



It has been good being back as Chair this year. It was my tenth, having begun in 2003 and taken a year of research leave in 2012-13.

Deborah Modrak wrote a year ago that our wing of Lattimore Hall hummed with “conversation and even laughter.” This continues, and it goes a long way toward making this a rewarding department to chair. There is an exuberance of youth and philosophical energy in the air. The department is a decade older than it was when I became its chair, but younger on the whole and uncommonly good natured.

While continuing to be a department characterized by abundant philosophical talent, research productivity, and excellence and innovation in teaching, we also seem to now be a department in which organizational ability and initiative are remarkably widely distributed. This is gratifying, and it makes me wonder whether it is not an oddity of our field that it so often styles its chairs as reluctant philosopher kings, and not as Aristotelian statesmen who enjoy facilitating partnership in intellectual flourishing.

The year’s most notable events would have to begin with the Humanities Project conference on the interface of metaphysics and philosophy of physics, organized and hosted by Alyssa Ney. This was a major intellectual event both for Rochester philosophy and for the two subfields involved. The fall 2013 schedule also featured a

Central New York Humanities Corridor workshop on Spinoza, organized and hosted by Alison Peterman, and a talk by Christian Miller in conjunction with Bill FitzPatrick’s seminar on virtue ethics. Miller’s audience was about equal parts philosophers and psychologists, and indicative of a growing conversation between the two fields at the University of Rochester. We look forward to the further growth of such conversations next year with the launch of Alison’s co-taught PHL-BCS course on Theory of Perception, and other initiatives.

In memoriam

We regret to announce the passing of *Rolf Eberle*, (02-07-1931 to 03-23-2014), Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Rochester. Born in Aarau, Switzerland, Rolf completed BA, MA, and PhD degrees at UCLA in 1960, 1964, and 1966. He joined the faculty of Philosophy at the University of Rochester in 1967, reached the rank of Professor in 1975, and served as the Department’s Acting Chair in fall 1976. Best known for his book, *Nominalistic Systems*, published by Reidel in 1970, his research and teaching were focused in logic and formal semantics. Described by Henry Kyburg in 1974 as “our logical conscience,” Rolf retired in 1991.

We regret to announce the passing of *Rona Glassman Finkelstein* (11-07-1927 to 4-16-2014), a 1964 Philosophy PhD alumna of the University of Rochester. Rona chaired the philosophy department at Delaware State University, and was the founding director of the Delaware Humanities Forum. A longtime resident of Wilmington, she was a tireless champion of human rights and deeply involved in the Jew-B5 Tw[(0 vn)3/TuutC ties Corridor wo

The late Professor and Mrs. Colin Turbayne established a biennial International Berkeley Essay Prize competition in conjunction with the Philosophy Department at the University of Rochester.

The next deadline for submitting papers is November 1, 2014. The winner will be announced March 1, 2015 and will receive a prize of \$2,000. Copies of the winning essays will be sent to the George Berkeley Library Study Center located in Berkeley's home in Whitehall, Newport, RI. Submissions should be sent to: Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester, PO Box 270078, Lattimore Hall 532, Rochester, NY 14627-0078 or phladmin@philosophy.rochester.edu Whitehall, Newport, RI. Submissions should be sent to: Cha41W

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This year, I published a paper in Philosophy

me to finish my Ph.D. in 1984, ten years after I started graduate school and two years after my J.D.) After three years at the Court I took a job as appellate attorney for the State Public Defender for another three years, handling criminal appeals (mostly sex offenses and homicides) with three death penalty cases my last year (one of my guys was ultimately released after the witnesses against him recanted - no credit to me although the appeal helped keep him alive). I got hired by the University of Missouri General Counsel's Office in part because of the Ph.D. and have worked there for nearly 27 years. Serendipity. I wasted a certain amount of emotional energy in the early years fretting because I wasn't an academic. I have missed teaching young people,

- Resolution*, The Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law (2012 – present).
- b. Awarded *Lifetime Achievement Award*
by the American College of Civil Trial
Mediators (2013)

Randall Curren

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