... This will always be remembered as the academic year that began with the tragic events of 9/11 and ended with budget uncertainty for the State of California. ... Even so, this has been another productive and successful year for the Department, with continued growth in our programs and accomplishments by our students, faculty, and alumni. ... The number of philosophy majors, one measure of the success of our programs, continues to grow. We now have 95 undergraduate majors (compared with 84 in 2001, 65 in 1999, and 60 in 1997). Our graduate program is also thriving, with 49 MA students in spring 2002 (compared with 38 in 2000 and 32 in 1997).

**Student Achievements**

... Kimberly Gainey, a double major in philosophy and psychology, was named Outstanding Graduate of the College of Liberal Arts for 2002. She, in turn, honored Dr. Al Spangler, Professor of Philosophy, naming him “Most Valuable Professor.” Kimberly has been awarded a prestigious Judicial Fellowship in Sacramento, and will then enter law school at UC Davis. History does indeed repeat itself: Kimberly’s sister, Kathryn Gainey, a double major in philosophy and economics, and now a student at Harvard Law, was named Outstanding Graduate of the College of Liberal Arts in 2000, and named Dr. Julie Van Camp, Professor of Philosophy, as “Most Valuable Professor” that year. ... The Department has named Carlos Castillo as Outstanding Graduate (MA program) with honorable mention to Alan Casselman, Barbara Hogan, Amy Murphy, Timothy Parker, Melvin Sanchez, and Mark Vukadinovich. The Department has named Kimberly Gainey as the outstanding graduate (BA program) with honorable mention to James Bonar, Laura Clark, