It has been a good year for several of our graduate students as well. Monique Wonderly was selected as a UC Graduate Fellow in the Humanities for 2013-14, and will spend the year at the UCR Center for Ideas and Society. She also won an American Association for University Women Dissertation Fellowship, which she will decline. Philip Swensson won a fellowship at the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Philosophy of Religion for 2013-14, as well as a UCR Dissertation Year Fellowship for one quarter. And Megan Stotts won one quarter of fellowship from the UCR Graduate Research Mentorship Program.

We also have some excellent news on the placement front. Justin Coates will begin a tenure track position at the University of Houston next fall. Samantha Matherne has accepted a three year position as an Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia. Patrick Todd has accepted a position as a Chancellor’s Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. This is a three year research position that will become a permanent faculty position. And Scott Sevier was offered a tenure track position at the College of Southern Nevada.

On a somewhat different note, we have some retirements to announce. David Ghilson is retiring after 37 years on the faculty, as is Jayne Gales, who has been our Department manager for the last several years. In June we had a dinner for David and a reception for Jayne to honor them for their many years of service and the important contributions that they have made to the University, and we wish them the very best in their retirement. Finally, Katherine Henshaw is graduating this June. Katharine been a stellar undergraduate major. She graduates with a 4.0 GPA, was elected into Phi Beta Kappa, won this year’s Oliver & Carol Johnson Endowed Award and the Academic Excellence Award for Philosophy, and had a paper accepted into the undergraduate philosophy journal Res Cogitans. On top of that she has been a wonderfully efficient work study student in the Department Office for the last two years. We thank her for her excellent work and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

Andrews Reath
Chair, Philosophy Department
In 2012, Agnieszka Jaworska, together with Bennett Helm from Franklin & Marshall College and Jeffrey Seidman from Vassar College, was awarded a $640,000, three-year grant from the Templeton Foundation to support interdisciplinary research on Love and Human Agency. The Love and Human Agency Project addresses questions such as: What is love? What is the role of love and caring in human freedom, autonomy, and other aspects of human agency? How do love and caring give purpose to our activity? How are they central to our capacity to reason about what to do? How can an understanding of love and caring contribute to our understanding of our capacity to value and respond morally of character, integrity, and moral responsibility? The goal of the project is to address such questions by making use of the latest advances in neuroscience, and facilitating interdisciplinary exchange between the best philosophical theories of love and caring, the relevant insights from psychology, law, medicine, and economics, and cutting edge scientific research on the emotions. In November 2012, project co-PIs organized an interdisciplinary workshop on “Neuroethics of Caring” at the Brocher Foundation near Geneva, beginning to engage scientists such as James Blair from the National Institute of Mental Health, John O’Doherty from Caltech, and Morten Kringelbach from Oxford in philosophical discussions on the nature of caring and the deficits of caring. The project coordinators plan to continue such interdisciplinary exchanges at a three-week retreat this summer. The participants will include the philosophers Eljah Millgram and Andrea Westlund and the neuroscientists Jorge Moll from the LABS-D’Or Center for Neuroscience in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Katherine Rankin and William Seeley from the UC Irvine Memory and Aging Center. A prize competition for essays on love, caring, and human agency has also been announced. The top prize is $3,000 and the winners will be announced in Summer 2014.

The Love and Human Agency Project has hired Andrew Franklin-Hall (Ph.D. Columbia, 2011) as a postdoc at UCR for 2013-2014. Andrew specializes in ethics and social/political philosophy. He is especially interested in the moral significance of childhood, old age, and familial relationships. He has recently published essays on the autonomy of adolescents and on Locke’s theory of parental authority in The Philosophical Quarterly and The Canadian Journal of Philosophy. At UCR, he plans to research the extent to which love is an attitude guided by reasons and the importance of attachment in loving relationships. You can find out more about Andrew’s projects at his website. (Text: Agnieszka Jaworska.)

The Immortality Project is a three-year grant from the John Templeton Foundation for the study of the science, philosophy and theology of immortality. The grant, housed in the Philosophy Department here at UCR and headed by Professor John Martin Fischer, aims to fund and stimulate research into various topics related to immortality, including human longevity, personal identity, the desirability of immortality, near-death experiences and comparison and contrast of different conceptions of the afterlife.

The main features of the grant are two funding competitions, three conferences, four graduate student fellowships, and a public lecture series. The first funding competition wrapped up in June, funding ten projects that investigate topics related to immortality through empirical means. The proposals are exciting and wide-ranging. They include proposals to examine how different conceptions of the self in different cultures affect beliefs about the afterlife, to investigate out-of-body experiences and the life review element common to many near-death experiences, and to attempt to isolate and identify the genes responsible for the ability of a certain species of Hydra to regenerate itself indefinitely. The second funding competition will wrap up next June, funding fifteen philosophical and theological projects related to immortality.

