

## NEWS FROM FACULTY

**Kate Thomson-Jones:** My year has involved a lot of organizing—in my role as department chair, as trustee for the American Society of Aesthetics, and as cochair of the programme committee for the British Society of Aesthetics annual meeting. I have also spent a lot of time developing a new community-based learning course that will involve weekly visits to the Oberlin elementary school. The course aims to improve the philosophical skills of both college students and school students by engaging them in discussions about the philosophical themes in children’s stories. I am greatly looking forward to offering the Philosophy in the Schools, or PHITS, course for the first time this fall. My daughter, Orla, 8, has been integral in the development of PHITS, helping me “test” which children’s stories to read in school and convincing me that young children are natural philosophers.

In the midst of all my organizing this year, I have still enjoyed my regular teaching duties: I always enjoy introducing students to philosophy with my 100-level course, *The Nature of Value*, which I taught in fall 2016. In spring, 2017 I cotaught for the second time *Philosophy of Music* with Jamie O’Leary in musicology. This course is a unique college-conservatory collaboration, and while it presents certain logistical challenges, I find the mix of performance and liberal arts students, as well as working with a coinstructor, incredibly rewarding. In my research life, I continue to work on my book about the digital arts. I regularly present parts of the book’s argument at conferences: in the fall, I gave a paper on realism in digital cinema at the

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## A Note from the Editor

by *Kate Thomson-Jones, Chair, Department of Philosophy*



**GREETINGS PHILOSOPHERS!** Another year has come to an end in the life of the Oberlin philosophy department; we hope your year has been, like ours, filled with stimulating conversation, hard thinking, and fascinating people. In this year’s newsletter you will find the usual mix of departmental updates, student activities, and alumni news. In an effort to keep this note brief, I will simply list the courses we offered this year (see below). This “menu” conveys, I think, the breadth and variety of our courses in a typical year.

During winter term, we were able to offer an intensive on-campus group project, run by our visiting research associate, Remei Capdevila-Werning. Remei introduced a group of nine students to essential readings in Frankfurt School critical theory, receiving an enthusiastic response.

In March of this year, Tim Hall arranged for the annual Rhoden Lecture to be given by William Fitzpatrick from the University of Rochester. Professor Fitzpatrick’s talk, entitled “The Value of Life, the Dignity of Persons, and Physician-Assisted Death,” was delivered to a nearly full auditorium and generated a lively discussion.

In April of this year, our research associate, Remei, gave a talk in her area of specialization, the philosophy of architecture. Remei’s talk, entitled, “Every Difference Makes a Difference: Ruminations on Two Pavilions and Two Modernities,” also attracted a sizable audience from across several disciplines.

The 42nd Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy was held in May of this year, organized by Todd Ganson and Owen King. The program comprised leading figures in the field of meta-ethics, and everyone in attendance agreed that the event yielded rich and productive discussion. We hope you enjoy reading this year’s newsletter, and we wish you all the best for the next year. Keep in touch!

### FALL 2016 PHIL COURSES

122 *The Nature of Value*  
 126 *Problems of Philosophy*  
 200 *Deductive Logic*  
 216 *Modern Philosophy*  
 222 *Philosophy of Science*  
 225 *Environmental Ethics*  
 288 *Philosophy of Mind*  
 345 *Seminar: Liberty, Law, and Property*

### SPRING 2017 COURSES

121 *Philosophy and Morality*  
 126 *Problems of Philosophy*  
 201 *Reason and Argument*  
 210 *Existentialism*  
 215 *Ancient Philosophy*  
 231-MHST 336 *Philosophy of Music*  
 235 *Biomedical Ethics*  
 358 *Seminar: Philosophy of Perception*

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American Society of Aesthetics annual meeting. This May, I gave an invited paper on appreciating digital art at a conference on aesthetic normativity in Salt Lake City.

