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Letter from the Chair

Welcome to the second issue of the GWU Department of Philosophy Newsletter!

Our activities have hardly slowed down since the inaugural issue of the Newsletter was published last fall. Most of us have been involved in our two principal activities, teaching and research, but our colleague Tad Zawidzki is on sabbatical this term, writing his book, *Mind Shaping*, which is under contract with MIT Press. Students and faculty have enjoyed our sponsored lectures this spring, the Goutman, Thacher, and Elton Lectures; and the annual undergraduate Philosophy Club conference—featuring a keynote talk by Mark Lance of Georgetown and papers by three undergraduates—continued its tradition of excellence. Faculty involved in our M.A. program in Philosophy and Social Policy have redoubled efforts to get the word out about the program, with the help of M.A. student Nicole Barrett and an attractive flyer. We have long felt that there is much untapped demand for a program like ours.

Next fall will see some changes to the department. Bill Griffith, the longtime Director of the M.A. program, will enter semi-retirement (half-time service) while continuing as Director. Michèle Friend and I will both be on sabbatical for the full academic year, working on our respective book projects. Gail Weiss, a member of the department since the early '90s, will begin her term as Department Chair. And on a bittersweet note, our extraordinary Executive Aide, Julia Louie, has accepted a position as Design Specialist at the National Geographic Museum. She leaves us after five years of service to the department. During that time she has made exceptional contributions to the welfare of the department through her consistent professionalism, intelligence, and interpersonal skills. Julia holds an M.A. in Museum Studies from GWU and is excited about taking a position in her chosen field. We all wish her great success and happiness.

Student Spotlight

Rob Goodman (M.A. '10) recently had an article called "Enhancement, Cheating, and Accomplishment" accepted for publication at the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*. Rob writes, "The article asks whether the use of cognitive-enhancement drugs should be considered cheating, especially in academic settings, and asks how much credit we can claim for accomplishments that happen under the influence of cognitive enhancement. It lays out ethical guidelines for situations in which we ought to tolerate the use of cognitive enhancement and argues that academics and students ought to bring cognitive enhancement 'out of the closet.'"

I hope you will enjoy this second incarnation of our Newsletter. Find out what students, faculty, and alumni are up to—and send us your information. You are, and will always be, members of the GWU philosophical community. Thanks for your interest and support.

Best wishes,
David DeGrazia

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Department News & Events

New Minor In Mind-Brain Studies

The department is now offering a new minor. The Mind-Brain Studies minor has been launched successfully, and students can enroll beginning this fall. This new multidisciplinary field of study has already yielded exciting discoveries and more are anticipated. The minor requires two courses: Philosophy of Mind (PHIL 153) and Cognitive Neuroscience (PSYC 122). Students then choose four electives from an extensive list of exciting and unique classes offered by the Philosophy, Psychology, Anthropology, and Speech and Hearing departments. With this new minor, we hope to allow students interested in the relationships between the mind and the brain to learn about the cutting-edge research in this field.

New Faculty Member



Wesley Van Camp (Professorial Lecturer) received his Ph.D. in philosophy in 2009 from the University of Maryland.

His research interests include philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, and ethics. His dissertation focuses on the philosophical applications of quantum information theory to foundational issues in quantum mechanics. His current research explores the nature of scientific explanation, scientific understanding and the

philosophical underpinnings of fundamental physical theories such as special relativity.

Thacher Lecture

Despite the record-breaking snowstorm, **José Luis Bermúdez (Professor, Washington University in St. Louis)** gave this year's Thacher Lecture on Friday, February 5. His talk was titled "Mindreading in Animals: Can Animals Think About Thinking?" The



Student Spotlight

This semester, the department hired **Nicole Barrett (M.A. '11)** as the new Program Assistant for the Philosophy and Social Policy Masters program. In this role, she provides administrative, outreach and programmatic support for the PSP program. Nicole is currently working with Professors Griffith and Brand-Ballard to recruit more graduate student applications via outreach to undergraduate philosophy programs throughout the East Coast and re-connecting with PSP alumni. As the Program Assistant, Nicole has enjoyed learning more about the department and getting to know professors out of the classroom setting. She is also currently serving as a Policy Intern at the National Association of Regional Councils. In this capacity, she has been assisting on policy and legislative projects related to community and economic development, livability and sustainability and transportation and the environment.