The findings of those funded by the project will be reported at a midpoint and a capstone conference, both hosted at UCR and open to the public. A younger scholars conference will precede the capstone conference and consist of five seminars for ABDs and recent PhDs working on topics related to immortality. Participants will be selected on a competitive basis, have their travel and lodging paid for, receive a stipend, and be invited to attend the capstone conference. The four graduate student fellowships, two each year for the next two years, will fund UCR graduate students writing dissertations on topics related to immortality. These fellowships are open to graduate students campus-wide and will be awarded on the basis of the merits of the proposed project and fit with the aims of the grant.

Finally, the public lecture series is funded in conjunction with the UCR School of Medicine and College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Speakers will be brought in from around the world to discuss topics related to the grant, and they will supplement a lecture series run by UCR’s CHASS First program, featuring UCR faculty discussing issues related to immortality. This lecture series will take place during the third and final year of the grant, which culminates in the capstone conference reporting the findings of the research funded by the grant. In all, this final year should prove very exciting, with many events related to the grant occurring across campus all year long. (Text: Ben Mitchell-Yellin.)
Since July of 2012, Carl Cranor has addressed the American Association of Justice, the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, the UCLA Department of Environmental Health Sciences, and has also given three lectures at Iowa State University. In addition, while in Stockholm he served as a “Disputant” [Devil’s Advocate] for a dissertation at the Royal Institute of Technology. In the summer of 2012, the California Senate Rules Committee appointed Dr. Cranor to the Science Guidance Panel of the California Biomonitoring Program. He continues his work on two NSF grants and continues to consult in toxic tort cases. In February, his most recent book, Legally Poisoned: How the Law Puts Us at Risk from Toxics (Harvard), was released in paperback and was featured in an Author-Meets-Critics session at the Central Division APA meeting that same month.

Maudemarie Clark and her co-author, David Dudrick, recently released The Soul of Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil (Cambridge, 2012).

For 2012-13, the UC Riverside Academic Senate awarded John Fischer the highest honor it can bestow: the Faculty Research Lecturer Award. Selection was based on a combination of factors, including Dr. Fischer’s productivity and wide acclaim for the extremely high quality of his work, especially that dealing with the timeless issues of free will and moral responsibility. In 2012, Dr. Fischer published Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value (Oxford) and the 6th edition of Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings (Oxford). He currently serves as President of the Pacific Division of the APA and delivered the Presidential Address at this year’s meeting. His talk was titled, “The Path of Life.” In 2012, he was awarded a $5 million dollar Templeton Grant that will fund research on immortality and other related topics over the course of three years (see article, this issue.)

This spring, Peter Graham was the recipient of a fellowship with the Northern Institute of Philosophy at the University of Aberdeen. He also currently holds a 2013 Residential Fellowship with the UCR Center for Ideas & Society. Dr. Graham continues to serve as the Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs for the UCR College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. He recently critiqued a paper at the Pacific Division of the APA (see notice this issue) and also provided comments on Daniel M. Mittag’s paper, “A Meno Problem for Evidentialism,” at the Central Division APA conference in New Orleans this February.

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Pierre Keller and Andrews Reath traveled to New Orleans this last February to meet with a research group that is working on Kant’s Lectures on Ethics. This group, comprised of philosophers from the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and the US, is developing a project on “The Emergence of Autonomy in Kant’s Practical Thought.” They have met several times previously in Germany, and will meet again at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in the summer of 2014. The group plans to publish a volume of essays after the St. Andrews meeting.

In April, Jozef Müller hosted a two day Workshop in Ancient Ethics & Moral Psychology here at UCR. This month, he will present his paper, “Norms, Causes, and Responsibility in Aristotle,” at the Thirteenth Jerusalem Philosophical Encounter hosted by the S.H. Bergman Center of Philosophical Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

John Perry’s *The Art of Procrastination* was (finally!) published by Workman Publishing Company in August 2012.

For the winter semester of 2012-2013, Erich Reck has been in Germany on a fellowship with the “Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy” (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München). Dr. Reck’s book, *The Historical Turn in Analytic Philosophy*, was published in March 2013 with Palgrave Macmillan. Dr. Reck will serve as Chair for the Department beginning August, 2013.

