

Alumni Newsletter



All the Best and Thanks to

Michael Gorr and Kenton Machina



I have spent many months pondering how I would approach an article for the newsletter about Mike and Kent retiring. You could do what seems to be the norm, that is, what will you miss, what was your most memorable moment and so on, but then I thought about the sheer numbers of what they gave and what we will miss. So here are the numbers:

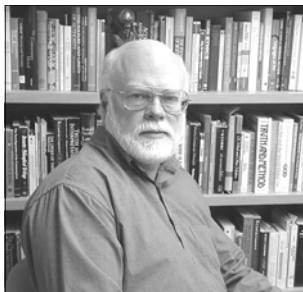
Years of experience and wisdom we will miss	63
Number of classes taught	378
Number of students	15,120
Number of papers read	45,360
Equals reams of paper	726
Trees lost for the cause	43
Tests graded	30,240
Hours spent grading tests and papers	a gazillion!
Number of students advised	2500
Papers written/presentations	90
Books authored	5
Grants received	14
Committees served on	24
Years Kent was chair	13
Years Kent served as Andes Endowed Professor	3
Mike Outstanding College Research Award	1
Kent Outstanding College Teaching Award	1
Mike's commuting miles	340,200
Equal to roundtrips to the moon	1.42
Cars worn out	2 and counting
Keys lost	5
Lost key fine to pay	\$75
Boxes of books to pack and move	105
Number of department colleagues and staff	

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News From Alums

Mind Project NIH grant

And Much More . . .



News From Normal

The ISU Philosophy Department has had a great year. Student interest in our programs has never been higher; several faculty have published or presented important research, some have received substantial grants from external agencies; our students have gained significant external as well as internal recognition; and alumni support continues to grow.

First, I want to recognize yet another giant leap forward in David Anderson's development of the Mind Project. He has just secured a new grant, this one from the National Institutes of Health, valued at \$1.3M to push the online Mind Project cognitive science curriculum into the middle and high school grades, which will give science stu-

dents there a new and exciting interdisciplinary alternative to the standard options of biology, chemistry and physics. This raises the total grant support for the Mind Project above the \$2M mark.

Alison Bailey is completing her first year as the permanent Director of the Women's Studies Program, which has a strong and growing presence on campus. Prof. Bailey has also won the 2006 Strand Diversity Achievement Award for extraordinary curricular and program activities that contribute to the university's commitment to diversity. This is one of the highest recognitions of outstanding service available to ISU faculty and is the second time in three years that it has been won by a member of the Philosophy Department. Chris Horvath won two years ago.

This was Mark Siderits' first year back with us after an extraordinarily productive two-year leave. Mark's project is to make classical Indian philosophy accessible to the rest of us like 19th century Greek scholars opened up classical Greek philosophy and to demonstrate its relevance and contribution to the concerns of mainstream western philosophy. He has a new book in press to that end and will soon be traveling to Japan to complete a major translation project. Mark's work has recently been the focus of special sessions at Harvard University, Columbia University, the College of Charleston, and the Eastern and Central Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association.

Our newest colleague, Todd Stewart, has published two articles this year in his specialty, epistemology, in first-rate philosophy journals. Todd serves as the Advisor of the ISU Philosophical Society, which has had a remarkable year, including sponsoring a visit by a major philosopher and the year-end department gala, as well as several book sales, colloquia and pub meetings.

There are at least seven notable book projects under way among the faculty. Mark Siderits' new book on Buddhism is in press. David Anderson is writing on realism and semantics. Thomas Simon, who on sabbatical is writing on Islamic law, and Liane Stillwell who is also on sabbatical is writing on Wittgenstein's skepticism. Harry Deutsch and our former colleague Anthony Everett, now at the University of Bristol, are doing an anthology on nothing (or, as they would have us believe, empty names). Kent Machina has a monograph in the works on moral responsibility. And I will be on sabbatical in the fall working on a book on collective responsibility. Chris Horvath will be Interim Chair for the term.

Sadly, at the end of this school year, we will lose more than six decades of experience and leadership from the faculty with the retirements of Mike Gorr and Kent Machina. Both have enjoyed illustrious careers at ISU, receiving major awards for teaching and research, many grants and performing exceptional service as key figures on both internal and external committees. Their mark on the department and the university will be long felt and we shall miss our colleagues. I am sure they would love to hear from any alumni who would care to drop them a note.

