

## Indiana University Alumni Newsletter

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## Mike Morgan garners multiple honors

Professor of Philosophy and Jewish Studies Michael Morgan was one of only three people named as a Chancellor's Professor in 2004. The other two were Rex Stockton from education and Raymond DeMallie from American Indian studies and anthropology. Honorees were introduced at the Chancellor's Induction Ceremony on March 24.

The Chancellor's Professor in Teaching and Research Award constitutes a mark of faculty excellence at Indiana University. It is meant to honor those IU faculty who have made distinguished contributions to the university, the community, and in national and international fora.

Morgan is a historian of philosophy and Jewish religious thought. He has published extensively in Ancient Greek philosophy, early modern philosophy, and 20th-century philosophy and intellectual culture. His work on Plato's philosophy places it within the context of fourth-century Greek philosophy and religious life, and his treatment of such figures as Spinoza, Hobbes, Mendelssohn, Buber, and Rosenzweig similarly explores their philosophical and religious thinking in historical context. Morgan is also an expert on the work of Emil Fackenheim, one of the most important 20th-century Jewish philosophers and the pre-eminent post-Holocaust Jewish thinker.

All in all, Morgan has written or edited 10 books and more than 90 articles and reviews dealing with the history of philosophy, ethics and political philosophy, Jewish philosophy, 20th-century philosophy and religious thought, and post-Holocaust thought.

Morgan is a past winner of the Amoco Foundation Teaching Award and a three-time winner of the Trustees' Teaching Award. He directed the High School Philosophy Institute, which for 15 years brought together young students from throughout the United States for a one-week intensive philosophy program on the Bloomington campus. He has been



*Dean Kumble Subbaswamy, right, congratulates newly-named Chancellor's Professor Michael Morgan at an induction ceremony in the spring.*

associated with educational programs for Jewish youth and Jewish congregations and has spoken to congregations, at clergy institutes, and for Jewish communities throughout the United States, Australia, Israel, and England.

His work with graduate students led to his picture appearing this year on the cover of *The College*, a publication of the College of Arts and Sciences. Also featured was Joshua Shaw, a winner of the College's Dissertation-Year Research Fellowship. The two began working together when Shaw took Morgan's class on Levinas and

Rosenzweig. Shaw became excited about Levinas, and at about the same time Morgan decided to write a book on that philosopher. The two have met weekly ever since, and Shaw defended his dissertation this summer. Although they are focusing on different aspects of Levinas's work, Morgan says the weekly meetings have been as useful to him as they have been to Shaw.

However, Morgan says his biggest honor of the year is serving as father of the bride — not once, but twice! Daughter Debbie was married in April, and Sarah will follow in October.

## Around Sycamore

### Baron named 13th Rudy Professor

Marcia Baron has been named Rudy Professor of Philosophy, a Distinguished Ranks Professorship. James H. Rudy was a 1932 graduate of Indiana University with a BA in English. Although a farmer, James Rudy had ambitions as a writer, and his diaries and journals are housed in the IU Archives. The Rudy Professorships were established in 1976 with the initial assets of his estate. More monies were contributed upon the sale of his Kentucky farm in 1981. The Rudy Professorships are among the earliest endowed professorships at IU.

Baron has a stellar record of scholarly achievement and has, at a relatively young age, achieved a prominence in her profession few philosophers ever achieve in an entire career (she has already served as president of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association). Her book, *Kantian Ethics Almost Without Apology*, has taken its place among the most important reinterpretations of Kant's moral philosophy in the past two decades, along with works by Barbara Herman, of UCLA, Christine Korsgaard, of Harvard, and Onora O'Neill, of Cambridge University, U.K. She is now at work on a monograph in the philosophy of law.

There were 12 Rudy Professors at the time of Baron's appointment; Baron became the 13th. The philosophy department is fortunate in now having two Rudy Professors: Marcia Baron and Karen Hanson.

### Cocchiarella awarded Cittadinanza Onoraria

Professor Emeritus Nino B. Cocchiarella was made an honorary citizen of, and presented with the key to, the city of Fragneto L'Abate in the province of Benevento, Italy, on Nov. 11, 2003. Fragneto L'Abate is where Professor Cocchiarella's father was born and where his paternal ancestors have lived for nearly a thousand years.

The honorary citizenship was bestowed on Cocchiarella in honor of his internationally recognized work in logic and philosophy and for his continuing devotion to the village of Fragneto L'Abate. After the ceremony, witnessed by many dignitaries, including mayors from nearby villages and officials from the province of Benevento, a conference, "Logica, Logica Mathematica, Logica Filosofica: i contributi di Nino B. Cocchiarella," was held on Cocchiarella's work. Several professors, including logic Professor Michele Malatesta, of the University of Naples Federico II, and dignitaries from other universities and the government participated in the conference.

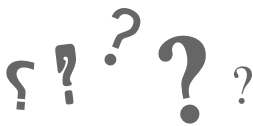


*The mayor of Fragneto L'Abate confers honorary citizenship on Professor Emeritus Nino Cocchiarella, center. Cocchiarella's wife, Louanna, displays the key to the city.*

In 2002, Cocchiarella was awarded a "Diploma di Benemerenza" by Fragneto L'Abate for his work in logic and philosophy.