Late August, 2012, Oxford University Press published Howard Wettstein’s book *The Significance of Religious Experience*. This collection of Wettstein’s writings on religion “explores questions of broad religious interest, but does so through a focus on the author’s religious tradition, Judaism. Among the issues explored are the nature and role of awe, ritual, doctrine, religious experience; the distinction between belief and faith; problems of evil and suffering…, [and] the virtue of forgiveness.” [From publisher’s description.] Over the last year, Dr. Wettstein has traveled extensively, giving talks on a variety of topics including his new book. In December 2012, he presented a series of lectures at a Jewish Studies conference at the University of Warwick in the UK. In 2013, he spoke at the UCR Religious Studies Distinguished Visiting Lecturer Series, was a guest on the Philosophy Talk radio show, gave a talk at Pepperdine, and responded to critics at a symposium on his book at the APA Pacific Division Conference. In May, 2013, Dr. Wettstein will speak at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Cambridge University Press will be publishing Mark Wrathall’s book *The Cambridge Companion to Heidegger’s Being and Time* later this year. Dr. Wrathall has also given several presentations over the last year in New Mexico, Texas, Berkeley, and Berlin, Germany.

Larry Wright oversaw the release of the second edition of his book *Critical Thinking: An Introduction to Analytical Reading and Reasoning* in October, 2012. The publisher, Oxford University Press, notes that, “Critical Thinking, Second Edition, distinguishes itself from other texts in the field by emphasizing analytical reading as an essential skill.” Dr. Wright will speak on critical thinking later this month at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
This month, Kevin Gin and Patrick London will both be presenting papers at the Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy in College Station, TX. On a lighter note, Kevin, an avid birder, was featured in the March 2013 edition of UCR Today magazine. You can read more about Kevin’s hobby at http://ucrtoday.ucr.edu/12433.

During 2012-13, Jason Gray was the resident GSR with Dr. Fischer’s Immortality Project, and was primarily responsible for the development of bibliographic resources for the project website. Jason successfully defended his dissertation in May and will receive his PhD in June. He has been developing papers on mind uploading (with Ben Mitchell-Yellin) and a non-faith-based account of the moral wrongness of insider trading.

Heinrich Hellwig was awarded a one quarter Dissertation Year Fellowship Award for 2012-13. Recently, he was appointed as the resident GSR for the Immortality Project for the 2013-14 academic year.

Samantha Mather recently defended and will receive her PhD this year. She has accepted a three year position as an Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia.

Chris McVey received the 2012-13 UCR Department of Philosophy’s Teaching Excellence Award.

In 2012-13, Courtney Morris received a two quarter Dissertation Year Fellowship Award.

Last month, Max Murphy submitted a draft of his proposition paper, entitled “Kant’s Metaphysics,” in which he tries to show the special status Kant accords to philosophical knowledge, a status Max calls “metapragmatic theory,” i.e. the theoretical cognition of ourselves as rational agents.

John Ramsey earned his PhD on April 26th, 2013. He will be teaching in the California State University system in the fall.

Patrick Ryan received a $15,000 grant for the 2013-14 academic year from the Immortality Project funded by the Templeton Grant. He presented a paper at the University of South Florida’s New Kantian Conference this last March in which he argued that Cassirer shows us that there are two senses in which scientific practice can be taken as a fact that a philosophical theory of concepts must account for. Patrick also participated in the UCR Ancient Philosophy Conference in April 2013, at which he presented comments on Nally Thaler’s paper, “Hate and the Educational Use of Models.” Throughout the year, Patrick organized a Philosophy Teaching Workshop for fellow graduate students. He is currently working on a dissertation prospectus that proposes to investigate the use of pathological cases in early 20th century philosophy. Patrick suspects that the cases will help us to illuminate the relation between intuition and the understanding in Kant’s philosophical project.

Philip Swenson has won a highly competitive and prestigious fellowship for 2013-14 at the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Philosophy of Religion. It is their only pre-doctoral fellowship, and he will have no teaching responsibilities. Additionally, Philip has won a UCR Dissertation Year Fellowship (one quarter) and a Fellowship from the Institute for Human Studies.

In addition to her paper presentation at the 2013 APA Pacific Division Meeting, Megan Stotts also presented at the PhilMACog graduate conference in Ontario, Canada. She was recently awarded a UCR GRMP Fellowship for one quarter during the 2013-2014 academic year and, in May, successfully defended her prospectus.

Over the last year, Justin White presented papers at the University of New Mexico Student Conference, The University of Sousse Graduate Conference in Phenomenology, and the Conference of the Centre of Theology and Philosophy at Oxford. He is a recipient of the 2012-13 UCR Department of Philosophy’s Teaching Excellence Award.

