CURRICULUM VITA

RAFF DONELSON

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Academic Appointments

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law Associate Professor of Law (*with tenure*), Summer 2022 – Present

Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson Law Associate Professor of Law, Summer 2021 – Summer 2022 Assistant Professor of Law, Summer 2020 – Spring 2021

Louisiana State University

Assistant Professor of Law and Philosophy, Fall 2017 - Spring 2020

Primary Areas: Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Jurisprudence, Moral Philosophy

Secondary Areas: Criminal Law, Law of Evidence, Race & Law, Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, 2011-2017 PhD in Philosophy Juris Doctor

University of Chicago, 2009-2010 Master of Arts, Humanities

Williams College, 2005-2009 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy (*with honors*) & Political Science Certificate in French

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 1. Experimental Philosophy of Law in COMPACT COMPENDIUM OF EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY (Alexander Max Bauer & Stephan Kornmesser, eds. de Gruyter forthcoming 2022)
- 2. Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence, in ADVANCES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF LAW (Stefan Magen & Karolina Prochownik, eds. Bloomsbury forthcoming 2022)

- 3. The Rorty-Dworkin Debate, in THE ETHICS, EPISTEMOLOGY AND POLITICS OF RICHARD RORTY (Giancarlo Marchetti, ed. Routledge 2021)
- 4. *Commentary on* Daly v. Daly, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN FAMILY LAW OPINIONS. 162-170 (Rachel Rebouché, ed. Cambridge University Press 2020)
- 5. *Fuller and the Folk: The Inner Morality of Law Revisited* (with Ivar Hannikainen), in OXFORD STUDIES IN EXPERIMENTAL PHILOSOPHY, VOL. 3. 6-28 (Tania Lombrozo, Joshua Knobe & Shaun Nichols, eds. Oxford University Press 2020) (peer-reviewed) (lead chapter) [ssrn]
- 6. *The Nihilist*, in THE PRAGMATISM AND PREJUDICE OF OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR. 31-47 (Seth Vannatta, ed. Lexington Press 2019) [ssrn]

Journal Articles

- 1. Caruso's Negative Project in Rejecting Retributivism, J. PRAC. ETHICS (forthcoming 2023)
- 2. The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration, OKLA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2022) (symposium)
- 3. Natural Punishment, 100 N. C. L. REV. 557 (2022) [ssrn]
- 4. The Real Problem with Katz Circularity, 65 ST. LOUIS U. L. J. 809 (2021) (symposium) [ssrn]
- 5. The Pragmatist School in Analytic Jurisprudence, 31 PHIL. ISSUES 66 (2021) (invited) [ssrn]
- 6. Are There Cross-Cultural Legal Principles? Modal Reasoning Uncovers Procedural Constraints on Law (with Ivar Hannikainen et. al), 45 COGNITIVE SCI. (2021) (peer-reviewed) [ssrn]
- 7. Reparations, Responsibility, and Formalism A Reply to Carnes, 49 PHILOSOPHIA 643 (2021) (peer-reviewed) [ssrn]
- 8. Describing Law, 33 CAN. J. L. & JURIS. 85 (2020) (peer-reviewed) [ssrn]
- 9. Legal Inconsistencies, 55 TULSA L. REV. 15 (2019) [ssrn]
- 10. Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism, 34 SW. PHIL. REV. 125 (2018) (peer-reviewed)
- 11. Who are the Punishers? 86 UMKC L. REV. 259 (2017) (lead article) [ssrn]
- 12. Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature, 15 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 183 (2017) (peer-reviewed) [ssrn]
- 13. Rorty's Promise in Metaethics, 14 CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM 292 (2017) (peer-reviewed)
- 14. Ethical Pragmatism, 48 METAPHILOSOPHY 383 (2017) (lead article) (peer-reviewed)
- 15. Cruel and Unusual What? Toward a Unified Definition of Punishment, 9 WASH. U. JURIS. REV. 1 (2016) (lead article) [ssrn]

Book Reviews

- 1. Review of The War on Neighborhoods: Policing, Prison, and Punishment in a Divided City, CRIM. L. & CRIM. JUST. BOOKS (2019)
- 2. *Review of* The Age of Culpability: Children and the Nature of Criminal Responsibility, 22 METAPSYCHOLOGY no. 52 (2018)
- 3. *Review of* Facts and Values: The Ethics and Metaphysics of Normativity, 22 METAPSYCHOLOGY no. 2 (2018)
- 4. Review of Practicing Philosophy as Experiencing Life, 13 CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM 445 (2016)