**Remei Capdevila-Werning:** In the fall, I joined the philosophy department as a research associate and had the great opportunity to be part of Oberlin's academic life throughout the year. I taught a winter-term project titled Introduction to Critical Philosophy, in which we discussed the works of the major representatives of the Frankfurt School. A group of nine very motivated students and I spent a great amount of time and energy with Adorno and Horkheimer's *Dialectic of Enlightenment* and, by the end, dialectic thinking had permeated our thoughts. My research is in the philosophy of architecture, a field I have continued to work on while at Oberlin. In the fall, I gave a talk in Barcelona at a symposium on Mies van der Rohe's Barcelona Pavilion. I presented a version of this talk in April at Oberlin, a lecture titled "Every Difference Makes a Difference: Ruminations on Two Pavilions and Two Modernities." Built in 1929 as a temporary structure for the International Exposition in Barcelona, this (now) icon of modern architecture was demolished shortly after and reconstructed in 1986 as a temporary building. I discussed the metaphysical differences between each structure and on the aesthetic consequences of not distinguishing between the two.

I also gave a talk in La Casa Hispánica in May, "Passages and Als Vençuts. Places of Remembrance and the Struggle of Historical Memory in Spain," where I discussed how two contemporary monuments aesthetically honor the victims of war and dictatorship in Spain and specifically in Catalonia, which is where I am from. I am also editing a special issue of *Aesthetic Investigations* on restoration and authenticity, and a volume I have coedited on imagery, *The Active Image: Architecture and Engineering in the Age of Modeling*, is about to be published. In addition to this, I joined Oberlin's Musical Union and sang some amazing pieces, among them Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and had the pleasure of being part of an outstanding group of musicians.



**Dorit Ganson:** A sabbatical leave in fall '16 gave me a chance to get back into my research after my cancer treatments. I gave two invited talks in spring '17, one at a workshop on pragmatic encroachment in Sedona, Arizona, and the other as a plenary speaker at a conference for the Society for Exact Philosophy in Calgary, Canada. I have been working on defending the

view that practical considerations such as the potential costs of acting on  $p$  if  $p$  is false or benefits of acting on  $p$  if  $p$  is true can make a difference when it comes to whether or not an agent's belief that  $p$  is epistemically rational, epistemically justified, or involves her knowing that  $p$ .

**Todd Ganson:** I am excited to be participating in the new StuiOC program, which begins this fall semester. Along with DeSales Harrison and Patty deWinstanley, I will be part of a course cluster titled Matters of Fact and Matters of Fiction and will offer a new course called Representation and Reality. I continue my research on all things related to perception and the senses. I have a number of current projects and recently published a few papers, including "Sensory Malfunctions, Limitations, and Trade-Offs."



**Owen King:** In May 2016 I finished my PhD at Ohio State University. My dissertation focused on well-being, and I argued that there are distinct types of well-being for a person that are so different that they sometimes come into conflict. After defending my dissertation, I continued working on the theory of well-being, developing material from my dissertation into articles which will, I hope, soon find their way into print. I also continued working on my other research area, computing ethics. Last summer, in Ferrara, Italy, I presented material about the potential hazards of new machine learning



Scenes from the 42nd Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy. Bottom, from left: David Copp, a commentator from the University of California and Mark Schroeder from the University of Southern California.

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systems that draw conclusions about our thought and behavior. In February, I presented related material at Pomona College at the interdisciplinary Data Ethics workshop organized by the Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges. The capstone of the 2016-17 academic year was the Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, which I helped Todd Ganson organize, and which took place on May 5-7. The colloquium featured excellent papers, commentary, and discussion on issues in metaethics. A highlight for me was the opportunity to see one of my former teachers, Sigrún Svavarsdóttir (of Tufts University), present a fascinating paper that took steps toward reconfiguring the long-standing debate between cognitivists and non-cognitivists about evaluative claims. The 2016-17 academic year was my third year teaching at Oberlin, and it is with some sadness that I am moving on. I am beginning a three-year postdoc at the University of Twente (in the Netherlands) to research how data-driven decision-making can help enhance well-being of an organization's employees. This postdoc is a great opportunity for me, but I will sorely miss my Oberlin colleagues and students.

**Martin Thomson-Jones:** In the fall I was promoted to professor, and in the spring I was on sabbatical, so it would be hard to complain about how this year went—much as, being English, I might want to. I also had a paper published this spring:



“Against Bracketing and Complacency: Metaphysics and the Methodology of the Sciences,” in the edited volume *Metaphysics in the Philosophy of Science* (OUP). (Run, don't walk....) In the

fall I taught two of my core courses, Philosophy of Science and Deductive Logic. I'm now putting together a new first-year seminar for the fall. With the somewhat meretricious title *Truth, Lies, and Alternative Facts*, the course will explore a range of philosophical issues bubbling under, and sometimes erupting onto, the surface of much contemporary political discourse, including questions about objective truth, facts, scientific knowledge, truthfulness, and expertise.