The Outstanding Senior Award went this year to Andrew Maxwell of Normal and Aaron Lauter won the Kennard Scholarship for a rising senior. Though ineligible for either of these awards, the year's most recognized student is Tyson Mohr. A paper on Locke's libertarianism that Tyson wrote in the fall working with Todd Stewart won the 2005 Illinois Philosophical Association Undergraduate Essay Contest and was subsequently published in *Aporia*. Moreover, Tyson has won a 2006-2007 Bone Scholarship, the highest recognition available to undergraduates at ISU, which is given for both scholarly achievement and service. Tyson is a Philosophy/Mathematics/Computer Science triple major.

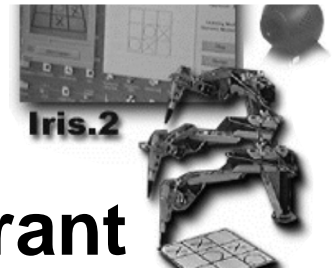
Major goals for the coming year include continuing to increase the number of majors, targeting especially those headed to law school; preparing for temporary relocation in Turner Hall necessitated by renovation of Stevenson; reducing class size to improve our delivery of instruction; preparing to hire new faculty to replace Mike Gorr and Kent Machina; continuing to find ways to enhance support for faculty and student research and travel to meetings.

Given the shaky Illinois state budget and meager growth in the allocation for higher education in particular, we remain dependent on the generous support of our alumni to provide the kind of high quality experience our students have always enjoyed. I urge you to stay in touch and get involved wherever and whenever you can. Drop us a line and when you are in the neighborhood, come see us.

All the best,
Jim Swindler, Chairman

The Mind Project Receives \$1.3 Million National Institutes of Health Grant

David Anderson, Director
www.philosophy.ilstu.edu/mind_project.html



We at The Mind Project are bringing to a close one major project (supported by the National Science Foundation) and we are just launching another major project (supported by the National Institute of Health). The NSF project was to create 25 online curriculum modules to introduce the cognitive and learning sciences to undergraduates with no previous background in the subject. Most of those modules are completed and piloting has already begun. Only a few of them are currently available on The Mind Project Website. The rest will be available sometime this summer when we debut our new website with a good deal of new content and some exciting new features.

The new grant provides \$1.34 million from the NIH that will support the creation of elaborate interactive virtual activities designed to introduce students to cutting edge developments in medical science. Over a five year period, we will be creating 7-10 online modules that will create immersive virtual environments (kind of like a SimCity video game) to teach students about recent medical breakthroughs. They will teach about current (and sometimes revolutionary) research methodologies as well as some of the technical details about the results of the research that are not usually taught at an introductory level. While the grant will target high school and middle school students, many of these virtual activities will be used in college courses as well.

To convey some idea of what we have in mind, one virtual activity that we are likely to create will introduce students to "strokes". Imagine yourself a student in a biology class. Instead of reading about strokes in a textbook, you go to a computer and you enter The Mind Project's virtual world of 21st century medical science. In this virtual world you are also a student in class but in this case the teacher has just fallen unconscious on the floor and you must diagnose her symptoms while someone else is calling 911. In this activity, "time" will literally stop as you gather information about the teacher's condition and learn to distinguish the signs of stroke from those of heart attack, and other ailments. When the ambulance arrives, you ride along with the EMTs as you learn the science that the EMT relies upon in monitoring the patient and in administering the physician's orders. At the hospital, you become a surgical nurse assisting Dr. Keith Kattner (a local neurosurgeon) in an emergency operation to ameliorate damage caused by the stroke. After surgery, you move to Dr. Paul Garris's neurobiology lab at Illinois State where you become a graduate student in a the lab where you will help conduct a rat-stroke study. This will include capturing a virtual rat, inducing a stroke, and conducting a scientific study that makes use of dramatic new methods for monitoring brain activity and neurotransmitter levels that is little known outside of a few research laboratories. Your study will reproduce recent breakthroughs in our understanding of the causes and means of treating stroke. In addition, you will see video introductions by the actual researchers who made the scientific breakthroughs. In some cases you will be able to post questions online that will be answered by those researchers or learn about scheduled live chat sessions. Finally, you will be asked to offer a design for a new study that might answer further questions about strokes.

We have not yet decided which other medical breakthroughs we will explore in our "virtual worlds" but two likely ones are "Parkinson's Disease" and "Robotics in medical science". The former will also focus on research done in the Garris lab. The latter will integrate material from The Mind Project's Iris.4 mobile robot project and the Virtual Robotics Lab that we have already created.

While we are excited about the new NIH grant, creating curriculum modules is only one part of The Mind Project mission. We continue to develop relationships with educators and researchers interested in being part of a vibrant learning community, bringing together people of all ages who want to learn more about exciting scientific developments in the study of the mind and brain and to reflect on the many philosophical issues that those developments raise. Please let us know if you would like to join us in this venture.

