# UWØD\* Newsletter

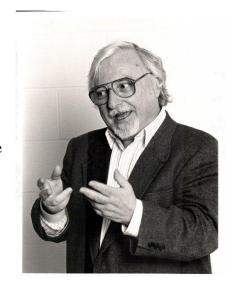
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This is our third annual UWØD Newsletter. It will tell you about just some of the things that transpired in our Department in the last year. We have some announcements forced on us by the passing of time. It's appropriate to pause over those at the turning of the year. However, front and foremost we celebrate the achievements of our students, both those who are studying with us now and those who have gone out into the world to make a difference. The Professors return term-after-term with anticipation and enthusiasm for their students and their courses. We have some news about them too. With this Newsletter we are trying to stay in touch with you and we hope you will stay in touch with us. We send you our very best wishes for the coming year. HVH

In Memoriam: This year we were saddened by the passing of Professor Robert C. Pinto who died in September. Although Professor Pinto retired in 1998 he is remembered by many students who were inspired by his love of teaching, his devotion to philosophical thought, and his interest in them as individuals. Colleagues will remember Dr Pinto as a loyal friend and a stimulating colleague. There are several remembrances of Bob on our Department website

(http://www.uwindsor.ca/philosophy/455/memorian-dr-robert-c-pinto) and, at the end of this Newsletter, you can read about the fund that has been set up to sponsor an annual lecture in Professor Pinto's memory.





Retirement: The end of 2019 will see the retirement of our longest-serving faculty member, Professor Deborah Cook. Dr Cook started at Windsor in 1988 and since then has taught a steady stream of courses on continental philosophy and produced an impressive series of monographs. Both undergraduate and graduate students have benefitted from Professor Cook's devotion to teaching and philosophical scholarship. Her fellow faculty members will miss Deborah's principled interventions at council as well as her gift for compromise. Especially will we miss her example of how to lead a philosophical life. We know Deborah will always be a philosopher and continue her social activism, and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

#### THE PHILOSOPHY GRADS IN 2019.

Bachelor of Arts, General Degree: Nicole Marsden and Marina Vasic.

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Degree: Nathan L. Veres; Erveen Nanick (& Political Science); Iovan Stefanov (& English); Bruce M. Mcdonald (& History). Lan Wu (& Psychology).

*Master of Arts*: Simon Albu; Em Dobson (now pursuing a PhD in philosophy at the University of Waterloo); Sebastian Kanally; Christina Palahnuk; Dominic Pizzolitto (in the PhD programme in comparative literature at the University of Toronto). Brittany Morris and Mitchell Witteeven are MA graduands (Mitchell is now pursuing a JD at the University of Windsor Law School).

Congratulations to all our graduates. We are proud of you!

### OUR CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS: TO WHAT THEY ARE UP.

GARETT GRITTNER has given two presentations of his research regarding Canadian policies on scientific animal use: one in an Environmental Ethics course at UBC, the other at a conference on Public Issues and Public Reason at Carleton University.

JOHN HOLLINGWORTH was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship for International Students. He is taking the lead in organizing the annual graduate and undergraduate student philosophy conferences to be held this March 2020.

JOSHUA HOOKE Presented a paper, "An Ethical-Environmental Critique of Clothing Industry Practice" at the Montreal Graduate Conference, *Environment: Last Call*, at McGill University in Montreal.

KATHERINE E. RICHARD has a CRRAR Fellowship to pursue her research in visual argumentation. She is also a historical tour guide at Willistead Manor as well as a hostess at Museum Windsor.

This fall we welcomed two international students from Africa into our Graduate Programme: EMMANUEL ONYEMACHI (from Nigeria) and DYRON TUFFOUR (from Ghana).

### NEWS ABOUT SOME PAST GRADS.

PATRICK BONDY (BA Windsor, PhD McMaster) is Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Wichita State University.

JILL GATFIELD (BA Windsor, MA Dalhousie) is Associate Professor of Philosophy in the University of Athabaska.

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MARCELLO GUARINI (BA Windsor, PhD Western – picture at left) is now the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science at the University of Windsor.

ELIZABETH ISMAIL (BA Windsor), Erin Ward (MA Windsor), and Michael Yong-Set (MA Windsor) are in the Argumentation Studies PhD Programme at Windsor.

ALEKSANDRA KOSTIC (MA Windsor) splits her time between Serbia in Europe and South Dakota in the US. She

is translating Jung and Karl Jaspers into Serbian.

LAURA NICOLA (MA Windsor) started working as an associate at Greg Montforton & Partners (a law firm in Windsor).

JOSIE RICHARDS and JIM MURPHY (both U of Windsor Philosophy MA's) (picture to the right) got married. Congratulations!!

PAUL SIMARD SMITH (MA, Windsor, PhD Waterloo) is assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy and Classics in the University of Regina.

RYAN TONKENS (BA Windsor, PhD York) is an adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Lakehead University.



MICHAEL WALSCHOTS (MA Windsor, PhD Western). After having a two-year post-doc at St Andrews, and teaching at Trent University for a year, Michael is now a Research Associate at Martin-Luther-University in Halle-Wittenberg.

AARON WENDLAND (BA Windsor, PhD Oxford) is Assistant professor of Philosophy at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow; he also writes a popular philosophy column for *The New Statesman* 

### FACULTY NEWS 2019 (JUST SOME OF IT).

We had our picture taken (The Department Head forgot to invite the Dean, Dr Marcello Guarini.)