following is Prof. Bermúdez's abstract of his talk:

"Comparative psychologists and ethologists have made bold claims about the mindreading abilities of nonhuman animals. In this talk I evaluate these claims in the context of recent experimental work on animal mindreading. I distinguish different types of mindreading and offer a theoretical framework for thinking about the experimental data. There are, I argue, sound theoretical reasons for denying that nonlinguistic creatures can reason about beliefs, fears, and similar mental states. I show how experimental evidence of animal mindreading is better interpreted as showing an understanding of much simpler perceptual states."

Goutman Lecture

Christopher Heath Wellman (Professor, Washington University in St. Louis) was this year's Goutman speaker with a lecture titled "Taking Human Rights Seriously" The following is Prof. Wellman's abstract of his talk:

"Perhaps the central question of contemporary international political theory is how to adjudicate the tension between state sovereignty and human rights. One attractive way to negotiate this conflict is to posit that all and only legitimate states are morally entitled to sovereign rights, where a state counts as legitimate just in case it satisfactorily protects human rights. No

one believes that a state must maintain a perfect record on human rights to be legitimate; presumably states need only achieve a threshold level of competence. If we take human rights as seriously as I believe we should, however, then it is hard to see what principled objection we could have to a humanitarian intervention that would avert a single human rights violation. In this paper, I defend this stark view by, among other things, arguing that it (surprisingly) leaves enough room for state sovereignty.”



GWU Undergrad Conference speakers and organizers

Elton Lecture

This year’s Elton Lecture was presented by **Robert Goodin (Professor of Social & Political Theory and of Philosophy, Australian National University.)** He titled the talk “Against Striving” and wrote the following abstract:

“In contrast to the familiar Enlightenment ideal of ‘striving,’ this lecture suggests a model of ‘settling.’ That phenomenon is to be found at many sites: settling down; settling in; settling up; settling for. Across all applications, settling is a matter of establishing some fixed points around which we can better plan our own lives and our interactions with one another. Unless some goals are settled, we have nothing to strive for.”

GWU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

This year’s GWU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, organized by the GWU Philosophy Club, was held on April 11 and featured the following undergraduate speakers:

Jaime Harrell (Univ. of Maryland) — “De Re Modality and Lewis’ Modal Realism: The Case For Vague Objects”

Raj Patel (GWU) — “Dangerous Thinking: Why Nietzsche Thinks Consciousness is Corrupt”

Joe Rees (American Univ.) — “The Meaning of Maxims: Volition, Character, and Kantian Ethics”

The keynote lecture “Leave the Gun, Take the Cannoli: Putting Imperatives In Their Place” was presented by **Mark Lance (Professor, Georgetown University)**. Take a look at photos from the conference to the right!



GWU presenter Raj Patel



Keynote Speaker Prof. Mark Lance

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This semester GWU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference presenter **Raj Patel '10 (Philosophy, Public Affairs)** was nominated to speak at the Columbian College commencement celebration by Profs. Caws, Griffith, Weiss and Friend. After graduating (a year early!), Raj plans to remain in Washington and take some graduate courses at GWU.

Department News & Events

Majors' Fair

The Philosophy Majors' Fair is a semesterly event held shortly before the beginning of the registration period for the following semester. This is a great opportunity for our undergraduate students to ask advising questions,

have forms signed, meet and chat with faculty members and enjoy some free pizza and games. Below are some photographs from this semester's Majors' Fair, held on Friday, March 26.



Faculty News

In April, **Jeff Brand-Ballard (Associate Professor)** presented a paper on the Main Program at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, which met in San Francisco. He is writing a review for the journal *Ethics* of Ronald C. Den Otter's book, *Judicial Review in an Age of Moral Pluralism*.

Peter Caws (University Professor) recently published "What's Alive in Living Bodies, What's Dead in Dead Ones?" in Dominick Gross, Julia Glahn, and Brigitte Tag, eds., *Die Leiche als Memento Mori: Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf das Verhältnis von Tod und totem Körper* (Frankfurt and New York: Campus Verlag, 2010), pp. 13-21. He also gave the closing keynote address at the "Re-thinking the Human Sciences" conference which took place at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on March 12. The title of the address was "The Human Sciences: Contradictory or Crucial?"