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Alumni Day 2005
Andrew Reisman

*Computer Forensics:
 The Collision of Ethics, Law,
 and Utility in the
 Emerging Field of
 Computerized Investigations*



Andrew Reisman was our guest speaker for Alumni Day this year. Andy graduated from ISU, *magna cum laude*, in 1990 and received his J.D. in 1993 from the University of Illinois College of Law, *summa cum laude*, where he was Valedictorian of his class and Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Illinois Law Review*. Prior to co-founding Enterprise Law Group and Elijah Technologies, Andy was an equity partner at Foley & Lardner and Reisman Law Firm, P.C. Additionally, he served as General Counsel of the International Save the Children Alliance in Geneva, Switzerland, where he developed an international program for the protection of the organization's intellectual property. He has substantial trial, appellate, mediation and negotiation experience at the state and federal levels. His experience includes successful prosecution and defense of litigation matters on behalf of a wide variety of individual and corporate clients. These cases have included highly complex matters such as a 100+ witness dispute over a \$45 million electrical engineering project at a nuclear power plant, disputes over the validity of patents and other intellectual property, and suits involving multi-tiered fraud schemes.

Andy spoke on the very interesting and emerging field of computer forensics. Computer forensics is the use of specialized techniques for recovery, authentication and analysis of electronic data which is gathered to use in legal proceedings. This field and all its implication has grown over the last ten years and continues to expand with the proliferation of electronic equipment and the ease in transporting stored data. The ability to retrieve data and use it in legal cases poses another series of ethical questions. Andy presented a crash course on Computer Forensics 101 to which we could all relate given the current corpo-

News From Alums

Adam Corelli—2004

Adam was recently married to Nicole Bell on December 3, 2005 and changed his last name to Bell-Corelli. He and his wife now live in Oshkosh, WI. Adam is looking to begin substitute teaching in the local schools. Otherwise he is playing home-husband while Nicole acts as Residence hall Director at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Adam even plays co-advisor to her Community Advisor staff. After returning from an exciting honeymoon, northern Italy over Christmas, married life is treating Adam wonderfully. Keep up with him at www.hellophotos.com.

Leonard Hudson—1997

Leonard is currently a second year law student at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where he recently served as faculty research and teaching assistant to Visiting Professor Joanne Hodge. Leonard was recipient of The John Marshall Distinguished Scholar Award—a full tuition scholarship and stipend awarded to the top applicants based on merit and academic achievement. He'd rather be sailing!

Natasha Jankowski—2003

Natasha is a graduate student in the Higher Education Administration program at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. She has a graduate assistantship in the admissions office and has an internship with the international affairs office working on retention research of international students. She teaches University Orientation and has presented at numerous conferences including National Orientation Directors Association Leader Institute, Ohio College Personnel Association, and the NAFSA grant workshop series.

Mitch Kaufman—2000

Mitch is currently in graduate school at the University of Washington in Seattle working toward his Ph.D. in Philosophy.

Mark Lindner—2001

Mark is a graduate student at the University of Illinois working on a masters degree in Library Science. He is a grad assistant working with their internationally known distance education program (LEEP). He will be graduating in May 2006 and plans to pursue a second advanced degree (Certificate of Advanced Studies) in LIS. His interests are in the areas of cataloging and classification and metadata.

Solomon Rutzky—1996

John Elwood Sabs—2003

John is a doctoral candidate in Philosophy at the University of Colorado-Boulder. He spent two and a half years as a TA, teaching Ethics, Philosophy of Religion and Introduction to Philosophy. He is currently taking a year sabbatical in order to work on some of his book ideas, as well as spend time with his wife, Karen and their son, Michael, born September 6, 2005.

Sarah Shofner—2002

Sarah is currently in graduate school at Rockford College where she is going for her MAT and will be certified in Spanish, English as a Second Language, and Bilingual Education. She is also a graduate assistant at Rockford College for Illinois Campus Compact—an organization committed to the civic engagement and service-learning opportunities for college/university students.

Vikki Wulf—1986

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FORM

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

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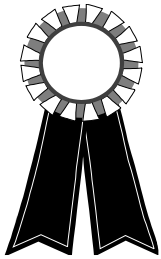
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If you'd like to update your information in the "News From Alums" section that would be great. Below is a much shorter sample format.

Your Name—Year Graduated

Your name is currently working for?????? as ?????? Went to/is in grad school????? at????? and working on/received a degree in????? Was grad assistant working/research with????? Was recipient of????? Any other things you want to share: marriage, children, etc.