Off campus, I've been teaching a course called Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC). I started teaching MSC in 2014, and I've been offering it in and around Oberlin since spring 2015. I've been a trained teacher of the course for some time, but I'm just about to become a certified teacher (both qualifications being granted by the U.C. San Diego Mindfulness-Based Professional Training Institute, on behalf of the Center for Mindful Self-Compassion). I'm making plans to offer the course on the west side of Cleveland again in the fall and to coteach the five-day intensive version of the course in Brighton,

## KAREN'S RETIREMENT



In December 2016, the classics and philosophy departments bade a fond farewell to Karen Barnes, our administrative assistant for 31 years. Karen is pictured here with Martin Thomson-Jones and Tim Hall.

Thank you to our alumni and students who gave notes to include in Karen's memory book. She was very touched by the gift.

We had a great evening at the Feve, with all of Karen's colleagues and work friends sharing stories and plans for the future. We will miss you Karen, but we wish you wonderful adventures in your retirement!

England, over fall break. I'm also exploring ways of bringing MSC to campus; I gave two lunchtime workshops for students at the conservatory this spring, and I've been asked to do more MSC teaching for con students next year. So it's an exciting time for me in connection with this second vocation I've discovered in recent years.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### PHILOSOPHY MAJORS COMMITTEE

As members of the philosophy majors committee, students Delainy Grube, Alexandra Heller, and Evelyn Wagaman assisted the philosophy department in various capacities this year. During the departmental review process, they met with internal and external reviewers to offer a student perspective on philosophy at Oberlin. They also helped to promote the department's winter-term project

on Critical Theory, the Nancy K. Rhoden Memorial Lecture, and a talk by Remei Capdevila on the philosophy of architecture, called “Every Difference Makes a Difference: Ruminations on Two Pavilions and Two Modernities.”

In addition, to help philosophy students get to know one another, the committee organized a successful majors and minors mixer.

### ESSAY PRIZES

The **Christopher P. Dahl Essay Prize** is given for the best undergraduate essay in any area of philosophy, and the **Rhoden Essay Prize** is given for the best undergraduate essay in the areas of ethics, medical ethics, or the philosophy of law.

**Evelyn Wagaman '17** is the winner of this year's Dahl Prize and this year's Rhoden Prize. Congratulations Evelyn on your outstanding work!

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, cont.

### CONGRATS 2017 PHILOSOPHY GRADS!

#### Philosophy Majors:

Nate Cohen  
Xingyu Lai  
Larry Leggett  
Jorge Luevano  
Kai Shinbrough  
Evelyn Wagaman

#### Philosophy Minors:

Bradley Cole  
Blair Griffith  
Adrian Kelly  
Louis Krauss  
Ariel Miller  
Lillian Moskin  
Ian Paik  
Araxi Polony  
Jesse Potts  
David Skrill  
Ave Spencer  
Michael Swantek

**Blaire Griffith** is an Americorps member for Horizon Education Centers, a non-profit that provides low-income families in Lorain and Cuyahoga counties with quality pre-school and after-school programs.

**Adrian Kelly** will attend Marquette University Law School.

**Xingyu Lai** is anticipating joining a master's program in philosophy and education at Columbia University.

**Kai Shinbrough** will start graduate school for Physics at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign in the fall; specifically studying quantum optics vis-a-vis single photon

generation and light induced atomic desorption.

**David Skill** will attend the Eastman School of Music for a MM in cello performance.

**Ave Spencer** will be part of an AmeriCorps program in Chicago called Schuler Scholars, which works on preparing high school students for college. Ave plans to apply to medical school after the AmeriCorps program.

**Evelyn Wagaman** will be setting out on a path of great indeterminacy, along which Evelyn could encounter nearly anything or anyone before perhaps eventually applying to philosophy graduate programs.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Programming in the Department of Philosophy relies significantly on contributions from alumni and friends. Gifts of every amount facilitate the growth and vitality of the study of philosophy at Oberlin for majors and students throughout the college.

