

PHILOSOPHY

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS



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So we made it to Thanksgiving! It has been a very difficult and stressful semester for everyone and I just want to say that I appreciate the hard work all of you have put in to your classes, and the care and compassion you have shown to your students. I am proud to be Chair of this department, and to represent such a dedicated, creative, and diverse group of faculty and graduate students. Despite a global pandemic, an ever-so-slightly stressful election, and a looming budget crisis, we managed to host a weekly virtual seminar (with thanks to Kimberly!), publish great work, present at conferences, and teach new online classes, among many other achievements. Many thanks to all of you, and I hope you all get some very well-earned rest over Thanksgiving!

Jessica Wolfendale,
Chair, Philosophy

Desiree Valentine on the Concept of Access Intimacy



Desiree Valentine's research lies at the intersection of critical disability studies, philosophies of liberation, and ethics. In this paper, I offer a critical phenomenological view of the concept of access intimacy, a term coined by disability justice advocate, Mia Mingus. Access intimacy refers to a mode of relation between disabled people or between disabled and non-disabled people

that can be born of concerted cultivation or instantly intimated and centrally concerns the feeling of someone genuinely understanding and anticipating another's access needs. Putting in conversation this notion of intimacy with Kym Maclaren's critical phenomenological account of intimacy, I show how accessibility is not about what one person or institution can do for another but involves an ongoing, interpersonal process of relating and taking responsibility for our inevitable encroachment on one another and in ways that enhance one another's freedom.



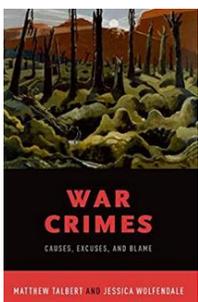
Ericka Tucker Forthcoming Article

"The Consolations of Spinoza" will be published in *In Circolo* in December 2020.



Curtis Carter Updates

"Theatre X," in Mike Vandenheuvel, *American Theatre* Vol. I, November, 2020.
And a *Professional Service Appointment*: Appointed Member of the International Congress of Aesthetics Scientific board to plan the next International Congress of Aesthetics, Belohorizonte, Brazil, July 2022.



Jessica Wolfendale's Book is Cited

Jessica's book with Matthew Talbert, *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame* was cited in the [recommendations section of the Inspector General](#) of the Australian Defence Force Afghanistan Inquiry Report.



Sarah Kizuk Presents Virtual Seminar

Sarah presented at the November 13th Virtual Friday Philosophy Seminar. The topic: *I am of this place: place attachment as a mechanism of settler colonialism*
Friday, Nov. 13th 3-4 pm

Daniel Collette Awarded Revision Grant



Daniel was awarded a Course Revision Grant from the Center for Transnational Justice. With this, he'll re-design his Spring '21 course *Early Modern Philosophy* (PHIL 3650 101 T/Th 3:30pm) to include the emergence and metaphysics of race during early modernity and the Enlightenment. The revision will help students recognize the extent to which systemic racism is a problem by walking them through how it became a problem. Dr. Collette's research focuses on 17th and 18th-century philosophy, including recovering historically marginalized voices that have been

silenced due to gender, race, or class. Collette is currently working on Mary Shepherd's cosmological argument with the New Narratives in Philosophy early career researcher workshop and is under contract with Hackett Publishing Company to produce a co-edited volume, *The Philosophical Essays and Correspondence of Blaise and Jacqueline Pascal*.



Nathaniel Taylor Organizes March Conference

Nathaniel is working on an online conference schedule for March 19th and 20th. The conference is part of the Aquinas and the Arabs International Working Group's graduate chapter.



Melissa Shew's Favorite Things

Sharing practical advice from colleagues, Melissa Shew started a video series called Marquette's [Our Favorite Things](#), an exploration of teaching and learning for online settings and beyond. Shew also teaches as part of

the Executive MBA Program at Marquette and will be presented with an Excellence in Executive Education Award at a ceremony on December 5th.



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