

# Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy Newsletter

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**AL-BETA(0102)** [Auburn University; advisor, Keren Gorodeisky] Our Auburn chapter was quite busy during the last academic year. Among our spring events was a discussion with Tim Sundell of his paper, “Instability of Content,” a discussion with David Sanson of his paper, “Potential Parts,” a trip to the Central Meeting of APA (partially supported by the philosophy department and the SGA), and helping host “Aristotle and Kant in Conversation” at the 8th Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference. On March 29, we hosted Christine Korsgaard and talked with her about her *Littleton/Franklin Lecture*; the lecture dealt with the relationship between humans and animals. On April 15, Antonio Capuano lectured on the paradox of belief; on April 21, David O’Connor lectured on the Role of Beauty in Religious Art and the following day lectured on Plato’s *Phaedrus*. Quite a busy term!

**CA-IOTA(0509)** [Westmont College; advisor, Jim Taylor] President: Kelly Collins, Vice-president: Cameron Lee, Secretary: Luke Donner, Public Relations Managers, Hien Bui and Shane Reid. On March 16, the California Iota chapter at Westmont College inducted sixteen new members and elected five officers. Officers and current members will meet to plan activities for the 2016-2017 school year. Ideas include a Philosophical BBQ (perhaps with a discussion of the ethics of vegetarianism), a discussion of philosophically oriented films, and collaborative discussions with Westmont’s Science and Faith club.

**CT-DELTA(0704)** [Quinnipiac University; advisor, Thornton Lockwood] NEW CHAPTER!

**DC-GAMMA(0903)** [American University; advisor, Amy Oliver] NEW ADVISOR. We initiated five new members last year. Also, the chapter organized a session with a guest speaker for a March lecture on “Faith, Reason, and Uncertainty.” During the year, members participated on a student committee during the department’s recent Tenure Track Candidate search. In late April, Dr. Oliver, Karlene Chi (the outgoing graduate adviser), and PST members worked to plan events for the new fall semester.

**FL-THETA(1008)** [Florida Southern College; advisor, H. A. Nethery, IV] NEW ADVISOR.

**GA-BETA(1102)** [Emory University; advisor,

Frederick Marcus] The Emory chapter continues to benefit from a generous donation from Donald and Patricia Nicholson. As our central program, we initiated the first annual Emory Undergraduate Philosophy Conference; the conference included both graduate and undergraduate presentations as well as a keynote address by a senior faculty member. The Conference worked closely to select undergraduate presenters for the Emory Philosophical Review, an undergraduate journal in its second year of publication.

We also initiated other programs to increase philosophical inquiry and community; we worked with the Emory Philosophical Club to create an informal writing center where beginning students could ask PST members and other philosophy majors for philosophical advice on papers. We also held philosophical roundtables for the presentation of unique philosophical topics. These two programs have great potential for the future.

We continued with our monthly philosophy circles that are open to all undergraduates; a faculty member addresses a small group of students about a topic of particular interest. This year’s topics included The Insidious Nature of Whiteness; Intimacy, Death, and Heidegger’s ‘They’; What Pragmatism Means; Beginnings; Novalis and German Romanticism; and Modes of Philosophy. Each session included a lively philosophical discussion between professor and students.

On April 14, we held our tenth annual induction dinner, and this also served as a departmental honors dinner. All PST members, inductees, and faculty were invited, and Cynthia Willett delivered the keynote address, “Urban Art and Urban Ethics: From Mexico City to Ferguson, Missouri.” In addition, we continue to maintain our website with information about PST and upcoming events.

**GA-GAMMA(1103)** [Agnes Scott College; advisor, Harald Thorsrud] President: Tess Lewis, Vice-president: Estephania Hernandez. On March 4, after a period of inactivity, we inducted nine new members into our chapter and elected officers for the new year. After a consideration of two possible speakers, members decided to invite Dr. George Yancy of Auburn University, and on April 28, Dr. Yancy gave a talk entitled, “Fear of the Black Body: The Distorted Lens of Whiteness,” in which

he explored racism and what it means to be white in a white supremacist country.