Professor Cocchiarella was also cordially received by the president of the province of Benevento, Carmine Nardone, who welcomed him as a distinguished visitor and presented him with a gift. The honor given to Cocchiarella was reported in the Benevento newspaper *Il Sannio* and

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### Mystery photo

*Who are these people?*

*A special prize will be awarded to the first person who identifies the most people in this old photograph, which we recently found in a departmental file cabinet.*

*Send your entry by e-mail to [lharl@indiana.edu](mailto:lharl@indiana.edu). Answers and the winner's name will be posted on the departmental Web site.*

*Extra credit will be given to anyone who can identify the occasion and the beverage in the cans.*



## Student notebook

### National award goes to Seymour

Graduate student **Melissa Seymour** has won the prestigious Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship. This is a national award given to few students.

The will of Dolores Zohrab Liebmann created a perpetual charitable trust for the purpose of funding advanced education and graduate study grants, as well as for independent research or study projects. This trust continues her lifetime work of supporting students and educational and charitable organizations. Liebmann's concern, as expressed in her will, was to attract and support students with outstanding character and ability who hold promise for achievement and distinction in their chosen fields of study.

Seymour, a California native, entered the program in 1999 and achieved candidacy in 2003. Her proposed dissertation title is "On Reasonable and Unreasonable Moral Demands: Defending a Kantian Account of Required Beneficence." Her thesis director is Marcia Baron (see page 2).

Congratulations to Melissa Seymour. The department shares the Liebmann Foundation's confidence in her abilities and future success.

### Spring awards

Continuing a long tradition of recognizing outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, the department awarded the following prizes at a spring reception.

#### Graduates

**Melissa Seymour**, graduate excellence

**Darren Abramson**, Betty Neal Hamilton Award

**Hilmi Demir**, Outstanding Associate Instructor Award

**Dan Kirchner**, Oscar R. Ewing Essay contest winner

**Alex Klein**, Nelson Dissertation-Year Fellowship

#### Undergraduates

**James Bourke** and **Elizabeth Lewis**, academic excellence

**Brent Gutmann**, Oscar Ewing Essay contest winner

In addition, two more special awards were given to outstanding undergraduates. The first was the Betty Neal Hamilton Special Award for Scholarly Excellence, which was given to **Joshua Hollowell**. Hollowell just graduated with a 3.95 major GPA and an overall College of Arts and Sciences average of 3.83. Faculty raved about his class participation and ability to ask the kind of question that makes the professor go back and review the literature on a subject.

The second award was the Dona Roberts Biddle Award, which honors a major who has combined philosophical studies with community service. This award went to



**Alexander Murphy-Nakhnikian**, a junior majoring in philosophy, chemistry, and psychology. During high school, Murphy-Nakhnikian worked as a counselor at Camp Awareness, a program designed to provide social skills and training to children with autism. He also mentored two children with autism

during the school year. When he arrived in Bloomington, he wanted to continue such work but found no campus organization that served children with autism. So he founded one. He started a new program under the auspices of the Honors College's student advisory board. The program has grown to the point where he is now looking for outside funding so that this program can continue after he graduates.

Murphy-Nakhnikian's name may sound familiar. He is the son of Professor Emeritus George Nakhnikian and Dr. Robin Murphy.

*Congratulations to all our award winners!*

### Placement news

Philosophy graduates and near graduates continue to cover the country. Marcia Baron, placement director, reports that the following people have secured positions for next year: **Brian Morton**, Auburn College; **Adam Kovach**, Marymount University; **Brian Burkhart**, Pitzer College; **Erik Lindland**, Depauw University; **Chip Bolyard**, James Madison University; **John Ceballes**, Hamilton College; and **Joshua Shaw**, Pennsylvania State University, Erie.

## Alumni news

**Robert E. Short**, BS'56, is a retired contracting specialist supervisor for the U.S. Department of Defense. He lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his wife, Cozine, and can be reached at roberteshort@aol.com.

**R. Craig Sautter**, BA'69, was elected president of the Society of Midland Authors, a Chicago-based literary organization whose members include published book authors from 12 Midwestern states. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Sally (Reed) Sauter, BA'69, and can be reached at rcsautter@aol.com.

**David G. Mick**, BA'74, MHA'80, PhD'87, was elected president of the Association for Consumer Research. He is the Robert Hill Carter Professor of Marketing at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce and is also the immediate-past editor of the *Journal of Consumer Research*. He lives with his wife and two sons in Charlottesville, Va., and can be reached at dmick@virginia.edu.

**Maurice A. Cogdell Jr.**, BA'92, is territory manager for Ecolab Inc., Elk Grove Village, Ill. The Lisle, Ill., resident can be reached at usermaclvr@aol.com.

**David J. Bayt**, BA'97, JD'01, is an associate with the law firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson in Indianapolis. He can be reached at dbayt@yahoo.com.

**Bryan L. Fisher**, PhD'03, was named assistant professor of speech communications at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

### Cocchiarella

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nationally in *Corriere*, which carried a long interview with him about his return to his ancestral home.

Cocchiarella gave an invited lecture on Nov. 12 at the University of Naples Federico II. The title of his lecture was "The Problem of Universals from the Modern Logic Standpoint: A New Perspective and Solution." Antonio Nazzarohe, president of the faculty; Giuseppe Cacciatore, director of the Department of Philosophy; and Michele Malatesta, professor of logic and philosophy, spoke about Cocchiarella's work and presented him with copies of their own work, as well as books about the history of Naples and the university. He was also presented with an engraved pin of Federico II, which is worn by faculty members and given to distinguished visiting professors honored by the university.

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Monday, Aug. 2, 2004



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