.” The Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy. Toronto, ON: September 28-30, 2017.

Professor McMahon also served as a moderator for a book panel on Bryan Smyth’s Merleau-Ponty’s Existential Phenomenology and the Realization of Philosophy at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, TN, October 19-21, 2017. She participated in Emory University’s Institute for the History of Philosophy on Habituation and Human Development in Aristotle, Dewey, and Merleau-Ponty. Atlanta, GA: June 4-15, 2017, in an intensive seminar on Plato’s Laws. Toronto, ON: August 9-19, 2017, and in an intensive seminar on Sarte’s *Critique of Dialectical Reason* in Toronto, June 10 – 17, 2018.

### **Kate Mehuron**

Professor Kate Mehuron published “Dementia: Displacing the Philosophical and Neurocognitive Deficit Model” in *Philosophical Practice* (2018) 13:2. She also published two book reviews: Review of Daniel Sousa, *Existential Psychotherapy: A Genetic-Phenomenological Approach*. In *Metapsychology Online Reviews* (2018) 22:20; and Review of Omnia El Shakry, *The Arabic Freud: Psychoanalysis and Islam in Modern Egypt*. In *Metapsychology Online Reviews* (2018) 22:7.

Professor Mehuron presented “Neurophenomenology: what it can explain about traumatic memory,” at the Phenomenology of Medicine and Bioethics conference, Ersta Conference Centre, Stockholm, June 2018.

Professor Mehuron serves as an Alternate Representative of the Huron River Watershed Council, to the Dexter Township Commission.

### **Jeremy Proulx**

Professor Jeremy Proulx published “Duration in Relativity: Some Thoughts on the Bergson-Einstein Encounter.” In *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 33:2 (July 2017).

The preliminary edition of his introductory textbook came out in January 2018. The title is *Philosophy and Philosophers: A Historical Introduction to Philosophy*.

### **Michael Scoville**

Professor Michael Scoville served as a commentator on “Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson’s Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility,” a paper presented by Robert J. Hartman (University of Gothenburg), Colloquium on Moral Luck, Deliberation, and Disagreement, American Philosophical Association (Central division), Chicago, IL, February 2018.

He also served as a panelist for the panel discussion “Is a scientific worldview at odds with a religious one?” twice; once sponsored by the Departments of Chemistry and History and Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University, October 2017; and once sponsored by the Philosophy Club, Eastern Michigan University, November 2017.

Professor Scoville presented “On the Divergence of Subjective and Objective Evaluative Perspectives in the Definition of Well-Being,” Thirty-Fifth International Social Philosophy Conference, Oakland University, Rochester, MI, July 2018.