**GA-DELTA(1104)** [Mercer University; advisor, Rosalind Simson] NEW CHAPTER! Co-Presidents: Parker Betterncourt and Teal St. Nicklaus, Vice-president: Peter Fadoul, Secretary: Samuel Scheinman.

**IL-ZETA(1406)** [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; advisor, Jonathan Livengood] NEW ADVISOR. President: Micheal Clark, Vice-president: Gracie Reinecke, Treasurer: David Lewis, Social Media Chairs: Andy Xu and Alex Mendez, Social Chairs: Nathan Williams and Sarah Campbell. The April 13 meeting dealt with the topic of knowledge with background information presented by Micheal Clark. Questions to guide the discussion were 1) What is Knowledge? What are we trying to get at when we say “I know that ...”? 2) What do Gettier problems do to our concept of knowledge? and 3) How does rationality fit in? The topic of our April 27 meeting was the relationship between morality and religion. Questions included 1) Is morality dependent upon religion or God’s existence? 2) Do God’s commands determine value? and 3) Must God (an unsurpassable being) create an unsurpassable world? (Is this the best possible world?)

**IL-MU(1412)** [Dominican University; advisor, Drew Dalton] NEW ADVISOR.

**IN-ALPHA(1501)** [Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis; [advisor, Samuel Kahn] NEW CHAPTER!

**KY-EPSILON(1805)** [University of Louisville; advisor, Avery Kolers] At our April meeting, we inducted five new members. Then members voted to request removal of the gender designation from the PST directory card (all members voting to request removal). One of our new members, Jared McNeil, planned a film night; chapter President Angie Carlson coordinated a sock drive to collect new socks for St. John’s Center for Homeless Men.

**LA-GAMMA(1903)** [Xavier University of New Orleans; advisor, Thora Bayer] We held our second induction ceremony of the term to induct one more student and then discussed her plans for the end-of-the-semester work in addition to her future plans.

**MD-DELTA(2104)** [Washington College; advisor, Matthew McCabe] Our chapter had four new inductees for the year; we hold meetings and events in tandem with the Philosophy Club. Dr. McCabe was on sabbatical during the fall term, but chapter events went on in his absence.

**MA-IOTA(2209)** [Assumption College; advisor, Samuel Stoner] NEW ADVISOR.

**MI-MU(2312)** [Alma College; advisor, Nicholas Dixon] The Alma College chapter will make a few changes for the next year. Regular meetings will now be monthly with the Executive Officers meeting bi-weekly to discuss club business and potential meetings. This is done so that we will have more time to plan events. Meetings will not be

restricted to monthly if there are other events we would like to include.

**MO-XI(2614)** [University of Missouri-St. Louis; advisor, Waldemar Rohloff] Our chapter held the fall semester finals Study Jam (held at the end of each semester) to assist students in preparing for exams. Also, our chapter partnered with the departments of Gender Studies, Communications, and Philosophy to address food scarcity on campus; we planned to establish a food bank on campus this spring as well as bring SNAP to campus. We also reached out to the Psychology and Nursing honor societies to begin talks about fundraising for the Independence Center (a clubhouse model facility that helps bring people with persistent mental illnesses back into society so that they are capable of living independently; we received positive feedback from faculty and students for this effort. During the fall term we participated in the Major Minor Jam to encourage enrollment in philosophy as a major or minor.

**MT-BETA(2702)** [Montana State University; advisor, Sara Waller] At one of our recent meetings we discussed an article by Angela Watercutter, “*EX MACHINA HAS A SERIOUS FEMBOT PROBLEM.*” The article begins by noting that “THE TURING TEST detects if a machine can truly think like a human. The Bechdel Test detects gender bias in fiction. If you were to mash the two together to create a particularly messy Venn diagram, the overlap shall hence forth be known as the Ex Machina Zone.” Our meeting proceeded to discuss the article which was about a recent film by Alex Garland. Also, Dr. Fritz Allhoff spoke on “Neuroethics and Criminals; Beyond Minority Report” at a meeting of the philosophical society.