Books

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

1. ETHICS WITHOUT CHICANERY (book proposal in development)

Articles & Book Chapters

- 1. Forbidden Purposes
- 2. Hobbes and America's Police Problem

- 3. Legal Philosophy: Its Aims and Methods (with Michelle Dempsey) in THE STANFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY (forthcoming 2022) (invited)
- 4. Moral Stability and Pragmatism
- 5. Review of Law's Humility: Enlarging the Scope of Jurisprudential Disagreement, JURISPRUDENCE (forthcoming 2022) (invited)
- 6. Review of Reconstructing Pragmatism, CONTEMP. PRAGMATISM (forthcoming 2022) (invited)

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

2022 - PRESENT

- 1. The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration, Northeastern Illinois University, Nov 2022
- 2. The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration, Louisiana State University, Nov 2022
- 3. Where There's a Will, There's a Right? Stellenbosch University, Oct 2022
- 4. Where There's a Will, There's a Right? Philosophy Dept., University of Witwatersrand, Oct 2022
- 5. Where There's a Will, There's a Right? University of Cape Town, Oct 2022
- 6. TBA, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), University of Witwatersrand, Oct 2022
- 7. *Where There's a Will, There's a Right?* Ethics and Epistemology Conference, Dartmouth College, Aug 2022
- TBA, Philosophical Perspectives on Legal Personhood, SEALS 2022, Sandestin, Florida, July 2022

2020 - 2022

(PENN STATE)

- 9. The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, April 2022
- 10. Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence, University of Surrey School of Law, March 2022
- 11. Natural Punishment, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, March 2022
- 12. *Truth and Reconciliation in Carlisle, PA*, Rethinking Systems Design for Racial Justice & Equity Symposium, The Ohio State University, March 2022
- 13. Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence, University of Arizona Law School, Feb 2022
- 14. The Inherent Problem with Mass Incarceration, "Ending Mass Incarceration" Symposium, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Feb 2022
- 15. Experimental Approaches to General Jurisprudence, Legal Theory Seminar, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Jan 2022
- 16. Natural Punishment, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Nov 2021
- 17. Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature, Rhodes College, Nov 2021
- 18. *Hobbes and America's Police Problem*, IHS Seminar on Policing and Political Philosophy, George Mason University, Oct 2021
- 19. Natural Punishment, Faculty Workshop Series, University of Illinois College of Law, Sept 2021
- 20. Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature, IHS Seminar on Unnecessary Evils: Laws, Judging, and Policing in an Overcriminalized World, George Mason University, July 2021
- 21. *Pragmatism, Truth, and Lies*, Philosophical Perspectives on Freedom of Speech in a Liberal Democracy, SEALS 2021, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2021
- 22. Privacy When You Least Expect It: On Police Searches and Expectations of Privacy, Invited Session on Policing and Police, APA Pacific Division Conference, Portland, OR, Apr 2021
- 23. Natural Punishment, ACS Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law School, Mar 2021
- 24. Reparations, Responsibility, and Formalism, Iowa Legal Theory Reading Group, Feb 2021

- 25. Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature, Guest Lecture, Princeton University, Jan 2021
- 26. A Question of Trust? Hard vs. Soft Law in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Invited Webinar Panelist, University of Salford, Jan 2021
- 27. Critical Race Theory and the Police War on Black Bodies, Northwestern Critical Theories of Law Program, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Nov 2020
- 28. Katz Should Only Have One Step, Childress Symposium, SLU Law, Oct 2020
- 29. Race and Policing, Invited Panelist, Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues, Dickinson College, Sept 2020

2017 - 2020

(LSU)