In October 2009, **Paul Churchill (Professor)** gave a public lecture titled, "Why the Wealthy Cannot Be Happy" at the State University at Cortland in Cortland, New York. While at SUNY, Cortland, he also

met with two different philosophy classes. At one class he answered questions about his book, *Human Rights and Global Diversity*, which was being used by the class. At the second class he led a discussion on "Terrorism and Just War Theory." Professor Churchill has also recently completed a chapter called "Global Human Rights" for a book edited by Michael Boylan, titled *Global Ethics*, to be published this year by Westview Press. Presently he is completing a series of articles for the *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, edited by Deen Chatterjee and to be published by Springer. His contributions are on "Altruism," "Crimes against Humanity," "Indigenous Peoples," and "Violence," as well as the following philosophers: Charles Beitz, Michael Boylan, James Nickel, and Henry Shue.

Student Spotlight

Aubrey Sizer (M.A. '10) has been working in the Department of Justice since September 2008. She works in the Civil Division in a litigating office that enforces and defends the consumer protection programs of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In the fall, Aubrey will begin her legal studies at the George Mason University School of Law.

William Griffith (Professor) presented a paper on "coercive interrogations" at the Law, Culture and Humanities conference at Brown University on March 20. This semester, Prof. Griffith has been organizing the effort to distribute a flyer about the PSP graduate program to universities and related organizations.

On Tuesday, April 20, **Joshua Miller (Lecturer)** successfully

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defended his dissertation, “Hannah Arendt’s Theory of Deliberative Judgment,” directed by John Christman, at the Pennsylvania State University. The dissertation investigates the role of judgment in the work of Hannah Arendt, focusing on her account of democratic deliberation and her reading of Augustine and Kant.

Tom Morris (Professorial Lecturer) has had “Plato’s Caves” published by *The South African Journal of Philosophy*. He is also refereeing for a new journal, *Dialogue*. On a personal note, Professor Morris recently became a grandfather.

Congratulations to **Michael Sigrist (Professorial Lecturer)**, who successfully defended his dissertation and received his Ph.D. from Stony Brook University, New York! He writes, “My dissertation focuses upon the relationship between consciousness and intentionality within the phenomenological tradition. Husserl’s phenomenology is grounded upon two premises. The first is a metaphysical premise about consciousness: conscious experience is essentially intentional. The second premise is methodological: intentional structures are best studied from the point of view of conscious experience itself. The dissertation is a broad defense of both premises. Husserl argues for a first person or experiential account of representational content. In the first chapter I argue that naturalistic objections to this sort of project are misplaced. In the second chapter I argue that it is misleading to characterize conscious experience exclusively through its abstract phenomenal quality or ‘feel.’ This approach neglects the disclosive or world-presenting function of consciousness. In the third chapter I argue on behalf of Husserl’s subjective account of meaning, contrasting it with what I argue are weaknesses in use- and conventional theories of meaning. Finally, in chapter four I argue that Husserl’s framework and methodology are consistent with direct realism.”

Gail Weiss (Professor) presented her paper “Dead Bodies/Live Commodities: The Alchemy of Gunther von Hagens’ Body/

Faculty Spotlight

David DeGrazia (Professor and Chair) recently won a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities – he previously won a NEH fellowship for 2003-04. With this \$50,400 grant, he will explore the ethical issues involved in abortion, embryo research, decisions to have children with severe disabilities, the use of genetics to enhance human traits and policies affecting future generations. He writes, “The intended result is an original, rigorously



defended, synoptic view that addresses some deeply puzzling issue of what is sometimes called ‘reprogenetics’ in a style both scholarly and accessible.” News of Professor DeGrazia’s award was also featured in the [GWU Hatchet](#).