You may also reach us via e-mail: philosophy@ilstu.edu or fax (309) 438-8028



Faculty Honors and

Thomas Simon Awarded Fulbright

To Study Law, Islam, and Terrorism In Malaysia



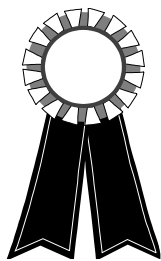
Thomas Simon received a 2005-2006 Fulbright award. He taught law at the University of Malaya and conducted research on ethnicity, terrorism and other subjects. Three religious/ethnic groups (Muslim Malays, Buddhist Chinese, and Hindi Indians) have established a vibrant and largely harmonious society. The Malaysian version of ethnic cooperation proved a welcome contrast to Simon's previous research and books on ethnic conflict

and genocide. As a licensed attorney in the US, he examined Malaysian legal practice with its parallel civil and Islamic courts. He spent the summer of 2004 studying Islam at a faculty institute sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The terms of Simon's award required him to give lectures at various Islamic law schools. Finally, putting on his philosopher's hat, he collected Asian writings and cases to expand his textbook

Alison Bailey Receives Strand Diversity Achievement Award



Alison Bailey was the recipient of the 2006 David Strand Diversity Award. The Strand Award was established and endowed by President Emeritus David Strand to honor a university community member whose efforts result in heightened sensitivity to diversity on campus. Alison is Associate Professor and Director of Women's Studies. Her teaching and research interests are in applied ethics and feminist moral and political theory. Alison was the founder of the Clothesline project, a visual display to bring awareness to issues of violence against women. She has also been involved with the Underrepresented Groups Task Force, the Committee for Multi-Cultural Concerns, the Women's Mentoring Network and the Feminist Ma-



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Mark Siderits Receives Fellowship

Mark Siderits has recently won a Numata Foundation Fellowship to work on a new translation of Indian philosopher Nagarjuna's revolutionary work *Mulamadhya-makakarikas* (translated as *Fundamental Verses on the Middle Way*) with Professor Shoryu Katsura at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. The Numata Foundation is a research organization with its headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, that coordinates and funds scholarly work on translations of important Buddhist texts. The Foundation regularly awards fellowships to accomplished scholars with exemplary research and teaching records.



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Student Awards and Honors



Tyson Mohr-Bone

While all our students are outstanding, this year Tyson Mohr has been the department's crown jewel. In November he was winner of the Illinois Philosophical Society's Undergraduate Essay Contest and presented his paper "Locke and the Contemporary Situation: Would Locke be a Libertarian?" Tyson was the only undergraduate student to present a paper at the Society's conference held at Eastern Illinois University. He also presented his paper "Locke and Libertarianism" at

the 5th Annual Steven Humphrey Student Philosophy Colloquium at the University of Louisville and at the 16th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference at Truman State University. His Illinois Philosophical Association paper, "Locke and the Contemporary Situation," was accepted for publication in the Spring 2006 volume of *Aporia: A Student Journal of Philosophy*, published by Brigham Young University.

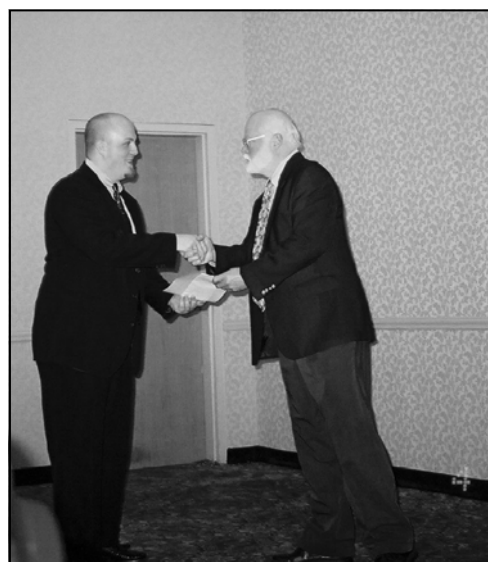
The final polish to his crown came this spring when he was one of fourteen named a 2006-2007 Bone Scholar. Being designated a Bone Scholar is the highest honor an Illinois State undergraduate student can receive. The scholarships were established to honor former Illinois State University President Robert G. Bone. Bone Scholars receive commemorative medallions and substantial cash prizes and have their names engraved on a metal plaque displayed permanently in the Bone Student Center. The award is also recorded on the transcript.