- 30. The Rorty-Dworkin Debate, Richard Rorty Society Meeting, Penn. State Univ., Nov 2019
- 31. Moral Stability and Pragmatism, Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, Univ. of Tokyo, Oct 2019
- 32. Fuller and the Folk, New Frontiers in Experimental Jurisprudence, Univ. of Chicago Law School, Oct 2019
- 33. Legal Inconsistencies, Penn. State Dickinson Law School, Oct 2019
- 34. Moral Stability and Pragmatism, Mississippi State Univ., Oct 2019
- 35. Natural Punishment, Chicagoland Junior Scholars, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Sep 2019
- 36. Legal Inconsistencies, Chicago-Kent Law School, Sep 2019
- 37. Natural Punishment, John Mercer Langston Writing Retreat, Howard Law School, Jul 2019
- 38. Natural Punishment, Crim Fest, Brooklyn Law School, Jul 2019
- 39. Legal Inconsistencies, Junior Criminal Law Theory Workshop, Univ. of Toronto Law School, Jun 2019
- 40. Describing Law, Plenary Speaker, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Univ. of South Carolina, Mar 2019
- 41. Inconsistent Justifications, Keynote, Faculty Workshop, Univ. of Arizona Law School, Jan 2019
- 42. Inconsistent Justifications, New Voices in Criminal Justice, 2019 AALS, New Orleans, LA, Jan 2019
- 43. Inconsistent Justifications, Tulane University Law School, Oct 2018
- 44. Inconsistent Justifications, Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Conference, Marquette University Law School, Oct 2018
- 45. Moral Stability and Pragmatism, Yonsei University, Sept 2018
- 46. Moral Stability and Pragmatism, Ohio State University, Aug 2018
- 47. Inconsistent Justifications, "The Rule of Law," 2018 SEALS, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Aug 2018
- 48. Inconsistent Justifications, Crim. Law Theory Workshop, Northwestern Univ. Pritzker School of Law, June 2018
- 49. Moral Stability and Pragmatism, Loyola University of New Orleans, Apr 2018
- 50. Who are the Punishers?, Mississippi Law College, Apr 2018
- 51. Describing Law, Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Oxford University, Mar 2018
- 52. Describing Law, Edinburgh Legal Theory Research Group, Edinburgh Law School, Mar 2018
- 53. Inconsistent Justifications, Rule of Law, and Due Process, Louisiana Law Scholars' Symposium, Loyola Univ. of New Orleans Law School, Feb 2018
- 54. Who are the Punishers?, University of Connecticut School of Law, Nov 2017
- 55. Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism, Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Baylor University, Nov 2017

Winner of the President's Prize: best paper by junior scholar

- 56. *Moral Stability and Pragmatism*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Oct 2017
- 57. Reasons and Considerations, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Sept 2017
- 58. Describing Law, Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference, University of Auckland, Jul 2017

2010-2017

(GRAD SCHOOL)

- 59. Rorty's Promise in Metaethics, APA, Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, Jan 2017
- 60. Who are the Punishers?, Lake Forest College, Nov 2016
- 61. Describing Law, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, University of Nebraska, Oct 2016
- 62. Blacks, Cops, and the State of Nature, Ethics Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Oct 2016
- 63. Rorty's Promise in Metaethics, Richard Rorty Society Conference, Hamilton College, Sept 2016
- 64. Cruel and Unusual What?, Northeastern Illinois University, Mar 2016
- 65. *Practical Deliberation without Practical Reasons*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Nov 2015
- 66. Those Magic Changes, Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy at UN-Reno, Oct 2015
- 67. Racist Jury Nullification, Black Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Northwestern University, Apr 2015
- 68. The US Ban on Human Organ Sales: Why We Have It & Should Get Rid of It, Ethics Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Nov 2014
- 69. Aristotle's Conception of Justice, Chicago State University, Sept 2014
- 70. Rational Hate, Social Equality Conference, University of Cape Town, Aug 2014
- 71. Practical Deliberation without Practical Reasons, Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association, Dalhousie University, Oct 2013
- 72. Against Brewer's Critique of Desire, Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference at UIUC, Mar 2013
- 73. *Ethical Pragmatism*, International Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido University, Oct 2012
- 74. *Ethical Pragmatism*, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Sept 2012
- 75. *Ethical Pragmatism*, Seoul Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Yonsei University, May 2012
- 76. Rational Hate, Queertopia 3.0, Northwestern University School of Law, May 2010

CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

- 1. Invited Commentator, *A Pragmatic Genealogy of Moral Status*, Colloquium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, Vancouver, BC, Apr 2022
- 2. Chris Voparil, RECONSTRUCTING PRAGMATISM, Richard Rorty Society Symposium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, Vancouver, BC, Apr 2022
- 3. Paul Tubig, Reducing Police Brutality and Moral Neuroenhancement, Colloquium, APA, Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, Feb 2022