**NE-BETA(2802)** [Creighton University; advisor, David McPherson] NEW ADVISOR.

**NJ-ETA(3107)** [Seton Hall University; advisor, Mark Couch] NEW ADVISOR.

**NY-ALPHA(3301)** [St. Lawrence University; advisor, Laura Rediehs] President: Ryan Ficano, Vice-president: Taber Engelken, Secretary: Katherine Boynton.

**NY-GAMMA(3303)** [SUNY at Oneonta; advisor, Jean-Paul Orgeron] SUNY Oneonta hosted the 21st annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on April 8 and 9. The keynote speaker was Dr. Lawrence Torcello from the Rochester Institute of Technology; his topic was the moral implications of climate change. Professor Orgeron hosted a reception the night before the conference to meet and greet those traveling to Oneonta to present or discuss papers at the conferences. In addition, our chapter worked to handle the registration table for the conference. April 15 will be our second induction of the term, and Dr. Orgeron will be the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

**NY-MU(3312)** [Manhattanville College; advisors, Paul Kucharski] NEW CHAPTER! The installation and first induction ceremony of the Manhattanville College chapter

was held on April 4 in the West room of Reid Castle. The new chapter was led into the room by the department's faculty. The students entered with smiles, dressed in red robes in honor of their new academic achievement. New York Chapter Mu was officially installed by Fr. Joseph Koterski S.J. (PST Executive Council Member and advisor for New York Chapter Nu), the Mary T. Clark lecturer for the evening. Then the newly installed officers, accompanied by Professor Kucharski, the faculty advisor of New York Mu, officially initiated the new members.

Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, the Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy, hosted the annual Mary T. Clark lecture which accompanied the installation of the chapter. Fr. Koterski's paper, "Lying and Loyalties," was delivered to a full house. Professor Koterski discussed conflicts that arise when our loyalties clash and whether or not lying is justified in order to resolve such conflicts. (Editor's note: Chapter advisor, Dr. Kucharski, and Dr. Nash-Marshall of the faculty of Manhattanville were both students of Fr. Koterski at Fordham.)

One other event of the evening was the awarding of the Cummins Family Endowed Philosophy Scholarship. Richard and Diane Cummins have been invaluable supporters of the Manhattanville philosophy department and have generously awarded a scholarship to an exceptional major each year. This year's recipient of their generosity was Gabriella Jackman (Class of 2017) who is a double major in Philosophy and Asian Studies. Gabriella was one of the inductees into the New York Mu chapter. Congratulations to Gabriella and thanks to the Cummins family for their support of philosophy at Manhattanville!

**NY-NU(3313)** [Fordham University; advisor, Joseph Koterski, S.J.] Our featured speaker at our April 22 induction ceremony was Dr. Amy Seymour, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Dr. Seymour's topic was "Predicting and Facing the Future." Cathlene Centeno made a student presentation at the ceremony.

**NY-PHI(3321)** [St. Francis College; advisor, Clayton Shoppa] NEW ADVISOR.

**NC-EPSILON(3405)** [University of North Carolina at Asheville; advisor, Scott Williams] NEW ADVISOR.

**NC-ETA(3407)** [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; advisor, John Roberts] The North Carolina Eta chapter initiated five new members for the year. Under the leadership of our President Nathan Smith, our chapter (along with the Carolina Philosophy Club) organized the Chapel Hill Undergraduate Philosophy Conference that was held on March 5. Keynote speaker for the conference was Professor Christopher Lebron of Yale University, and we had student speakers from New York University, Southern Illinois University, and the University of California at Los Angeles. In addition, our chapter undertook its annual task of providing free tutoring for students in introductory philosophy courses.