Worlds Exhibit” as part of a panel on “Bodies, Technologies, and Visual Cultures” at the 2010 Cultural Studies Association conference at UC Berkeley that ran from March 18-20. She will be giving a new paper, “Pride and Prejudice: The Ambiguous Racial, Religious, and Ethnic Identities of Jewish Bodies” as a keynote presentation at the Cal State Fullerton Philosophy Symposium on “Phenomenology, Embodiment, and Race” that took place April 8-9. She has also been invited to give the Shula Lecture in Philosophy at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio in

mid-April. From May 24-30th, she will be participating in the International Association for Philosophy and Literature (IAPL) conference hosted by Regina University in Saskatchewan, Canada where she will be presenting a paper as part of a panel she has organized on “Embodying Difference.”

In September **Tadeusz Zawidzki (Associate Professor)** gave a talk titled “Theory of Mind, Computational Tractability, and Mind Shaping” at the 2009 Performance Metrics for Intelligent Systems Workshop

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This year, **Paul Ghayad ’10 (Philosophy, Economics)** has had papers accepted by the Appalachian Student Philosophy Colloquium, the Goucher College Philosophy Conference, the Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Washington & Jefferson College and the Arkansas Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. His paper, “Material Substance: Locke vs. Berkeley,” was also recently selected for publication in *Aporia*, Dartmouth College’s undergraduate philosophy journal. Paul will begin law school this coming fall.

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at the National Institutes for Standards and Technology. He gave an updated version of the same talk at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology in Atlanta, GA on April 16. Prof. Zawidzki recently published a commentary on McKay and Dennett's target article "The evolution of misbelief" in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (2009) 32, pp. 540-541. While on sabbatical this semester, he has been working to complete a draft of his book, *Mindshaping: Linchpin of the human socio-cognitive syndrome*, under contract with MIT press. Last semester, along with **Prof. Sherwood (Anthropology and Hominid Paleobiology)** and **Prof. Subiaul (Speech and Hearing Science)**, Prof. Zawidzki successfully inaugurated the Mind-Brain-Evolution interdisciplinary, team-taught course (PHIL/ANTH/SPHR 721). He writes, "Though there were some unexpected challenges (we were team-teaching for the first time), on the whole I think Mind-Brain-Evolution 1 was a success and should be offered again in the fall of 2011. Professor Subiaul teaches a follow-up MBE-II course in the spring which focuses on relevant experimental work."

Faculty Bio

Tina Wood (Professorial Lecturer)



I discovered philosophy as an undergrad in the wonderful '60s, at the University of Maryland in College Park. Before I knew it I was off to grad school, to the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, where the counterculture refused to quit for all of the time I was there.

At the UW, I found myself possessed by the beauty of logic and conceptual analysis, and in a parallel processing sort of style, was a social/political activist as I developed and wrote a thesis in the intersection of the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of language.

I was forced to leave Madison when I earned a doctorate that landed me a teaching position at CalPoly in San Luis Obispo, CA. Gorgeous, but not Madison. For the next 7 years I taught at a number of universities, including University of South Florida, Rowan University and Villanova.

Then my career, with its search for the

elusive tenure track home, took an abrupt turn.

A hurricane hit my folks in the Florida Keys in 1998, bringing the dissolution of my academic disillusion. My folks needed me and I was essentially free to be there to help them. Living in the Keys is extraordinarily pleasant, but as Plato might say: it's for lovers of sights and sounds. It's too hot and sultry for much abstract thinking.

When my folks were back on their feet, I returned to my original home in College Park and was fortunate to find a teaching position here at GWU. Now, who knows, maybe I will create a philosophy of orchids. In any event, my hope is that teaching philosophy is helping others to discover its wonders, and so the wonders within themselves. It's been a great adventure with my students here at GWU exploring philosophy.

Alumni News

Ernest Wolf-Gazo '69 earned his Ph.D. from Bonn University in 1974. He went on to hold the following positions: Habilitation (German tenure and professorial license) at Muenster University, Germany, 1984; Visiting Professor at Louvain, Kuala Lumpur, Tehran, Ankara; and Post-doctoral Fellow at Yale, 1986. Since 1991 he has been a Full Professor of Philosophy at American University of Cairo, Egypt. He has written publications on Max Weber, A.N. Whitehead, Islamic Philosophy, and Multicultural Studies. During the summer months, he comes to the Washington area to visit with his mother and former professors from GWU.