- 4. Gregg Caruso, REJECTING RETRIBUTIVISM, Society for Philosophy of Agency Book Symposium, APA, Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, Jan 2022
- 5. Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, *Returning to Retribution: A More Dignified Approach to Drug Sentencing*, Ohio State University Virtual Workshop, June 2021
- 6. Luke Hunt, THE RETRIEVAL OF LIBERALISM IN POLICING, Author Meets Critics, APA, Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, Feb 2020
- 7. Maybell Romero, Rural Spaces, Communities of Color, and the "Progressive Prosecutor," Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology Symposium, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Feb 2020
- 8. Michael Arjun Banerjee, *No-Trial Executions*, John Mercer Langston Writing Retreat, Howard Law School, Jul 2019
- 9. Ekow Yankuh, *Punishing the Polity*, Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice Conference, Saint Louis University, Mar 2019
- 10. Aaron Wolf, On Saying Something Normative by Ruling Out, APA, Central Division Conference, Denver, CO, Feb 2019
- 11. Aaron MacLeod, The Jury in the Age of Public Rights, Voegelin Institute Lecture, LSU Law, Jan 2019
- 12. Leigh Vicens, Agentive Phenomenology & Moral Responsibility Agnosticism, Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Univ. of Colorado-Denver, Nov 2018
- 13. Invited Commentator, "Beyond Social Contract Theory" Symposium, APA, Pacific Division Conference, San Diego, CA, Mar 2018
- 14. Joshua Blanchard, *How to be an Angsty Realist*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Oct 2017
- 15. Invited commentator-at-large, Workshop on Language & Law, Wellesley College, Mar 2017
- 16. Hillary Nye, Does Law Exist?, Legal Philosophy Workshop, Queens University, Jun 2016
- 17. Thomas Kiefer, *Moral Realism: An Evolutionary Defense*, Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Chicago, Apr 2016
- 18. Matthew Flummer, *Ownership and Responsibility*, Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, Nov 2015
- 19. Trevor Hoppe, *Punishing Sex*, Sexualities Project at Northwestern Workshop, Northwestern University, Apr 2015
- 20. Nicholas Tebben, *Naturalism and the Agent's Perspective*, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Northwestern University, Oct 2014
- 21. Alex Worsnip, Cryptonormative Judgments, NUSTEP Conference, Northwestern University, Mar 2014

HONORS, AWARDS, RECOGNITION

Research Grants

LSU ASPIRE Summer Grant, Apr 2019

\$1,000 grant to hire undergrad research assistant for "Natural Punishment" LSU Manship Summer Research Grant, May 2018

\$5,000 grant to work on "Fuller and the Folk"

Travel Grants

LSU Junior Faculty Travel Grant, Sept 2018

\$750 to present "Moral Stability and Pragmatism" at Yonsei University

LSU Junior Faculty Travel Grant, Sept 2017

\$1,000 to present "Describing Law" at Oxford & Edinburgh

APA Travel Assistance Fund for Philosophers of Color, Dec 2016 \$500 to present "Rorty's Promise..." at the 2017 Eastern APA
Sexualities Project at Northwestern Grant, Aug 2014 \$400 to present "Rational Hate" at University of Cape Town
Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy Grant, Oct 2012 ¥30,000 to present "Ethical Pragmatism" at Hokkaido University
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, May 2012 \$850 to present "Ethical Pragmatism" at Yonsei University

Other Honors & Recognition

| <u>The FBI Cast an Incredibly Questionable Dragnet for Steve Bannon's Lawyer, Mar 2022</u> |
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| Quoted about FBI probe into lawyer for Trump White House strategist |
| <u>A court just struck down Pennsylvania's mail voting law. Here's what you need to know, Jan 2022</u> |
| Quoted in story about PA voting by mail |
| <u>Court throws Pennsylvania's mail-in voting law into doubt</u> , Jan 2022 |
| Quoted in story about PA voting by mail |
| Deadline passes in GOP's election 'investigation' subpoena, Oct 2021 |
| Quoted in story about PA state senate investigation into 2020 federal election |
| Police, Privacy, and Searches, May 2021 |
| Invited to author a post on the Blog of the American Philosophical Association |
| Interference: Democracy at Risk, Oct 2020 |
| Appeared in documentary on US constitutional law & elections |
| <u>Ipse Dixit Interview</u> , Aug 2020 |
| Interviewed for legal scholarship podcast |
| President's Prize, Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, Nov 2017 |
| \$150 prize for "Three Problems with Metaethical Minimalism" |
| Legal-Phi Interview, Sept 2017 |
| Interviewed for series on new scholars in legal philosophy |
| Law and Humanities Fellowship, 2013-2017 |