**OH-TAU(3619)** [Walsh University; advisor, Joe Vincenzo] At our March 4 meeting, we discussed eligibility requirements for members and set the time for the induction ceremony. Dr. Whetstine will be asked to give the address at the ceremony.

**PA-BETA(3902)** [Cabrini College; advisor, Sharon Schwarze] NEW ADVISOR.

**PA-LAMBDA(3911)** [Westminster College; advisor, David Goldberg] Chapter members at Westminster College attended the MidSouth Philosophy Conference held at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. This was the 14th time members from our chapter attended the conference.

**PA-NU(3913)** [St. Joseph's University; advisor, Ginger Hoffman] Twenty-two new members were inducted into the St. Joseph's University chapter with family members and faculty members attending the ceremony.

**PA-XI(3914)** [Bucknell University; advisor, Sheila Lintott] NEW CHAPTER!

**PA-PI(3916)** [King's College; advisor, James Ambury] NEW ADVISOR.

**PA-ALPHA BETA(3926)** [Lehigh University; advisor, Robin Dillon] President: Juliana Clifton, Vice-president: Mike Lessel, Secretary: Alec McConnell, Morale Chair: John Larson, Alumni Liaisons: Daniel Leal and Ryan Spirko. At our April 6 meeting, we discussed the Ethics Symposium and what was needed in the way of preparations for publicity, transportation, and food. We reflected on the Symposium at the April 27 meeting and nominated and elected our new officers. Our next meeting will be our Induction Ceremony (May 5) followed by a Bonding Dinner at Red Robin.

**RI-ALPHA(4001)** [Providence College; advisor, Anthony Jensen] We had a busy year! We inducted nine new members, and our inductees from last year have been active in promoting philosophy throughout the College. We have held movie nights, major/minor career days, graduate school information sessions, and three intercollegiate talks with guest speakers. Our current members have also participated in our annual departmental conferences: the St. Nicholas of Myrna Conference, The Jacob Klein Memorial Conference, and the Jacques Maritain Conference. One of our initiatives involves collaboration with nearby Brown University's philosophy department. Finally, several of our members have participated in talk and club activities this year.

**RI-BETA(4002)** [Salve Regina University; advisor, Craig Condella] President: Brandon Harrington, Vice-president: Kathleen Gamez, Secretary: Francis Quigley.

**RI-GAMMA(4003)** [Rhode Island College; advisor, Matthew Duncan] NEW ADVISOR.

**TX-XI(4414)** [University of North Texas; advisor, Michael Thompson] President: Dylan Cavanaugh, Vice-president: Taylor Phillips, Secretary: Delany Kilpatrick, Graduate Student Liaison: Nicholas Moran.

**TX-OMICRON(4415)** [University of Dallas; advisor, Philipp W. Rosemann] The University of Dallas chapter held a joint induction ceremony with the chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington; this was the second year the two chapters held joint ceremonies. Dr. Kenneth Williford, advisor for the Arlington chapter, gave the lecture on the subject of anti-philosophy and its antidotes. Eleven members were inducted into the University of Dallas chapter and two into the Arlington chapter.

**VA-ALPHA(4701)** [Christopher Newport University; advisor, Dawn Hutchinson] President: Melina Gonzales, Vice-president: Will Pell, Secretary/Historian: Marisa Ohngemach.

**VA-GAMMA(4703)** [James Madison University; advisor, Anne M. Wiles] Co-Presidents: Greg Glasgow and Ryan Matney, Co-Vice-presidents: Augustus Snyder and Tyler Palombo, Co-Secretaries: Amanda Misak and Heather Boswell, Treasurer: Austin Figueroa, Webmaster: Leilani Bartell. Also we created a new office, Nocturnal Councillor, that was based on a passage from Plato's *Laws*; elected to this office were Andrei Armanca and Leilani Bartell.