We hope you can make such a contribution. The following URL allows you to do so directly and online: [www.oberlin.edu/giving](http://www.oberlin.edu/giving).

When you reach this page, click "Donate." When asked to "choose a designation," please choose **Departments** and then **Philosophy**.

Thank you for your support. Your generous contributions enable us to sponsor events on and off campus, benefiting the entire Oberlin community!

### COMMENCEMENT-REUNION WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE



*The Department of Philosophy hosts an open house during Commencement Reunion Weekend each year, where we exchange fond farewells to graduating seniors while meeting their families. Left: Topaz Ross Kelso and Martin Thomson-Jones. Right: Jeff Zahratka and Todd Ganson.*

## ALUMNI NEWS



**Joseph Andriano '02**, an assistant professor of law at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., was awarded one of Clarkson's highest honors, the Commendable

Leadership Award. This award is given to students, faculty, and staff who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and quality participation in organizations associated with Clarkson and the wider community. Joseph's achievements leading to the award included election as president of the Potsdam Food Co-op, work to bring a peer mediation and ombudsman program to Clarkson, and advising the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity. Joseph married Sarah Harris in June at Scott Farm in Dummerston, Vt. The couple lives in Potsdam with two cats, seven chickens, and a llama.

**Seth Auster-Rosen '06** writes: "Since Oberlin, along with all kinds of jobs, I've done an MA in philosophy at University College Dublin in Ireland, where I wrote a thesis on Plotinus, and an MAR at the Yale Divinity School with a focus on Asian religions. In between those, I started a band with some beloved Oberlin connies and taught as an adjunct professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's University (Philadelphia). But it's Buddhist thought and practice I'm really interested in, so I've recently spent time living in the exile villages of great Tibetan masters in Nepal and India. In northern India, I stayed downstairs from the enshrined mummy of a renowned Togden (rtogs ldan) or "Realized One," while befriending other (non-mummified) Togdens. I've recently started a PhD in philosophy of religions at the University of Chicago Divinity School, but I'm headed back to South Asia this summer. Oberlin is always in my heart."

**Stephen Braude '67** writes: "My most recent book, *Crimes of Reason* (Rowman

& Littlefield) is at last available in an affordable paperback."

**Meredith Bloom '12** writes: "I've been living in Bushwick, Brooklyn, N.Y., since early October and recently finished a semester-long internship at Writers House, an amazing literary agency located in the heart of Manhattan. Since the end of the program, I've spent time rediscovering chess, making zines, and catching up on my reading list, as well as searching for full-time positions in the literary world. I can't believe it's been almost a year since my time at Oberlin ended!"

**Katharine Cook '59** writes: "I am heavily committed to what, in this area, is called 'restoration ecology.' See [www.marincarbonproject.org](http://www.marincarbonproject.org). That is, restoring to the landscape those native plants that grew here before we became so committed to the 'economy based on the production of goods and service,' thereby restoring carbon levels in the soils and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the atmosphere. My focus is on flowering plants that are useful for dyeing the local wools, which is a very strong ecologically oriented movement in this area. The carbon project is represented in Sacramento, Calif. I have been inspired and encouraged in this work by John Liu, a leader in this movement who presents at Bioneers."

**Dean, Jeff '90** writes: "Our second son, Monty, was born on July 29, 2016. He's



happy and healthy, as is 5-year-old Oscar. I've settled into my job at Harvard University Press and am excited to be publishing the first books I signed. Subjects include gravitational waves, the nature and hidden pleasures of arithmetic (no, really!), and living with robots, where the latter is mainly a work of philosophy (translated from French).

There's more philosophy-related material to come, though nothing I can yet reveal.

**Michael Dunn, J. '63** writes: "I have been honored by a book about my research in the Springer series Outstanding Contributions to Logic: *J. Michael Dunn on Information Based Logics*, ed. Katalin Bimbo, 2016, xliii + 434 pp. You can find the front matter (which includes table of contents, my autobio, list of publications) at <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-319-29300-4>."

