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Transition to Wiley-Blackwell Complete

After nearly a half-century of self-publication and eighteen months of preparation, The Southern Journal of Philosophy is going pro! Beginning with the first issue of 2010, the SJP will appear under the imprint of our new publisher, Wiley-Blackwell.

Through increased exposure and assorted logistical and cosmetic updates, the partnership with Wiley-Blackwell promises to broaden the appeal and deepen the impact of the work published in the SJP. Already, the journal has been given a fresh look, there's a new website, authors and reviewers may now submit their manuscripts and reports via ScholarOne Manuscript's online system, and the journal's back catalogue is readily available. (See pages 2 and 3 for details.)

But while we are pleased to begin this new chapter in our history, the SJP remains steadfast in its belief that the arc of philosophical progress bends toward pluralism. This commitment to first-class work undertaken from a diversity of perspectives and methodologies is evident in the composition of our newly established Editorial Board, whose membership reflects a roughly equal distribution of leading analytic philosophers, continental philosophers, and historians of philosophy (see page 4). A representative sample of the work of this distinguished group is on display in our special March issue

Thanks are due to the journal's editorial assistant, Linda Sadler, our new colleagues at Wilev-Blackwell, and the faculty and staff of the University of Memphis Department of Philosophy for making all this possible.

Special thanks are due to Nancy Simco, whose brief history of the SJP kicks off the March issue. For more than three decades, Nancy served not only as Editor of this journal in particular, but also as a strong advocate for philosophy journals in general. We hope you will join us in celebrating Nancy's contributions to the profession by making a donation to the lecture series named in her honor. Further details can be found on page 4.

Finally, thank you for your continuing support of the SJP, whose future, I hope you'll agree, is bright indeed.

> Stephan Blatti, Edito blatti@memphis.edu

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29th Annual **Spindel Conference**

Empathy and Ethics

This year's Spindel Conference will take place October 7-9, 2010 at the University of Memphis. The keynote speakers will be Stephen Darwall, John Deigh, and Peter Goldie. Other participants include Amy Coplan, Justin D'Arms, Julia Driver, Stephen Finlay, Daniel Jacobson, Jesse Prinz, Robert Roberts, Connie Rosati, Tamar Shapiro, Michael Slote, and Karsten Steuber. The conference director is Remy Debes.

Call for Submissions

Emerging Scholar Prize Essay

The Emerging Scholar Prize Essay will be delivered at a special breakfast session preceding the regular Friday sessions. The essay will be considered for publication alongside regular conference proceedings in the annual Spindel Supplement to The Southern Journal of Philosophy. The winning author will receive a prize in the amount of \$250. The top runnerup will be asked to chair the breakfast session, and all finalists will be invited to prepare a poster, to be displayed throughout the conference weekend.

The Emerging Scholar Prize Essay will be competitively selected. Authors must be either currently enrolled in a graduate program or within six years of completing the Ph.D. Submitted essays should contain original research related to the subject of "Empathy and Ethics" (broadly construed)

Essays must not exceed 3500 words and must be prepared for blind review with a separate cover sheet that includes word count, author affiliation, and contact information. Submissions should be sent via electronic attachment (in Word or PDF) to Remy Debes (rdebes@memphis.edu).

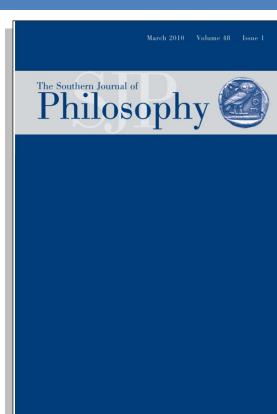
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SJP Gets a Facelift

New Look Features Redesigned Cover, **Preserves Trademark Elements**

Our colleagues at Wiley-Blackwell have given the SJP quite a makeover. Even a superficial glance confirms that nothing has escaped the designers' attention: front cover, back cover, branding, fonts, page layout ... You name it, it's been nipped, tucked, burnished, and bedecked.

Despite these updates, however, the spirit of the journal's traditional appearance has been preserved in a number of familiar elements. Most notable is the Owl of Minerva logo which has long graced the SJP's cover and continues to do so.

Happy reading!

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ON THE WHAT-IT-IS-LIKE-NESS OF EXPERIENCE

PAUL SNOWDON

ABSTRACT: It is common for philotophers to hold that experience can be character-ized in a basic way as being something it is like for someone to undergo. In the paper it is argued that when this slogan is examined it is in some respects trivial and in others mistaken. It is concluded that the slogan should be abandoned.

The topic of this paper is a way of speaking and thinking that has gained something best capturable in such words as 'being like something to undergo'. My aim is to loosen the appeal of this idea. First, though, I wish to make a few remarks about some background issues and notions.

1. CONSCIOUSNESS, SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS.

One major goal of recent philosophy of mind—prominent, indeed, since the early post-war period—has been to solve what might be called the metaphysical problem of consciousness. We might pose this problem by asking. "What is the relation between consciousness and the physical flow of the spatial world?" This is, at least, close to how many would, at least initially, formulate the so-called mind-body problem. In posing this question we are asking about

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2009 Conference Topic: The Sexes of Evolution

Under the direction of Marv Beth Mader, the 28th annual Spindel Conference was held at the University of Memphis on September 24-26, 2009. The topic was The Sexes of Evolution: Continental Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, and Evolutionary Theory. As always, the contributions to the Spindel Conference appear in the Spindel Supplement to the SJP the following year.

The central question animating last year's conference was "What can continental Philosophy contribute to our understanding of the feminist issues raised by evolutionary theory,

broadly understood?" As this suggests, Mader sought to facilitate the union of three broad streams of contemporary thought: continental philosophy, feminist philosophy and evolutionary theory.

common for two of these research streams to meet," Mader explains. "More rare is the confluence of all

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"The chief aim of the 2009 Spindel Conference is to showcase the contributions of philosophers working at the important and timely junction of all of these philosophical traditions."

These philosophers included both established researchers as well as younger scholars, Contributors include Claire Colebrook (Penn State University), Penelope Deutscher (Northwestern University), Ladelle

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Professor A. C. Genova (1929-2010)

Professor A. C. Genova (PhD, University of Chicago) died unexpectedly of natural causes on March 20, 2010.

Tony was a faculty member of the University of Kansas Department of Philosophy and a long-standing friend of the SJP. He recently joined the newly established Editorial Board.

A memorial notice is being prepared by his colleagues at the University of Kansas. This notice will appear in an upcoming issue of the

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