



# Department of Philosophy

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### Philosophy Graduate Survey

The Philosophy Dept. now offers a survey for graduates! The link is below:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dhrwm2TUhVnpJWNstvs2w\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dhrwm2TUhVnpJWNstvs2w_3d_3d)

### Student Enrollment is Up!



The 2008 Fall quarter enrollment numbers are in and show an increase in students majoring in Philosophy. There are an additional 44 majors this fall.

It seems that the word has gotten out about the foundational opportunities associated with majoring in philosophy. Students have mentioned that their abilities have improved in the areas of critical thinking, logic and writing.

## New Professor of Religious Studies

The Department of Philosophy at CSU East Bay has hired a new tenure track Assistant Professor to expand the Religious Studies Program. Christopher Moreman has relocated from Nova Scotia, Canada to work with other faculty members on the development and expansion of programs in the Department of Philosophy.

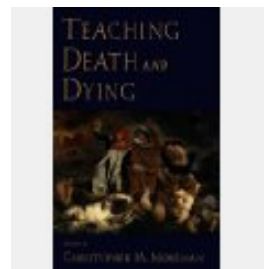
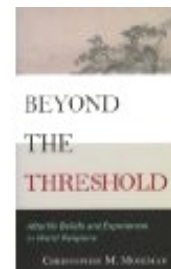
*the Threshold* and (Editing) *Teaching Death and Dying*.



Assistant Professor Moreman received his Masters in Mysticism from the University of Kent, Canterbury in England and his PhD from the University of Wales, Lampeter.

Assistant Professor Moreman's academic interests include death and the afterlife, mystical and religious experiences, and religion and popular culture.

Assistant Professor Moreman is also an accomplished author having written: *Beyond*



## THE PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY OF CSUEB

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 1:30pm about 40 students and faculty came together to have their monthly discussion. The topic was Monty Python's Flying Circus and how it is related to philosophy. A few of the questions that were addressed by the group were: Do philosophers accomplish anything? What exactly is an argument? The consensus was that philosophers ask important questions that need to be addressed as depicted in the Monty Python video, "Philosophy Football". They are assisted in their discoveries by pseudo philosophers like Archimedes and Karl Marx who helped get the ball rolling.



## Philosophy Department of CSU East Bay Points of Pride

### Points of Pride Philosophy Department

□ The Philosophy Society conducted discussions on such topics as the Olympics, Global Ethics, Aesthetics, Racism and the film, "What the Bleep do We Know," during the past year.

□ The students and faculty of the Philosophy Department at California State University, East Bay are proud to present the 2008 edition of our undergraduate philosophy journal, *Reflections*.

*Reflections* includes original work from students studying philosophy at CSUEB, majors, minors, and non-majors alike. Our 2008 edition features a

very diverse group of writings and original art. This edition contains the first and second winning essays of the "Prestigious Bassen Prize" for best written submissions to *Reflections*. Congratulations to Tyrus Fisher for his first place essay "Utility and Rules of Morality: Kant, Mill, and Hare" and to Monica Thain for her second place essay "Confronting Delusions: Reflections on Friedrich Nietzsche's 'On Truth and Lie in an Extra-Moral Sense'".

[http://class.csueastbay.edu/philosophy/Student\\_Journal\\_-\\_Reflections.php](http://class.csueastbay.edu/philosophy/Student_Journal_-_Reflections.php)

Please use the buttons at the bottom of the cover page to navigate the journal; the articles can be accessed through

the "Table of Contents" page. I'm personally very proud of the work of our students displayed in this edition, and I hope that you enjoy it.

Attention Alumni! The Philosophy Society of CSU East Bay is now on Facebook, the social networking site. If you would like to join us, please send an e-mail request to Jennifer Eagan, [jennifer.eagan@csueastbay.edu](mailto:jennifer.eagan@csueastbay.edu), and we'll get you connected with former and current students and faculty.

□ New faculty member Christopher Moreman's edited book *Teaching Death and Dying* has just been published by Oxford University Press.

□ Professor Emeritus Ed MacKinnon recently published

an article "Schwinger and the Ontology of Quantum Field Theory" in *Foundations of Science* Volume 12, 2007.

□ Associate Professor Jennifer Eagan is the Forum Editor for the journal *Administrative Theory & Praxis*. Professor Eagan also has a forthcoming article, "The Deformation of Decentered Subjects: Foucault and Postmodern Public Administration" in the *International Journal of Organizational Theory & Behavior*.

□ Lecturer Vida Pavesich recently published the article, "Hans Blumenberg's Philosophical Anthropology: After Heidegger and Cassirer," in the *Journal of Philosophy*, July 2008.



## From Philosophy Minor- to CSU East Bay Buyer -to Retiree



Paul Harkness 1967

When Paul Harkness came to Cal State Hayward in 1967 the world was in conflict. All eyes were on America and especially the Bay Area. The Vietnam War, the Civil Rights movement, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. assignments were topics of people's lips. As a bright new transfer student Paul found his way to the Department of Philosophy in search of himself. During this time of turmoil Paul found refuge in an uncertain world in both the Departments of Philosophy and Theatre Arts.

Paul remembers how Eugene Mayers was the Chair of the Department of Philosophy. At that time, the Philosophy Department had a student lounge. The Philosophy Department Lounge was a place where students could examine their own personal beliefs while shaping new beliefs. Paul talked about how real world issues were being debated in the classrooms and halls and on into the lounge of Cal State Hayward. Professors and students came together for free speech and open dialog. The quad area had speeches, poetry readings, pro-war and anti-war demonstrations along with sit-ins.

Through the turmoil students like Paul found themselves. They became a beacon of light for the university. Paul became the President of the Philosophy Club, co-founder of an alternative newspaper and a Student Assistant in Shipping and Receiving. Paul received a State Merit Award in 1978 for creating a presorting program for postage that saved the university money. After years of service to the university Paul gained a position as Buyer. When asked how Philosophy has impacted his life Paul said, "Philosophy gave me the ability to think analytically, the ability to think logically and I can using reasoning skills to break down arguments." Paul has deemed Philosophy to be the, "Queen of the Sciences" for shaping his life in a positive way.

Paul's wisdom, enthusiasm and charisma will be missed by both students and faculty. As Paul leaves Cal State East Bay and reinvents himself in retirement, his presence and impact will forever be part of the university. As retirement grows ever so closer what are Paul's plans? Paul love for the theater will now be pursued in acting and in writing. Paul can be seen performing at [www.winetrain.com/murder-mystery-2009-02-07](http://www.winetrain.com/murder-mystery-2009-02-07).



Paul Harkness 2007