**Karen Emmerman '96** earned a PhD in philosophy in 2012. She is a part-time faculty member at the University of Washington and Seattle University as well as the Philosopher-in-Residence at a Seattle public elementary school. Her research focuses on human-animal conflicts of interest. Karen's essay, "Sanctuary Not Remedy: The Problem of Captivity and the Need for Moral Repair," was published in *The Ethics of Captivity* (Lori Gruen, ed.) Her essay "Inter-Animal Moral Conflict and Moral Repair: A Contextualized Feminist Approach in Action" was published in *Ecofeminism: Feminist Interactions with Other Animals and the Earth* (Lori Gruen and Carol J. Adams, eds.).

**Ruth Shankweiler Garrett Millikan '55** writes: "I was awarded the 2017 Nicholas Rescher prize for systematic philosophy and the 2017 Rolf Schock prize in logic and philosophy. Otherwise, I'm quite well. The ninth member of my family to go to Oberlin, Katie Cabrera, graduated last spring."

**Ted Green '73** writes: "It's been awhile since my philosophical days, 1973. Since then, wives, children, the full Zorbian catastrophe. I now lawyer for the Laborers' International Union of North America, which provides the sustenance so that I can obsess about the mind/body problem. Particularly unsatisfying in that regard is "Profiles: A Science of the Soul," *New Yorker* (March 27, 2017).

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**John Hansbury '72** writes: “After the death of my late wife, the comedic actress Madeline Kahn, from ovarian cancer, I served on the board of directors of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (OCRF) for 16 years, acting as copresident and cochair. Recently OCRF merged with the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance to form the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance, the largest global organization dedicated to advancing ovarian cancer research while supporting women and their families, and I am now chair of the board of directors of OCRFA.”

**Katherine (Kit) Abel Hawkins '69** writes: “My PhD in social studies was conferred by Grinnell College in May 2015 in recognition of my work in the field of education and the founding and 25-year history of Arbor School of Arts & Sciences.”

**Theo Helmstadter '87** writes: “I’m going into my 18th year running Green River Pottery, my studio in Santa Fe. Doing philosophy at Oberlin, I explored the nature of time and time consciousness—this exploration continues in clay, as I make work that evokes the past and the passage of time and—like all work in clay on some level—gives a physical dimension to this elusive element.”



**Andrew Innes '92** writes: “Excited to visit Oberlin in May for my 25th reunion! Otherwise, I am just chugging along making games (anomiapress.com) and music (weescotsman.com).”

**Will Jaffee '06** writes: “I’m still slogging away in residency in western Mass, doing research related to septic shock, aiming for

a fellowship in critical care or an academic hospitalist position starting in 2018. Still using my ethics training regarding end-of-life care often!”

**Jon Kleinman '91** writes: “In addition to my academic advising duties at SUNY Old Westbury, I’ve been tasked with starting an annual publication for the School of Arts and Sciences. *Unfettered Inquiry* has grown from a short newsletter to a full color magazine. Our fall 2016 issue featured a cover story on underrepresented students in STEM majors. The 2017 issue will feature articles on student and faculty research in neuropsychology and faculty efforts to get more female students interested in computer science. Building a publication from the ground up has been quite rewarding. I continue to ‘moonlight’ as a music journalist, writing for *Living Blues* and *Elmore Magazine*.”

**Richard Koritz '66** writes: “Last spring I attended my Oberlin class reunion after 50 years. I was asked to participate in a panel discussion on our ‘next 30 years’ because, according to the organizers, I seemed to have had a seamless transition into ‘retirement.’ While I never pursued an academic career in philosophy, I do continue to live my life based on the same philosophical principles that I upheld at Oberlin long ago. These principles include opposition to imperialist war. Back then, I led the first demonstrations in Ohio against the U.S. war in Vietnam. Tragically, within the past few days, the need to continue to wage this fight has been rekindled by the blatantly unconstitutional and fake news-fueled, Clinton-recommended Trump attack on the sovereign state of Syria. Fighting for a just world is ennobling, but the urgency of the need to do so, especially for a citizen of the U.S.A., remains a heavy responsibility today.”

