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Armenia Day
On October 30th and 31st the department hosted Armenia Day, commemorating the Armenian Genocide and its centennial. Not only did students Kurt Williams, Caroline Timnings, Gabriella Jackmann, Besiki Kiknadze, and former students Jesse Juarez and Molly O’Lena present papers, so too did the award winning author Antonia Arslan, Philosophy Chair at Worcester State College Henry Theriault, and His Excellency Bishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Provost Dolling and Dean Boehm, Professor Edmund Campion Ryder, Professor Paul Kucharski, and Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall. An Armenian Dance Ensemble entertained all the presenters and guests on the first day of the conference, and Armenian food arrived from Armenian Delights, the award winning Armenian Deli of Philadelphia.

National High School Ethics Bowl
This year Jesse Juarez organized the first Westchester High School Ethics Bowl. On January 30th, high schoolers from all over the area came to Manhattanville to participate in this competition. The winner of the Bowl went on to the National Competition in North Carolina. Another huge success for the Philosophy Department!

This Year…
The 2015-2016 academic year was a busy one for both the Manhattanville Philosophy Department and the Philosophy Club. To study philosophy at Manhattanville is to become a part of a vibrant family, which is welcoming to all and dedicated to the pursuit of wisdom and honing our ability really to think. This year we showcased all of this at our many events. After the Philosophy Club became an officially recognized school club, we participated in club fairs, held weekly meetings for philosophical discussion, held bake sales, put on a wonderfully successful Concerence, and sold our famous “Evolution of Philosophical Facial Hair” t-shirt. Meanwhile, the Philosophy Department kicked off the year by hosting Armenia Day in October. After that was the Westchester National High School Ethics Bowl, the annual Mary T. Clark Chair Lecture, the Second Annual Philosophy Dinner, the Second Annual Undergraduate Conference, and our inauguration into the Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honors Society. Philosophy majors also participated in the Sixth Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Fair and presented papers at the Annual International American Maritain Association Conference held at Fordham University.

Our Mission
The Manhattanville Philosophy Department and Philosophy Club are
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Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Chair
Professor Paul Kucharski
Professor Lisa Dolling
Professor Galina Stiler
Professor Ela Tokay
Mr. Jesse Juarez

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Abbi Parenteau, Vice President
Jasmine Quetell, Secretary
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AMA at Fordham
On Thursday, February 25th, members of the Manhattanville Philosophy department, accompanied by Professors Nash-Marshall, Kucharski, and Tokay, traveled to Manhattan to present papers at the XXXIX annual international meeting of the American Maritain Association held at Fordham University. Manhattanville students were the only undergraduates reading at the conference. They were astounding!!

Mary T. Clark Annual Lecture
Every year the Philosophy Department puts on the Mary T. Clark Lecture. On April 4th we all gathered to hear a paper, “Lying and Loyalties,” by Prof. Joseph Koterski S.J of the Philosophy Department of Fordham University. The lecture was a wondrous success and was followed by a lively question and answer session. The Philosophy Family would also like to thank Father Koterski for officiating the inauguration ceremony for the department into the Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honors Society, before he delivered his lecture.

filled with passionate, dedicated, ambitious students and faculty who are committed to making America a thinking nation.


**Phi Sigma Tau**

Officers of the Manhattanville Philosophy Club and select majors from the department were inducted into *Phi Sigma Tau*, the International Philosophy Society, as New York Chapter Mu. This society aims to encourage interest and activity among philosophy students and to promote ties between philosophy departments in accredited institutions. The society also produces a journal, *Dialogue*, to which our students can now submit articles for possible publication. The induction took place on April 4th in the West Room of Reid Castle.

**Annual Philosophy Dinner**

Professors, majors, alumni, and friends gathered for a special evening on April 5th to enjoy each other’s company and celebrate the accomplishments of the philosophy department. The elder statesmen of the philosophy community, including Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Paul Kucharski, Ela Tokay, Galina Stiler, and Richard and Diane Cummins all enjoyed the energy and antics of the younger members. The dinner was held at Trattoria 632, a lovely Italian restaurant in Purchase. Special guests were Antonia Arslan and Deborah Lutz. The highlights of the dinner were the unveiling of "Hedwig," a gift of the Cummins, an impromptu rendition of a department song, and an authentic *tamada*! There was laughter all around, and many were the heartfelt toasts celebrating the year. All in attendance recognized that the night wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work of both faculty and students, the feeling of trust and loyalty that has made the department a family, and, of course, the love of philosophy. It was truly a night to remember. And the food was incredible!