After completing his undergraduate studies in Philosophy and Psychology, **Mark Nichter '71** received his M.A. and Ph.D. (1977) in Social Anthropology from Edinburgh University, Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University (1978), and postdoctorate training in Transcultural Psychiatry at the University of Hawaii (1980-1983). He is currently a Regents professor at the University of Arizona where he coordinates the graduate program in medical anthropology and has appointments in the School of Anthropology, Department of Community Medicine, and School of Public Health. He has dedicated his life to working in the field of health and development and has conducted community based research on issues related to child survival; infectious, vector born, chronic and

emerging diseases; pharmaceutical and tobacco use and marketing, and ethnomedical practices. He has worked mainly in South and Southeast Asia, consulted for a long list of governments, international health agencies and foundations, and been on three Institute of Medicine expert panels here in the USA. Among other honors, he has received the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, and the Career Achievement, Master Graduate Student Mentor, and Virchow Awards from the Society for Medical Anthropology. Mark's latest book is *Global Health: Why Perceptions, Representations and Biopolitics Matter* (University of Arizona Press 2008). While at GWU, he wrote an honors thesis on what it means to be heroic juxtaposing the ideas of Hegel and Nietzsche. He is still thinking about it.

Thomas Goutman '76

earned his law degree from Georgetown University and has practiced law at the Philadelphia-based firm of White and Williams LLP since 1979. His practice involves corporate litigation and he is the former chair of the firm's Litigation Department. He currently lives in the Lehigh Valley with his family (Daria, Jordan and Blake, pictured to the right during a recent trip to Rome). He writes, "I have found my Philosophy training at GWU to have been of immeasurable value throughout my life."



While at GWU, **Nneka Mokwunye '01** studied Philosophy with concentrations in Applied Health and Secondary Field of Study in Public Health. Afterwards, Nneka completed a Masters Degree in Philosophy with concentrations in Ethics and Public Policy and a Ph.D. in Sociology with concentrations in Medical Sociology, Race, Class, Gender Inequalities, and Philosophy from Howard University. Nneka is currently the Director of the Center for Ethics and Spiritual Care Departments at Washington Hospital Center and is very active in Clinical Ethics.

Keep Us Posted!

Have news that you would like to share with GWU Philosophy faculty, students and alumni? Have it published in our Fall 2010 newsletter! Just send your submission via email to philosop@gwu.edu.

After graduating from GWU, **David Backer '06** taught American Literature, Philosophy, and Mathematical Thinking at Archbishop Carroll High School in northeast Washington, D.C. He is now chair of the Theory of Knowledge department at the American School of Quito, Ecuador. He self-published his first novel *Peace in Uncertainty!*

as well as a book of poems *School Poems*, both of which may be found on Amazon.com. He has published short fiction in various magazines and journals, and has a weekly column called "Eight Words in the Title of a Column" on vv. He is currently applying to Columbia University's Ph.D. in philosophy and education, and continues to practice the clawhammer style of banjo playing. Of his experience in GWU's philosophy department, he says "I'd like to thank my professors, particularly Michele Friend and Peter Caws, for showing me the heights and depths of philosophy, and therein the true feeling of a good education."

Student Spotlight

As Director of Individual Giving for GlobeMed GW, **Nathan Zapolsky '10 (Philosophy)** has been raising money to organize and fund maternal education programs in Butare, Rwanda. He writes, "I have devoted both my time and my undergraduate thesis to the belief that the availability of basic needs and services like clean water, nutritious foods, and education in how to live healthily and care for oneself are central to the success of any health care effort and are immutably tied to human dignity." Nathan will be attending the University of Wisconsin's School of Medicine and Public Health in the fall.

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Steve Wood '06 worked as a research assistant in the Economic Studies program at The Brookings Institution. From there, he joined the Peace Corps as a Sustainable Agriculture volunteer based in southeastern Senegal (Dave Backer '06 visited him there!). Over his two years in Togue, a 70-person Fula community, he provided technical assistance to women's gardening groups, small-scale field crop producers, and fruit tree orchard managers. In addition to extending agricultural techniques, he spent his time designing and building an irrigation system for a six hectare orange orchard and women's garden; organizing mosquito net distributions; and playing the hoddu with a group of local griots at wedding ceremonies. Steve returned to the U.S. in 2009 and is now pursuing a master's degree at Yale University. His research focuses on ecology and environmental economics, particularly as they apply to traditional agroecosystems and crops in West Africa. Steve is still grateful for the support he received from Professors Brand-Ballard, Churchill and Saidel during his time at GWU.