Full tuition scholarship with stipend to attend Northwestern Law

TEACHING & SERVICE

Teaching Experience

IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (Fall 2022 – present) Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Jurisprudence

| Penn State Dickinson Law (Fall 2020-Spring 2022) | |
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| Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Criminal Procedure; Juri | isprudence |

LSU (Fall 2017-Spring 2020)

Admin. of Criminal Justice I; Constitutional Law Seminar; Philosophy of Criminal Law; Philosophy of Law; Metaethics (grad seminar); Epistemology; Philosophy of Rawls; Intro to Political Philosophy; Ethics

Northwestern University, Dept. of Philosophy (Fall 2012-Spring 2017)

Intro to Political Phil. (2x as TA, 1x as instructor); Intro to Ancient Phil. (as TA)

Illinois Humanities (college-level program for low-income adults) (Spring 2016) Philosophy of Religion

Northwestern Univ., Center for Talent Development (gifted high school) (Summer 2016) Critical Discourse (moral philosophy course); US Law & Politics Honors

Duke University, Talent Identification Program (*gifted h.s.*) (Summer 2014) Philosophy of Knowledge

Johns Hopkins Univ., Center for Talented Youth (gifted h.s.) (Summers 2011-2013) Ethics; Bioethics (all as TA)

Student Research Supervision

(* indicates I am/was the director or co-director)

In Progress—PSU

*Harison Citrawan, SJD '23 (dissertation on law's temporality)

Completed—LSU

*Mary Grace Richardson, JD '19 ("License, Registration, and State Funding, Please': Overhauling Louisiana's Traffic-Ticket Funding Scheme of Public Defenders")

*Caroline McCaffrey, JD '20 ("Fairly Exposed: A Proposal to Improve the Reasonableness Standard for Digital Forensic Searches at the Border")
Pol Pardini, MA in Phil. '19 (thesis on Sidgwickian ethics)
Christopher Petersen, MA in Phil. '19 (three essays on naturalism)
*Eli Minor, MA in Phil. '19 (three essays on political and personal agency)
Grant Heller, MA in Phil. '20 (three essays on normativity)
*Cameron Simmons, BA in Phil. '20 (thesis on Rawls and unreasonable people)
*Quentin LeBlanc, BA in Phil. '20 ("Collateral Damage & Legitimate Punishment")

Editorial Work & Refereeing

Co-editor: Journal of Legal Philosophy

Academic Press Referee: SUNY University Press

Journal Referee: Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence, Critical Philosophy of Race; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ethics; European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy; Journal of Legal Philosophy; New Criminal Law Review; Philosophical Quarterly; Res Publica; Social Epistemology; Southwestern Philosophy Review; Thought

Conference Referee: Central States Philosophical Association; Southwest Philosophical Society

Professional Memberships

Member, American Philosophical Association, 2016-present Member, Richard Rorty Society, 2016-present Member, Southwest Philosophical Society, 2017-present

Public Service

Commissioner, Truth & Reconciliation Commission, Carlisle Borough, PA, 2021-2022

Institutional Service

Illinois Institute of Technology

Law Review Committee, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2022-present Racial Equity Task Force, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2022-present Speakers Committee, Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2022-present

Pennsylvania State University

Civil Rights Certificate Advisor, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022 Law Review Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022 (chair 2020-2022) Appointments Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022 Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, Dickinson Law, 2021-2022 Honor Code Committee, Dickinson Law, 2020-2021 1L Faculty Working Group, Dickinson Law, 2020-2022 Dickinson Law Representative (Alternate), AALS, 2020-2022 Dickinson Law Faculty Senator (Replacement), Fall 2021 Board Member & Dickinson Law Rep., MidPenn Legal Services, 2021-2022

Louisiana State University

Associate Director of Undergraduate Study, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020 Shirley Award Committee, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020; (chair 2018-2020) Advisor for Undergrad Philosophy Club, Philosophy Department, 2017-2020 Student Educational Policy Committee, Law Center, 2017-2020 Faculty Scholarship Committee, Law Center, 2019-2020 Advisory Board, LSU Institute for Ethics, 2017-2020 Recruitment, Philosophy Department, 2017-2018