**The Concerence**

The Philosophy Club hosted an event that was both a concert and a conference. They called it *The Concerence*. It was held on April the 22nd at 7:15pm in the East Room of Benziger Hall. Philosophy major Besiki Kidnadze ideated the *Concerence* and had help making it come to life from co-organizer, Heather Krannich, treasurer of the Philosophy club. Both wanted to combine philosophy and music to maximize their functions while entertaining and educating peers. They worked with many people to make the event possible: philosophy majors

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**Undergraduate Conference**

Dr. Lisa Boehm, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences of Manhattanville College, Dr. Marco Liviero of Eton College, Dr. Antonia Arslan of the Università di Padova, Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Dr. Paul Kucharski, Dr. Margaret Hughes, and philosophy majors from Manhattanville College, Purchase College and the College of Mount St. Vincent, all participated in the Second Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on the 9th of April. This event was made possible by Jesse Juarez, the Chair’s right hand man, who has been invaluable in running various events for the philosophy department. The central topic of the conference was the philosophical importance of love.

The afternoon was highlighted by many impressive presentations, including Dean Boehm’s “Brother, Can you Spare a Dime: A Love Story,” which outlined the love triangle behind the famous depression era song, and Dr. Marco Liviero’s “Words and the Nature of Language,” which articulated the importance and challenge of great literature, and the ways in which love of literature can assist one philosophically. All of the student papers were also impressive, and we were thrilled by the participation of philosophy majors from neighboring colleges. We hope to continue these relationships next year and beyond.

In sum, it was a wonderful event. Great conversation was had by all and love was definitely in the air!

**The Cummins Scholarship**

For years Richard and Diane Cummins have been invaluable supporters of our department. Every year they generously award the *Cummins Scholarship* to an exceptional philosophy major. This year, the recipient of their generosity was Gabriella Jackmann (Class of 2017). Gabie, a double major in Philosophy and Asian studies, has achieved academic excellence while
MVL Radio club members, and the RHA (Residence Hall Association). The purpose of this event was to see if philosophy could be expressed through music. Different genres were discussed philosophically and then performed live in order to experience what was just discussed through the language of music. It was entertainment for the ears and the mind. The music discussed was Classical, Acoustic, Pop, New Aged and Jazz. Before each performance, philosophy majors talked about how each genre ties into a philosophical topic. Those topics ranged from the importance of improvisation to the importance of timelessness in music. The major consensus of the night: people couldn’t help but get up and dance in hand with their minds from the music and sparking conversation. Overall, it was a successful gathering that united students from different majors to develop something that positively benefited its audience.

The Philosophy Department has joined PLATO (Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization), the national network devoted to advancing pre-college philosophy, and become a founding member of the PLATO Philosophy Fund.

The Philosophy Department and Club would like to congratulate Ela Tokay, an alumna and member of the department, for entering the Fordham University Ph.D. program.

The Philosophy family would like to congratulate Chloe Gauthier, James Gemino, Clarissa Orellana, Phoebe Pierce, Grant “Graham” Spaeth, Rebecca Stroud, Kurt Williams for entering A.C. time and remind them that family (and not diamonds) is forever.

Looking ahead...

The summer months will not be quiet ones for the Manhattanville Philosophy Department and the Philosophy Club. We have lots of planning to do. Next academic year we are hoping to host another Ethics Bowl, our Third Annual Department Dinner, our Third Annual Undergraduate Conference, create a new t-shirt, keep the club running and hold weekly meetings (you can find us on Wednesdays at 7PM in Damman Pit), and so much more.

Philosophy at Manhattanville is an ever growing and always loving family. We are grateful not only for the amazing faculty comprised of Professors Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Paul Kucharzki, Lisa Dolling, Ela Tokay, and Galina Stiler, but also for the incredible students. We invite you to join us for another year filled with hard work and amazing rewards.

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Thank you

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