To the right are two pictures from Steve's time in the Peace Corps. Right: Alpha Mouctar Diallo with his carrot and turnip crop. Far Right: Sokhana Keita in the Togue women's garden.



Student Spotlight

Of the PSP program, **Rebecca Mimmall (M.A. '10)** writes "I really enjoyed the program and feel that no other graduate program would have been right for me." She recently accepted an offer to be a Presidential Management Fellow with the Veterans Health Administration Office of Research and Development. Proving, once again, that you can study philosophy and still find gainful employment!

Giving to the Department

All donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. To be a part of the Department's continuing growth, send your donation through this site:

https://www.gwu.edu/online_giving

(Don't forget to designate your gift to the Department of Philosophy!)

Manali Kumar '09

has recently completed a research internship with a New Delhi (India) based think-tank, The Observer Research Foundation. Manali has published two articles, "Understanding the dynamics of Baloch nationalism" and "Can we decode China using the Internet?" She also completed an extensive occasional paper titled "India's energy security: prospects for increased cooperation with Russia." Manali is now looking forward to beginning graduate studies at King's College in London this fall, where she will be pursuing an M.A. in Geopolitics, Territory & Security.

This coming fall, **Ndidi Nwaneri (M.A. '09)** will begin pursuing her Ph.D. Her research interests include Africa, the African Diaspora, post-colonialism and black existentialism. She has been accepted into five Ph.D. programs and is in the process of making a decision of which program to accept.

Student Spotlight

Seeta Menon '10 (Philosophy) presented a paper titled "Satyagraha in the Classroom: Applying Gandhi's Nonviolence to American Canonical Literature" at the Third Biennial Global Nonviolence Student Conference of the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence of James Madison University on April 16, 2010. In this paper, she attempts to remedy Toni Morrison's critique in *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination* that American canonical literature teaches a relationship of secondary Africanist characters creating backgrounds upon which European-American characters build their identities that is both a product of and a perpetuator of structural violence. She does this by applying Gandhi's concepts of satyagraha as a way of addressing the problem and swaraj as an alternative method of teaching the literature in the United States classroom. This paper began as a project for Prof. Weiss' Proseminar last semester and Seeta is continuing to work on it as a senior thesis under the supervision of Profs. Churchill and Weiss. She hopes to be able to use what she learns through this project as a first year Teach For America teacher in Houston next year!

She writes, "My decision to pursue a Ph.D. meant I had to delay starting the kind of community development work that had motivated me to seek further education in the United States. I therefore looked for a way I could add value to my home community while in the United States." In July 2009, Ndidi started a project called Books for Leaders to address the issue of low literacy levels and lack of reading resources in Nigeria. She collects pre-owned book donations from libraries and individuals around the DC Metro area for shipment to Nigerian schools, colleges and libraries. To date, she has been able to send 11,000 books to Nigeria. Some of her long-term plans for this project include construction and rehabilitation of libraries, provision of internet services, and the provision of nutritional agricultural support services to underserved areas.

Credits

This issue of the GWU Department of Philosophy Newsletter was designed and edited by Julia Louie, with assistance from Professor Jeff Brand-Ballard and student assistants Nicole Longo, Lizzie O'Boyle and Garrison Spencer.

Staff News

After nearly five years of working in the department, **Julia Louie (Executive Aide)** will be leaving to accept the position of Design Specialist at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C. Her first project will be working on an exhibition about the inventions of Leonardo da Vinci.

While working as the department's Executive Aide, Julia earned her M.A. in the GWU Museum Studies Program with a concentration in exhibition design. She is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such wonderful people who were so supportive of her studies. The department generously allowed her to have a flexible schedule so that she was able to complete the internship

requirements of her program. While serving as Executive Aide, she was still able to participate in internships at three Smithsonian Institution museums: the National Portrait Gallery, the National Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of American History.

Although she is excited at the prospect of working in her field of study, she will miss everyone terribly and hopes to return to visit often!