Members of the James Madison University chapter met on February 24 to discuss Sartre's *No Exit*. The discussion was led by co-presidents Brandon Cadran and Michael Clay. At our next meeting (March 24), members discussed the film and script of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. The discussion was led by Greg Glasgow and Augustus Snyder. On March 31, Dr. Anne Van Leeuwen who joined the faculty this year presented a lecture titled "Continental Philosophy: Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis?"

On April 18 Jack Gardner gave a presentation on "Euthanasia and End-Stage Dementia: A Patient Decision." Jack is a graduate of the philosophy program and is currently a graduate student in the Bio-Ethics program at the University of Pennsylvania; the talk was well attended by philosophy majors, minors, and other students and faculty.

On April 19, eleven members were initiated into the chapter in a joint ceremony with Theta Alpha Kappa, the society for religious studies. Dr. Mark Piper presented a talk entitled "Is Descartes' Conception of God Fully Coherent?" The initiation ceremonies were followed by an Honors Banquet for members of both honor societies and faculty.

Our chapter met on April 27 to elect officers, and again on April 29. Two honor students, Augustus Snyder and Tyler Palombo from the Ancient Greek philosophy course, gave a presentation on "Mythos and Logos in the Platonic Dialogues"; a lively discussion followed. After the presentation the presenters, the newly elected presidents and the graduating members of PST were guests of faculty members at a dinner at a local Italian restaurant.

**WI-ALPHA(5001)** [Marquette University; advisor,

Ericka Tucker] NEW ADVISOR.

**WI-ZETA(5006)** [University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; advisor, Joshua Horn] NEW ADVISOR.

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## From Our Archives

I have transcribed three very lightly edited letters from our files. There is little information about the very early history of Phi Sigma Tau, but these three letters might be of interest. The first letter is from H. Lynn Womack (Baldwin-Wallace College) to Dale Diefenbach (Baldwin-Wallace, but from Harvard University); the second is Dr. Diefenbach's reply, and the third is Womack's last reply.

February 7, 1956

Dear Dale:

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed Constitution which I have drawn up for Phi Sigma Tau. Nothing whatever can be done [with] ACHS [Association of College Honor Societies] or any other national affiliation until such a document was available for distribution. Read it over and let me have your comments.

I am sorry I did not see you at Cambridge as there were a number of things I would have liked to talk over with you. You will receive the second Newsletter shortly. I am glad to report that everything appears to operate in favor of Phi Sigma Tau. Professor XXXXX, the gentleman who appears to have a personal "honorary fraternity in philosophy" is not at all happy regarding the existence of Phi Sigma Tau and feels that as a matter of ethics we should disband in his favor. I am afraid that I do not see things his way.

Let me have any ideas and suggestions you have regarding PST. I think that we can get the records situation cleared up shortly now.

Sincerely,

H. Lynn Womack

March 27, 1956

Dear Prof. Womack,

I am very sorry for not having written before this. I want to congratulate you on the fine job that you did with

the Constitution. Any points with which I might even slightly disagree were minor cases of wording, but this happens when any two people want to say the same thing.

I would be interested in knowing how the ACHS meeting came out. It is too bad that Prof. XXXXX is taking the position that he is. In the first place, he seems to have made no effort to expand his society to "two or more regions" of the nation, and he has had twenty-five years to work with! Secondly, the name "Alpha Kappa Alpha" is the name of a sorority already. I would imagine that the APA would be wise not to act until we obtain the ACHS recognition.

The National Council of Omicron Delta Kappa, I know, issues a list of all those institutions which meet the minimum standards set by the ACHS and their own Constitution for the formation of new chapters. The list is issued in very diplomatic language stating the institution which receives a copy of such a list is encouraged to join. It is written so that the receiving group doesn't feel - "Who the hell are they that they approve us." It simplifies things for the routine business of the National Council. It is a preliminary approval such that the National Council and the various chapters and Convention must still go through the process of ratifying their membership. It greatly helps to promote the applications for chapter affiliations. Mr. Robert Bishop of the U. of Cincinnati could give details of their method.