Aaron Lauter

**Kenneth and Marilyn Kennard Scholarship
For the Outstanding Rising Senior**

2006



Andrew Maxwell

**Outstanding Senior
Departmental Award**

2006

Memorable Department Events

Alastair Norcross Rice University Philosophical Society Guest Speaker

**“Puppies, Pigs and People:
Eating Meat and Marginal Cases”
April 6, 2006**



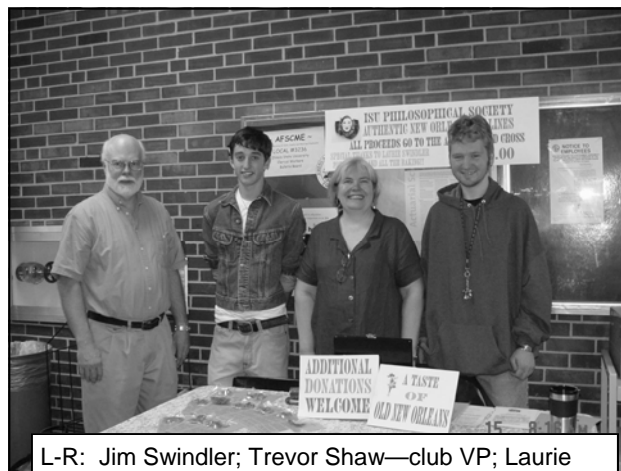
Alastair Norcross (center) with Andrew Higgins, Club President (L) and Todd Stewart, Club Faculty Advisor (R)



Philosophical Society Praline Sale Benefit for Katrina

With the idea and then generous donation from Laurie Swindler of home baked pralines from an original New Orleans recipe, the American Red

the club raised over \$200 for Cross Katrina Relief Fund.



L-R: Jim Swindler; Trevor Shaw—club VP; Laurie Swindler; and Andrew Higgins—club President.

Memorable Department Events

Gala VIII

April 24, 2006
The Chateau



RETIREMENT PARTY



Mike, Kent, Jim



President Bowman, Kathy Gorr, Mike, Kent



Kent enjoys a laugh with colleague

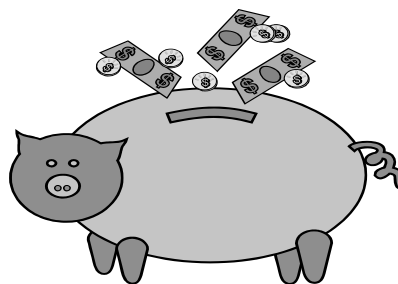


Mike and Kent reflect



Last question—Mike and student

Thanks!!!



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 Erik and Lisa Brihagen
 Alliant Techsystems—matching Brihagen gift
 Martha Burk
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 Robert & Catherine Carmody
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 Scott Elliott
 Harris Bank Foundation—matching Durkin gift
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 Stephen French
 Delia Gill
 Sheri and Morton Glarborg-Jorgensen
 David Goehrke
 C N A Foundation—matching Goehrke gift
 Dr. Michael Gorr
 David Goulding
 Dr. Julie Gowen
 John Greuling
 Dr. Nancy A. Slonneger Hancock
 Libby Hatchel
 Neil Hatfield
 Joy (Hunter) Merino
 John Jansa
 Dr. Kenneth and Marilyn Kennard

Drs. Kenton and Connie Machina
 David MacTaggart
 Gina Maziarz
 Michael Matejka
 George Michalopoulos
 David and Tricia Monier
 Joe and Aubrey Montana
 Ryan Peters
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 Becky Williams

Once again a big thank you to all who have supported us. As state support for the university declines, private support becomes ever more important. ISU has lost more than \$17 million in annual state funding over the past several fiscal years. There are many areas in the department to which you may contribute. Your contributions to the Kenneth and Marilyn Kennard Philosophy Fund have been much appreciated by students. The Mind-Project has benefited from your generous contributions and your donations to the Department Excellence Fund have helped us to send students to the undergraduate conferences, reward outstanding scholarship among the students, provide other project support, and enhance support for faculty travel to meetings. We certainly understand that everyone is in the belt tightening process both at work and at home and we appreciate your many contributions. Your help and support allow us to provide vital assistance to and recognition of students to substantially enrich their education.

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YOUR BUSINESS CARD



We attend Open Houses each Fall and Spring semester, as well as a couple in the summer. The attendees are juniors and seniors in high school. They, and their parents, always ask, "But what CAN you DO with a Philosophy Major?" To help us demonstrate "What a Philosophy Major Can Do", we would like to make a display of business cards to show what our alums are doing. Would you please send us one of your business cards, along with a short description of what you do and how you use your background in philosophy.

Thank you! We appreciate your time!

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Mike Gorr and Kenton Machina retire.....