Back Row, L-R: Dr Brian McPherson, Ms Terry Whelan, Dr David Guetter, Dr. Mark Letteri, Dr Radu Neculau, Dr Christopher Tindale, Dr. Catherine Hundleby, Ms Monika Burdzy, Dr. Andrea Sullivan-Clarke.

Front Row, L-R: Dr Hans V. Hansen; Dr Phillip Rose; Dr Jeff Noonan, Dr. Deborah Cook; Prof. Katherine Parr.

**Reminder**: If you want to see how we (the Department) looked in 1965, and read about some of the past professors who taught philosophy at the University of Windsor, go to this address <a href="http://www.uwindsor.ca/philosophy/sites/uwindsor.ca.philosophy/files/uw\_philosophy\_bios\_sept\_2018.pdf">http://www.uwindsor.ca/philosophy/sites/uwindsor.ca.philosophy/files/uw\_philosophy\_bios\_sept\_2018.pdf</a> (also on the Department website).

DR HANS V HANSEN is the lead editor on an anthology, *Presumptions and Burdens of Proof.* He also presented a paper on scheme theory at the European Conference on Argumentation (ECA) in Groningen in the Netherlands. He is in his last year as Department Head.

DR CATHERINE HUNDLEBY continues to direct Windsor's interdisciplinary PhD program in Argumentation Studies. She appears occasionally on the radio (CBC Halifax noon) and podcasts (Periplatform). Dr Hundleby presented a paper and a commentary at ECA and a paper at the CSWIP conference at Guelph on "Feminism and Food." She is now organizing the program for the Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (FEMMSS) conference to be held next year at the University of Waterloo.

DR. RADU NECULAU read papers at the International Critical Theory Conference in Rome and the Critical Theory Roundtable and published the article "Normative Reconstruction and the Challenge of Revolutionary Praxis."

DR. JEFF NOONAN published his fifth monograph, *The Troubles with Democracy*. He also attended a launch of his book at a symposium held at the University of Brighton in England.

DR. ANDREA SULLIVAN-CLARKE presented her paper, "Decolonizing 'Allyship' in Indian Country: Lessons from #NODAPL" at the American Philosophical Association meeting in Vancouver, BC. She also spoke about failure and resilience to local high school students as the keynote for the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program at St. Clair College and was a guest on CBC's "Good Morning Windsor," where she provided an Indigenous perspective on American Thanksgiving.

DR CHRISTOPHER TINDALE continues as Director of the Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric (CRRAR) where he both welcomes and supervises visiting scholars from abroad. This past year he published several essays; gave talks in Lisbon, Hamilton, and Groningen; and served as an external examiner on two doctoral theses.

#### SUPPORTING PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR.

There are a number of ways in which you can support Philosophy at the University of Windsor. One of them is to stay in touch with us by writing to individual members of the Department (our email addresses are on the website) and letting us know that you do support our work. If you are one of our graduates we would like to hear what you are doing now. You can also be supportive by attending our public events when we have symposia or guest lecturers: these are open to the general public and especially to you. And, if you are inclined, we would appreciate your help with our two fundraising ventures described below.

### The Launch of the Robert C. Pinto Lecture Fund

In memory of the late Robert C. Pinto (1935 - 2019), the Philosophy Department in the University of Windsor is creating a fund to support an annual lecture to be called the "Robert C. Pinto Memorial Lecture." Professor Pinto was an exceptionally gifted and devoted teacher whose interests spanned continental philosophy, analytical philosophy, informal logic and argumentation theory. The proposed annual lecture will provide an occasion for faculty, students, alumni and members of the community, to come together to engage with a wide range of philosophical literature, issues and concerns. The vision of the Robert C. Pinto Lecture Fund is to provide the resources annually for an invited speaker (chosen by the Philosophy Department), and ensure that the "Pinto Lecture Series" will continue in perpetuity.

To support the Robert C. Pinto Lecture Fund, one may contact Melissa East Aspila at 519-253-3000 ext. 2093 or <a href="mailto:measpila@uwindsor.ca">measpila@uwindsor.ca</a>. One may also make a donation online at <a href="https://my.uwindsor.ca/web/uw/donations#">https://my.uwindsor.ca/web/uw/donations#</a>. Please specify that your donation is for the Robert C. Pinto Lecture Fund.

## The Philosophy Department's Trust Fund

Our Department has a **Trust Fund** account. We use the money largely for student events (travel and conferences) and for guest speakers (travel, honoraria, and accommodation). Having these extra funds available to us, outside the normal stream of University funding, makes a significant qualitative difference to the educational experience of our students and the intellectual life of the Philosophy Department. If you would like to make a donation we will all appreciate it very

much. You can contact me directly at either <a href="mailto:hhansen@uwindsor.ca">hhansen@uwindsor.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:philos@uwindsor.ca">philos@uwindsor.ca</a> and we will facilitate your donation. You can also work through Melissa East Aspila at 519-253-3000 ext 2093 or <a href="mailto:measpila@uwindsor.ca">measpila@uwindsor.ca</a>. Be sure to tell her your contribution is for the Philosophy Department's trust fund account.

We wish you the very best for the coming year, and hope your life will continue to be touched by philosophy!