Since you will be the permanent Executive Sec'y., you will be continually facing the same problem that you are now undoubtedly experiencing. I mean that you are facing problems which require genuine policy-making decisions which you hope will be satisfying to the majority of the society. Ideally, all such policy decisions should be handled by the National Council, but practically this just ain't so. Even the few meetings that the Council does hold will be annually. So much [more] gets done at such times in casual conversations than by formal letters. So much comes up in the interim, however. In order to ease your burden in the day-to-day decisions that must be made, and to insure a more adequate expression of the Council opinion, I am going to offer what may seem a ludicrous suggestion, but here goes! Many individuals and some groups "correspond" by tape. Practically any school has a tape recorder and so do many individuals or departments. It only costs eight cents to send by mail one hour of conversation (soliloquy) from say, D.C. to California, less than a dime for a metropolitan phone call! No typing up formal letters, no more written words with vocal inflections, and so on. To me the advantages of this are enormous. Letters are so cold, conference phone calls for say seven Council members spread across the nation even for a three minute rate are staggering in cost. Each tape costs about four bucks, but the saving outweighs the initial cost. Let me illustrate; some major item comes up which you think deserves more than the usual

correspondence for the operation of the society. You send out six tapes for the Council ( cost - 48¢); they listen to you; erase; record their opinions and return them to you. If you think that you need to send out copies of one member's opinion to the others, then you make copies of his tape. This process leaves in the personal element, allows ease in presentation, relatively cheap for its advantages. Even if each person sent his tape to each of the others - 7 (6x6,36), it would cost only \$2.88 by regular mail. In some cases of urgency, even air mail won't be too costly. This is not meant to take the place of official correspondence, but it would act as an unofficial auxiliary. Just as a side comment, chapters might find it novel, if not interesting, to have papers from other chapters presented in the author's voice by tape. So much for that.

Has the Banta Publishing Co. published the new "Baird's Manual"? It is supposed to come out in Dec. '55.

Could you drop me a line on the enclosed postal card about how this ACHS matter is coming out?

I have a recommendation about the establishment of a fund that might be used for scholarships or loans. It seems to me that any such fund should be limited to loans only and that no loan should be made to graduate students until the contributions to the fund have reached some arbitrary sum. Most grad. students need money at a particular time and are more concerned about getting the money than they are about whether it is a gift or a loan. The important thing is money when they need it. Consequently, I suggest that the fund help more students by restricting it to loans only. Most honor societies offer scholarships to grad. students from a special fund, but I don't think that they should dictate our course by their example. This is a suggestion to the National Council when and if they think about setting up the rules for such a fund.

I know that the new journal for student papers at Yale is advertised in the Phil. Review; maybe some such solicitation in such a journal might help Dialogue.

In closing, I really want to express my appreciation for all that you have done since last September. It was very lucky for the society that you have been at the helm. Your continued support of Phi Sigma Tau as Executive Secretary will mean the difference between its success or failure in its tender years.

Sincerely yours,  
Dale Alan Diefenbach (signed)  
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29 March 1956

*Dialogue*

Dear Dale:

Thank you for the kind words regarding the Constitution. I am certain you realize the pressure under which I operate in preparing Constitution, Initiation and Installation ceremonies, forms for every imaginable purpose-and answer a flood of letters of inquiry and information.

The February Newsletter and the first issue of Dialogue are now in the press. That accounts for my not having written anyone concerning the ACHS meeting. We came out rather well. The ACHS has an unwritten-never told to anyone until they apply and attend a meeting-that an organization must have been in operation at least three years. We were told to wait for two more years and then by all means come back. XXXXX's AKA was turned down flatly and rather coldly. If I may be a little personal-and unphilosophical-I think I rather effectively off XXXXX and his group at this meeting. XXXXX, by the way, is now desperately trying to build up AKA but the net result seems to be that the very places he is trying to "invade" happen to be more impressed with PST.

