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## A Year of Dynamic Growth

Following the transition to Wiley-Blackwell, 2010 saw *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* expand both its operations and its professional profile.

One measure of the health of an academic journal is the number of unsolicited manuscripts it receives. So I'm pleased to report that from 2009 to 2010 the number of submitted manuscripts increased by more than 34%. Thanks to our new online submissions and review system, the editorial office was able to keep pace with this substantial increase. To take just one example of the *SJP*'s improved efficiency, for those submissions sent out for external review, the average length of time between when an article is submitted and when its author is notified of our verdict decreased by more than three weeks (from 58 days to 34 days): an improvement of over 41%. (See page 3 for additional submissions and production statistics.)

In addition, the *SJP* has augmented its professional profile by participating in a host of new partnerships and initiatives. We have renewed our relationship with the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP)

(p. 2), and beginning this year the recipient of the Griffith Award for Best Philosophy Paper will see his or her article appear in our pages. This year's Spindel Supplement will include the winning essay of the first Spindel Prize Essay for Emerging Scholars in Philosophy (p. 2). And the December 2011 (49.4) issue will feature Mark Timmons's inaugural Nancy Simco Lecture (p. 2). The exposure that accompanies all this activity positions the *SJP* well for an exciting celebration of our 50-year anniversary in 2012 (p. 2).

But for all that, the *SJP* still needs your support. Although Wiley-Blackwell is aggressively marketing the journal both at professional conferences and online (p. 2), research universities and liberal arts colleges alike are seizing every opportunity to cut back on academic journal subscriptions. If your institution is not already a subscriber, please contact the acquisitions librarian to recommend adding the *SJP*. And if your library is looking for subscriptions to cut, I hope you'll find in these pages more than enough reasons to convince them to look elsewhere.

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## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Spindel Conference

### Derrida's "Death Penalty" Seminar: Between Philosophy and Literature

In his wide-ranging seminar of 1999-2000, the late French philosopher Jacques Derrida examines the relationship between philosophy, literature, religion, and the death penalty. While discussing the Bible, treating works by philosophers such as Plato, Aquinas, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Schmitt, and Foucault, and analyzing the abolitionist discourses of writers such as Hugo, Camus, and Genet, Derrida undertakes an extensive study of the relation between the death penalty and the "theologico-political." Speakers have been asked to address any aspect of the "Death Penalty" seminar.

September 29 –  
October 1, 2011

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### Keynote Speakers

Peggy Kamuf  
University of Southern California

Geoffrey Bennington  
Emory University

### Other Speakers

Michael Naas  
DePaul University

David Wills  
University at Albany, SUNY

Elizabeth Rottenberg  
DePaul University

Thomas Dutoit  
Université Lille-III

## Timmons Delivers Inaugural Simco Lecture

Mark Timmons (University of Arizona) delivered the inaugural Nancy Simco Lecture at the University of Memphis on April 8, 2011. The title of Timmons's lecture was "The Significance of Gratitude in Kant's Ethics." This article will appear in the December issue of the *SJP*.



## SJP and SSPP Collaboration

The *SJP* has recently revived its relationship with the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP). Recipients of the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award for Best Philosophy Paper presented at the SSPP's annual meetings will be invited to submit their essays for publication in the *SJP*.

This year's Griffith Award winner was Corey Maley (Princeton University). Corey's paper, "Toward Clarifying Guilt and Shame," will appear in an upcoming issue of the *SJP*.

## Spindel Prize for Emerging Scholar

Congratulations to Joshua May (University of California, Santa Barbara), winner of the first Spindel Prize for Emerging Scholars in Philosophy. In addition to receiving a \$250 award, Josh presented his paper, "Egoism, Empathy, and Self-Other Merging" in a special session at the Spindel Conference. His paper will appear in the 2011 Spindel Supplement.

## Getting the Word Out

Word of the *SJP*'s renaissance is out. An ad ran on *Leiter Reports* for several months in the fall of 2010.



And our new Academia.edu page is one more way to keep up with *SJP* news and activities:

<http://journals.academia.edu/SouthernJournalOfPhilosophy>

## Alumnus Named Co-Editor of JFFP

University of Memphis philosophy PhD alumnus John Drabinski (Amherst College) and Scott Davidson (Oklahoma City University) have been named co-editors of the recently revamped *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* (JFFP). Led by an international editorial board comprised of leading scholars in the field and published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, the JFFP has recently published its inaugural issue in an electronic, open-access format.



Founded in 1989 by Colette Michael as the *Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française* and later published as the *Journal of French Philosophy*, the JFFP is devoted to the study of French and francophone thought. In addition to peer-reviewed articles and book reviews (written in English and French), the JFFP also publishes interdisciplinary extensions and explorations of French and francophone thought. Issues address a diverse range of francophone thinkers, including special issue sections on Swiss filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard, Martiniquan theorist Frantz Fanon, Tunisian intellectual Albert Memmi, and the former Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba. The JFFP operates in coordination with *The Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française* (SAPLF), whose current director is Pleshette DeArmitt, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Memphis. Visit [www.jffp.org](http://www.jffp.org) for more details.