Monique Wonderly enjoyed one quarter of a Cota Robles Fellowship this year. This quarter covered over from 2012-13, during which she received three quarters of fellowship support – two from Cota Robles and one from the Graduate Research Mentorship Program. For the coming academic year, she will receive three quarters of support from the Center for Ideas and Society as a UC Society for the Humanities Fellow. She also was offered, but declined, an American Association of University Women Fellowship for the 2013-14 academic year, and was awarded an

Club Members: Joshua Bunce, Lauren Vader, Michael Graham, Sarah Overhulse, Gerardo Sanchez, Marcel Lebow, Ansel Chen take philosophy outdoors on a recent camping trip to the Mojave Desert. (Photo credit: Sara Overhulse.)

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

By Marcel Lebow, 2012-13 President

Philosophy Club, an academic club for UCR undergraduates in all majors, provides a forum for open discussion of ideas and dialogue among peers interested in philosophical thought. We hope to increase the quality of the social and educational experience for students at UCR.

Over this last year, we have hosted undergraduate as well as graduate student presentations, a potluck, and a camping trip to the Mojave National Preserve. During our general meetings, we have discussed topics such as: the idea of altruism within consumerism, the repercussions of charity within capitalism, the notion of self-identity within social media, and the ideas of contemporary philosophers Peter Singer and Slavoj Žižek.

We encourage anyone interested in joining the club, giving a student presentation, or recommending topics of discussion to visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Philosophy
Alumni News

Jason Chang (Ph.D., 2012) is currently an adjunct instructor for Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, CA.

Justin Coates (Ph.D., 2012) has recently accepted a tenure-track position with the University of Houston. In 2012-2013, Justin held the Law and Philosophy Research Fellowship at the University of Chicago Law School.

Ben Mitchell-Yellin (Ph.D., 2012) received his PhD last June, writing a dissertation under the direction of Andy Reath, titled "Evaluators, Explainers, Planners: The Importance of Basic Conceptions of What We Are Like as Agents." In July, he began as the postdoctoral fellow for the Immortality Project, headed by John Martin Fischer. Ben has a forthcoming paper in Ethics, titled "In Defense of the Flatonic Model: A Reply to Buss."

Scott Sevier (Ph.D., 2012) will be relocating to Las Vegas to accept a tenure-track position in the department of Philosophy at the College of Southern Nevada. CSN, the largest college in Nevada, is a junior college that offers an array of philosophy courses for an Associate's degree in Philosophy.

Megan Gendreau (Ph.D., 2011) accepted a tenure-track position with the Philosophy Department at Cal-Poly, Pomona. In 2011-12, Megan received two prestigious post-doc offers, and was in residence at Bowdoin College, Maine, where she received the Cal-Poly offer.

Michael Goerger (Ph.D., 2011) accepted a tenured-track position in the Philosophy Department at Central Washington University, where he was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the time. Michael was also a finalist for a position in Little Rock, AR, but felt so welcomed by the CWU department, he chose to accept their offer.

Patrick Todd (Ph.D., 2011) recently accepted a permanent post as a Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Last November, he gave a series of talks in the United Kingdom. His engagements included (Todd co-organized) two talks at Oxford, and one each at Birmingham, Liverpool, Durham, and the London School of Economics. In July, he will respond to Kit Fine's paper in metaphysics in Hamburg. Germany.

Patrick's paper, "Prepunishment and Explanatory Dependence: A New Argument for Incompatibilism about Foreknowledge and Freedom," was recently published at The Philosophical Review. In addition, he and John Fischer are co-editing a book, Freedom, Fatalism, and Foreknowledge, forthcoming, Oxford University Press. Patrick's post-doc fellowship at Innsbruck continues for one more year.

Chris Franklin (Ph.D., 2010) accepted a tenure-track position with the Philosophy Department at Marymount University, Arlington, VA.

Garrett Pendergraft (Ph.D., 2010) accepted a tenure-track position with the philosophy department at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, where he is responsible for teaching Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Logic. His recent publications include "Does the Consequence Argument Beg the Question?" (co-authored with John Fischer), forthcoming in Philosophical Studies; and "No (New) Troubles With Ockhamism" (co-authored with Justin Coates), forthcoming in Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion.

Neal Tognazzini (Ph.D., 2009) is an Assistant Professor at The College of William & Mary. His mid-year-to-tenure review was positive and he will be up for tenure during the 2014-2015 academic year. Neal and Justin Coates recently saw the publication of their co-edited volume Blame: Its Nature and Norms (Oxford University Press). They are also co-authoring the entry on "blame" for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. In addition, Neal is currently writing several independent papers on the topic of blame.

Last September, he organized a two-day workshop in honor of the 50th anniversary of the publication of P. E. Strawson's essay, "Freedom and Recentment." Last May, he gave a paper at a conference hosted by his undergraduate institution, Western Washington University, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the philosophy department there, and just last month he gave a colloquium talk to the philosophy department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This summer, Neal