Your idea about the tape recorder is excellent except for the cost. We are going to have to be very careful with money for some time. The biggest expense we have at the present time is postage. However, we must keep on systematically canvassing the institutions with Philosophy departments or the Society will never grow. We cannot take the attitude that we must spend no money courting them by sending the Newsletter, answering requests for copies of the Constitution, etc.

I am writing to Professor Bishop for the list you mention. In the meanwhile, on the time of the National Academy of Sciences, I am examining the catalog of every accredited college and university in the U.S. and Canada to see if they are a good prospect. I expect this list to become our permanent mailing list.

Baird's Manual is far from being in the press. I am preparing new copy with specific chapter information and a photograph of the key will also appear. This extra time has operated for our benefit. It was not too easy to secure papers, but four good ones were rounded up. Once we are in print, this difficulty will disappear-I hope. Ideas appears to be floundering-I do not know why. Thanks for your kind words! Write when you have the time.

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Our editor, Dr. Steve Barbone, has spent much of his summer in preparing the special Ethics issue of *Dialogue* as well as our October issue. The Ethics issue will be a special issue in addition to our usual October and March issues; it has been in the works for a couple of years and is finally nearing completion. Since one of the main aims of Phi Sigma Tau is to encourage discussion of philosophical topics with one way of doing that the publication of student work, we are proud to publish a third issue of *Dialogue* during the 2016-2017 school year; we hope to have other special issues from time to time in the future.

The October issue is also in preparation. Among the articles will be the following papers.

- The Sorites Paradox: A Reply to Goldstein  
Nikunj Agarwal, *Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts*
  - Reconstructing Morality: Accessibility of Right Action:  
The Diverse Systemization of Intent  
Ava Ashym *University of California at Los Angeles*
  - Platonic Pedagogy in the *Meno*: Virtue Is Not a Divine Gift  
Caroline Blaney, *Hunter College*
  - Form of Life as the Collective Agreement  
Jason Culmone, *Quinnipiac University*
  - Thinking Parts: Parfit and Animalism  
Daniel Davis, *York University*
  - Fascism and Nietzsche's Political Legacy  
Nicholas Johnston, *Loyola University, Maryland*
  - Evaluating Kierkegaard's *Eros* and *Agape*: An Alternative Leap to Faith  
Greta Kaluzeviciute, *University of Essex*
  - Separate Arguments within the Wax Argument  
Rebecca Meadows, *James Madison University*
  - A Defense of the Duty to Save the Violinist  
Micah Quigley, *Grove City College*
  - Whatever Happened to the Child of Tomorrow? A Textual Analysis of Rousseau's *Emile* as Nietzsche's Concept of the Übermensch  
Nicholas Turner, *DePaul University*
  - Newton versus Kant in Modern Times  
Brandon Walton, *San Diego State University*
  - Personal Identity and the Problem of Love  
Ryan Woods, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
- We also publish reviews and encourage students to consider reviewing a book listed on the BOOKS RECEIVED pages in the regular issues of the journal. Reviewers may contact the editor to see whether a book is still available. Please contact Dr. Barbone by email at [barbone@rohan.sdsu.edu](mailto:barbone@rohan.sdsu.edu).

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## 2015-2016 Financial Report

(Category)	(Dollars)	(Percent)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Initiation fees	31,800.00	96.73
Dialogue subscriptions	158.00	0.48
NAC dues	145.00	0.44
Charter fees	600.00	1.83
Gifts	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	172,699.09	(not included)
Other income	171.00	0.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,573.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Supplies	457.66	2.39
Printing costs	1,627.03	8.49
Postage	2,742.86	14.32
Dialogue printing	12,667.28	66.13
ACHS dues/expenses	900.00	4.70
Website	192.00	1.00
Other expenses	569.00	2.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,155.83</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Retained Earnings    \$ 186,417.26**

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