## SJP Celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012

2012 will mark the *SJP*'s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, each of the quarterly issues in volume 50 will be a special issue dedicated to a particular topic from the areas in which we publish (analytic philosophy, continental philosophy, and history of philosophy) and guest-edited by a distinguished scholar in that field. Here's a preview:

### 50.1: *Epistemic Coherentism*, ed. Ted Poston

CONTRIBUTORS: William Lycan, Jonathan Kvanvig, Stefan Schubert and Erik Olsson, Bruce Russell, Gregory Wheeler, Mylan Engel, William Roche, Paul Thagard, Ted Poston

### 50.2: *Continental Philosophy: What and Where Will It Be?* ed. Ted Toadvine

CONTRIBUTORS: Ros Diprose, Silvia Stoller, Laszlo Tengelyi, Renaud Barbaras, Simon Glendinning, Kwok-ying Lau, Sara Heinamaa, Hisashi Fujita, Roberto Walton, Alia Al-Saji, Shaun Gallagher, John Sallis, David Wood, Iain Thomson, Elizabeth Rottenberg, Kathryn Gines, Rocio Zambrana

### 50.3: *Newton and Newtonianism*, ed. Mary Domski

CONTRIBUTORS: Hylarie Kochiras and Peter Machamer, Mary Domski, Andrew Janiak, Eric Schliesser, Marius Stan, Michael Friedman, Janet Folina

### 50.4: *Relativism about Value*, eds. Max Kölbel and Dan Zeman

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# Spindel Supplement Preview

## "Empathy & Ethics"

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Spindel Conference took place at the University of Memphis on October 7–9, 2010. Under the direction of Remy Debes, this year's conference took as its topic "Empathy and Ethics." The Spindel Supplement including papers presented at the conference will appear in September 2011.



Debes traces philosophical interest in empathy at least as far back as Plato. In the *Republic*, we find Socrates engaged in a discussion of moral education. There he expresses deep misgivings about our capacity to adopt the emotions of others. But as Debes notes in his introduction to the Supplement, "what Socrates found to

be merely suspicious, however, many after him have taken to be crucial for fully explaining, even justifying, our deepest moral convictions and values. This is especially true today, when ethics is witnessing one of the most widespread and

sustained booms of research on the nature and effects of empathy." For a few days last fall, Memphis was

"This volume represents a timely, concerted, critical inquiry into empathy and its place in philosophical ethics by some of the world's most prominent scholars on the subject."

Remy Debes

the epicenter of this resurgent interest, and the fruits of the discussions had there can be found in the forthcoming Supplement.

So watch for the 2011 Spindel Supplement this fall! And be sure to check out past Spindel Supplements via the *SJP* website:

[www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=SJP](http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=SJP)

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John Deigh, "Empathy, Justice, and Jurisprudence"

Tamar Schapiro, "Empathy as a Moral Concept: Comments on John Deigh's 'Empathy, Justice, and Jurisprudence'"

David Shoemaker, "Psychopathy, Responsibility, and the Moral/Conventional Distinction"

Stephen Finlay, "The Selves and the Shoemaker: Psychopaths, Moral Judgment, and Responsibility"

### Book Symposium

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Lori Watson, "Comments on Michael Slote's *Moral Sentimentalism*"

Michael Slote, "Reply to Justin D'Arms and Lori Watson"



Karsten Stueber, "Imagination, Empathy, and Moral Deliberation: The Case of Imaginative Resistance"

Jeanette Kennett, "Imagining Reasons"

Peter Goldie, "Empathy with One's Past"

Robert Roberts, "Stability and Openness of Character"

Jesse Prinz, "Against Empathy"

Julia Driver, "The Secret Chain: A Limited Defense of Sympathy"

## SJP 2010 Statistics

Total number of submissions (excluding invited papers): **214**

Number of manuscripts accepted for publication: **24**

Acceptance rate: **11%**

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Average time between acceptance and publication: **6 months**

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### Nancy Simco Speaker Series Fund

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Each Simco Lecture will be published in *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.



### Spindel Fund

A successful Memphis businessman, Murray Spindel, was a dedicated philosopher who often took courses at the University of Memphis. In 1981, Murray endowed the Spindel Fund, which supports both an annual philosophy conference and a dissertation fellowship. Since his death in 1999, Murray's wife, Chris, has continued the Spindel family's support of the department.

The Spindel Conference brings to campus each fall the highest caliber of philosophers from around the world, and the proceedings are published annually as the Spindel Supplement to *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. The Spindel Conference is both a scholarly and social event and has come to define what is best about philosophy in Memphis and what Murray Spindel loved most: the friendly, but lively and engaging pursuit of truth.

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