



**Newsletter:
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**Our Philosophy
Department Web Site
Address:**
<http://www.sjsu.edu/philosophy/>

**Letter from the
Chair, Peter
Hadreas**

During the Fall semester it
was difficult not to think
about national

his teaching career at San Jose State in 1964. He quickly earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher of not only symbolic logic and philosophy, but also American Studies. As his son John wrote in Lou's obituary, he was "pressed into serving as Chair of the Philosophy Department before being granted tenure, and led the department with a steady and fair hand for 12 years, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues across the university." He was named Associate Dean of Humanities and concluded his 46 years of service to SJSU working in the offices of the Academic Vice-President and the Dean of Humanities. Dick Rapson, who found Lou "to be droll, witty and very thoughtful," noted, "He was always fascinating about the kinds of [university] issues with which he had to deal."

Lou was an avid sailor in the Monterey Bay area, following interests started during his childhood vacations in Nantucket. His colleague Jarrett Brock recalled Lou's love affair with the waters off Santa Cruz, where he and Jarrett shared a Cal 27 sloop, "Sunflower," and later with one other partner a Nonsuch 30.

Lou is survived by his wife, Louetta, and former wife, Judy; his children, Terrell Wilson, John Eastman, and Benjamin Eastman; three sisters and four grandchildren.

Lou was a master of irony. He used sarcasm like a surgeon and sometimes

followed it by a kind of guttural laugh that I can still hear." I can concur with Allen on that. I knew Lou mostly from conversations in the Dean's office when I was chair of the philosophy department, although in my early years here he was a frequent attendee at Philosophy Department functions. Lou was always good for genial gossip and loved to reminisce about early years in the Philosophy Department. TL

Last Year's Annual Philosophy Department Conference, May 5, 2011

Our 2011 conference featured papers entirely by alumni of our depar

<http://www.aesthetics-online.org/events/> The meeting is sponsored by the American Society for Aesthetics.

Special Rates for Students.

Registration for the full conference for all students is at the nominal fee of \$15. Society members actually charge themselves more in order to defray expenses associated with allowing students to attend at such a low cost. Simply go to the web site listed above to register online.

In the past, several SJSU students have attended sessions at Asilomar, one even chairing a session. Please contact Prof. Leddy tle403@aol.com for more information.

**American
Philosophical
Association, Pacific
Division, Annual
Meeting
March 27 - 31,
2013, Westin St
Francis, San
Francisco**

For information, go to <http://apa-pacific.org/current/>

Of special interest for our department is a session consisting entirely of SJSU faculty and students:

Dan Williamson "Foucault's Aesthetics: Place, Space, and Ecology," Friday, March 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Chair: Daniel Wagnon (Alumnus, SJSU) Commentator: Kyle Yrigoyen (Student, S)

continental philosophy. Unsolicited book reviews in all areas of continental philosophy are welcomed. Send submissions in triplicate (with a title page and abstract of not more than one hundred words as a cover page, author identification only on a separate page) to William Parkhurst, Attn: Geist, 201 Faculty Office Building, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192.

Student News

Rita Manning notes that “Alum Elizabeth Rard was accepted into the PhD program at UC Davis and Santa Cruz. Rick Morris was accepted at UC Davis. June Brown was accepted into the PhD program at Boston College. They are awaiting other schools, but this is a great start!”

Teaching Associates

Several graduate students are teaching their own classes as TAs this year. They are Andrew Soto, Andrew Lavin, Kyle Yrigoyen, Will Parkhurst and Nicholas Marston.

ETHICS BOWL

The San José State Ethics Bowl Team 2012-13

The Philosophy Department at San José State has sponsored an Ethics Bowl team for the past seventeen years. Each year our team

competes at the regional Ethics Bowl competition and, when we qualify, at the National Ethics Bowl competition

of the cases for the competitions.