**Marilyn (Lynn) McDonald '66** writes: “Our 50th reunion was fabulous! We raised money for Oberlin and had great fun. We reflected in small groups on how being



a student at Oberlin raised our political awareness and activism; we heard people’s stories of how our commitment to social justice played out across career choices; and then we shared new exciting ways it is emerging in our retirement years. Very proud of our class of 1966 and of Oberlin for aiming to end racism and inequalities. After retiring in October as a professor of social work in London, England, we returned to home to Madison, Wis., after Brexit and before Trump. We have four awesome grandchildren! Vive la Resistance!”

**Edward Mooney '62** writes: “Had my *Excursions Thoreau* (my 10th book) published with Bloomsbury to good reviews, and I continue doing articles on Kierkegaard for various collections. Have found blogging great fun—my career is in place, I’m officially retired. So I can ruminate non-academically about whatever tickles my brain (and heart). Got invited to Columbia Teacher’s College to talk to grad students and faculty on ‘Teaching in the Humanities.’ Oberlin had the answer to that, but the answer’s been forgotten. Oberlin gave me a good launch into philosophy!”

**Perry Newman '80** writes: “I’m the CEO of a community development corporation

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called Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation. We are a team of 25 individuals working in a low-income area of Boston. We develop affordable housing and commercial space and own more than 900 apartment units in our community. We also have a small business assistance and business loan program, as well as youth leadership training and re-entry programs. Our work helps to stabilize and build strong neighborhoods, and we are proud to play a role in revitalizing the community in a way that enables longtime residents to remain in the face of rapid gentrification.”

**George Rainbolt '84** writes: “On July 5, I will become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Florida.”

**David Rees '94** writes: “I hosted two seasons of *Going Deep With David Rees*, a how-to show about the best way to do

simple things (tie your shoes, open a door, etc.). The show was cancelled, so I’m developing other TV projects with my producing partners.”

**Andy Resnick '87** writes: “I’m about to hit 20 years as an audiologist in New York City and 10 years in private practice. I live in Manhattan with my wife of 21 years, Robin, and our 16-year-old son, Jacob. I try to play guitar as much as I can. In fact, I’ve recently been playing with fellow Obie philosophy alum Ken Rich '89. If anyone would like to get in touch with me, I can be reached at [aresnick65@gmail.com](mailto:aresnick65@gmail.com).”

**Taylor Rogers '11** writes: “I am finishing my second year at Northwestern University, pursuing my PhD in philosophy. My research is currently situated at the intersection of social epistemology and gender and race studies. My first publication co-authored with Marcia Baron, ‘Patriotism and Impartiality,’ is forthcoming in Springer’s *New Major Reference Works*. In addition to my studies, I continue to make music and teach jump rope at a youth circus, CircEsteem, in the greater Chicago area.

**Matt Rubinstein '10** writes: “I’ve been building a startup called LiveSchool since 2011. We’ve reached profitability and are now serving over 500 K-12 schools across the U.S., helping them to track, reward, and improve student behavior. You might not believe me, but the mission of the company is heavily rooted in my honors research on John Dewey’s philosophy of education.”

**Happy Sayre-McCord '79** writes: “My husband, Geoff Sayre-McCord, and I are both Oberlin philosophy alums ('79). Last month, the Parr Center for Ethics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, which Geoff was instrumental in founding, hosted the fifth annual National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB). Geoff and I both volunteer for the N.C. regional competition and the national competition, as we think the Bowl provides a great



introduction in ethics and philosophy to high schoolers, and the process of preparing for competition helps these kids learn and practice critical thinking skills that are essential to taking on their roles as citizens in a democracy. This year, almost 4,000 high school students nationwide participated. The competition weekends are so much fun, as the kids are actively engaged, articulate, and obviously relish the chance to wrestle with real-world ethical dilemmas. We are consistently impressed with the quality, civility, and energy of the students’ presentations. We’re always looking for more coaches and high schools to participate! Oberlin philosophy alums should contact Geoff or Dominique Dery, director of the NHSEB, [dominique.dery@unc.edu](mailto:dominique.dery@unc.edu), if they are interested in coaching a team in their area. Cases and study questions are prepared by UNC’s philosophy department and the Parr Center and are distributed at the start the school year. The NHSEB staff can provide lots of support and guidance to those interested in mentoring a team. Regional competitions around the country also need judges.”

**Jane Thomas '75** writes: “I’m involved in queer as well as German and European politics in general.”

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