The study of philosophy is excellent preparation for graduate study, for professional school, for seminary, and for any career path in which clear thought and expression are valued. It cultivates skill in clear thinking and writing, in logical criticism, and increases the power and discipline of the imagination. Auburn’s BA Program approaches the study of philosophy both historically and analytically, exposing students to the great philosophers and philosophies of the past and present.
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PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2017


**Jolley, Kelly.** “Once Moore Unto the Breach: Frege and the Concept ‘Horse’ Paradox.” *Philosophical Topics*, vol. 43, nos. 1&2, 2017, pp. 113-124.


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2016


2015


2014


2017 compared to 2014-2016 average

2017: 13
2014-2016: 8.66
2017


2016

None.

2015


2017 compared to 2014-2016 average

2017: 4
2014-2016: 1.33
None.

None.
INVITED PUBLICATIONS

2017


FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

Jolley, Kelly. Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2017

Jolley, Kelly. Goodwin-Philpott Endowed Chair in Religion, 2015

Shech, Elay. Visiting Grant from the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry at the University of Sydney, 2017

Shech, Elay. Visiting Fellowship at the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science at the University of Sydney, 2017

Shech, Elay. International Senior Research Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study at Durham University, 2016

Shech, Elay. Killiam Postdoctoral Fellowship at Dalhousie University, Declined, 2015

Shech, Elay. Isaac Manasseh Meyer Visiting Fellowship at National University of Singapore, 2016

Milona, Michael. Routledge, Taylor and Francis Prize for “Taking the Perceptual Analogy Seriously”, 2017


Shelley, James. Academy of Outstanding Teachers, College of Liberal Arts, Auburn University, 2016

Elfstrom, Gerry. John and Mary Franklin Foundation in Atlanta to support the Littleton-Franklin Lectures. Amount: $10,000, 2015

Fix, Jeremy. Emily and Charles Carrier Dissertation Prize, Harvard University, 2017


Shech, Elay. Writing in the Disciplines Seminar Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Shech, Elay. Speaking in the Disciplines Seminar Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2014
Jorah Dannenberg (Stanford University), "Serving Two Masters: Ethics, Epistemology, and Taking Others at Their Word"

Julia Driver (Washington University in St. Louis), "Aesthetic Worth"

Louise Hanson (Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge), "Realist Pessimism: An Argument by Elimination"

Robert Hopkins (New York University), "Norms of Use"

Jennifer Lockhart (Auburn University), "End Testimony"

Errol Lord (University of Pennsylvania), "Indirect Ways of Learning about Morality and Aesthetics: Deference, Inference, Appreciation, Expertise"

Patricia McShane (University of Portland), "Why is it Good to Give Moral Testimony?"

Ram Neta and Joshua Blanchard (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Moral Deference and the Stability of Moral Belief"

Jon Robson (The University of Nottingham), "Taste and Assertion"

James Shelley (Auburn University), "Aesthetic Acquaintance"
The Auburn Philosophical Society consists of a group of professors, students, guest speakers, and other guests. It meets approximately every other Friday. At a typical meeting consists in the presentation of a philosophical talk followed by questions and discussion.

**Guest Speakers for 2017**

Paul Bloomfield (Connecticut) "Virtues as Excellences"

Anjan Chakravatty (Notre Dame) "Pluralism (but not Perspectivism) about Scientific Models"

John Hacker-Wright (Guelph) "Emotion, Virtue, and Rational Life"

Edward Halper (Georgia) “The Metaphysics of Personal Relationships"

Amy Kind (Claremont McKenna) "What Imagination Teaches"

Ted Poston (South Alabama) "Two strategies for explaining away skepticism"
Lawrence Cunningham--“Contemplation and the Text: The Spiritual Writings of Thomas Merton”

Stanley Hauerwas--“Kierkegaard and the Academy: A Theological Meditation”

Kelly Dean Jolley--“Under a Doom-shaped Sky, Or Hats off to the Human Condition (A Discussion of Merton’s Cables to the Ace)”

Patrick O’Connell--“Trappists, Working – Trappists, Praying: Thomas Merton’s Earliest Monastic Poetry”

Christopher Pramuk--“Contemplation and the Suffering Earth: Merton, Pope Francis, and the Next Generation”

Bonnie Thurston--“Murdering Judas, Reconciling the Contemplative and the Poet”
The Auburn Philosophy Club is composed of students interested in philosophy who come together to learn about and discuss informally philosophical topics of interest. The club runs hand in hand with the Auburn chapter of Phi Sigma Tau and is open to every student who has broad philosophical interests and a desire to participate and contribute to the philosophical life of the group.

In 2017, the club had two memorable trips, one to the Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Chicago and the other to the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society in Pensacola. During the first of these, the students got to hear talks by some of world’s leading philosophers. During the second trip, they heard, among other things, a paper by one of their own: Katie Kirk, who won the Alabama Philosophical Society’s Undergraduate Paper Award.

In the Spring, the club hosted a philosophical panel on the topic of science and religion in a local coffee shop. Faculty members and students gave excellent presentations and fielded questions from a local audience.

Last but definitely not least, the club hosted informal discussions with visiting and philosophers including Paul Bloomfield (Connecticut), Anjan Chakravatty (Notre Dame), John Hacker-Wright (Guelph), Edward Halper (Georgia), Amy Kind (Claremont McKenna), and Ted Poston (South Alabama).
The Philosophy Department Sponsors the Auburn Ethics Debate Team.

Throughout Fall Semester the Team prepares for competition at the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl. The competition focuses on 15 applied ethics cases, distributed sometime in early September. Students analyze the central ethical tensions of each case, crafting arguments and illustrations to support their claims about what ethical duties the relevant parties face, who is to praise or to blame morally for actions described in the case, and how relevant ethical goods such as utility, justice, autonomy, and integrity might be maximized. Students then present their views and critique the presented views of others in several rounds of highly structured debate at the regional competition.

This year the competition took place at St. Petersburg College in Largo, Florida on November 4, 2017.

2017 Ethics Debate Team:
Lucas Copeland
Kendra Griggs
Blake Lessley
Jada Norford
Gage Taylor
Katie Kirk won the Alabama Philosophical Society’s Undergraduate Paper Award for 2017.


Carson Williford was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany where he will teach English.