The Ethics Bowl is a national program sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (www.indiana.edu/~appe/ecs Bowl.html), which is composed of academics and professionals from a wide variety of fields who are committed to taking ethics seriously. Each year the national competition hosts approximately 40 student teams from colleges around the country. Modeled on television’s College Bowl, the Ethics Bowl requires students to analyze difficult ethical problems drawn from practical and professional contexts. Past year’s cases included cases in Business Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Military Ethics, Library Ethics, Legal Ethics, International Law, Health Care Ethics, Ethics in Education, and Ethics in Policing. Students present and defend their solutions to these problems in a format that closely resembles a debate. They are judged on their understanding of the issues, the cogency of their solutions, and the strength of their oral presentations. Throughout the year the team works with faculty coaches from the Philosophy Department, community volunteers and our reference librarian. The competition organizers provide the cases and students begin by preparing a lengthy case analysis, then work on polishing their presentations

competed against eleven teams from all over California.

The National Championships!

The finals will take place in San Antonio on February 28, 2013. We got the cases in early January and are hard at work prepping cases.

Our Generous Donors

So far we have raised \$5000 toward our expenses this year. We would like to thank all our donors, in particular Timothy Blackwood, J.D. who was our biggest donor with a contribution of over \$1000. In the \$500 category, we would like to thank Glenn J. Hovemann and Muffy Weaver, Janet and Peter Giddings, Belina C Dominguez and Dean Paul Dominguez. In the \$100-\$300 category, we are very grateful to Todd Becker, Ann Tremain, Gerald and Joanne Fiorucci, John Henry Giddings, Heather Kim, Saadia S. Ahmed, David Searles, Wendy Chang, Ellen M. Silverman, Ellsworth and Carolyn Tulberg and Emily Bogs. Rounding out our list of generous donors, we have Bruce R. and Carol Malnor, Toby and Ric Moorhouse, Julie Wendlberger, Elyse Warner, Michael Deranja, Richard and Katherine Ann Rodrigue, Joshua Schisser, Dianne F. DeCurtis, Ann R. Hyatt-Smith and Gerald D. Chan, OD. We still have many pledges so thank you to all who contributed after the newsletter went to press.

Center for Comparative Philosophy

Events in 2012 (also see the CCP website
<http://www.sjsu.edu/centerco>)

in contemporary society can help and enhance our understanding and elaboration of philosophical points and implications of the - philosophy through philosophical interpretation. The speakers and their talk title are these (a tentative list):

Allinson, Robert (Philosophy Program, Soka University of America): "The Change of Opposites in the - and Hegelian Dialectic"

Hadreas, Peter (Philosophy Dept, SJSU): "Plato's and Lao Zi's : from the vantage point of the - method"

Jochim, Christian (Humanities Dept, SJSU): "Western Philosophical Critique of Modernity: with help from the - and"

I gave two papers: "Pretty and Nice," American Philosophical Association, Seattle, Spring 2012 and "Everyday aesthetics and Photography," Oct. 28, 2011, American Society for Aesthetics, National Meeting, Tampa, Florida.

This semester I am once again giving a seminar on Nietzsche and look forward

immigrant identity,”
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(2011) 197-205.

Bill Shaw reports that he is happy to be back home at San Jose State after having been away for two years—at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and at the University of Hong Kong. “Although completely different institutions, both are exciting and enjoyable places for visiting academics,” he says. Bill’s recent publications include: [1] “Utilitarianism and Recourse to War,” , vol. 23, no. 4 (December 2011); [2] “Justice, Rights, and Rules in Mill’s Utilitarianism” in Leonard Kahn, ed.,

ways. I had the opportunity to teach Introduction to Aesthetics in the Spring of 2012. Teaching that class gave me some fresh perspectives and ideas that have helped create a paper I will give at the APA Western Division this Spring, titled: "Foucault's Aesthetics: Space, Place and Ecology." I have also taught a seminar on Hannah Arendt this Fall that has been very challenging. Inevitably, some of the ideas from that course have found their way into the paper as well as augmenting some long-standing projects that are tied together under the heading of "bio-politics."

Emeritus

Amnon Goldworth

In January 2011, a "

Denise Meda writes that
she is working at Mount
Saint Mary College right
now, teaching Critical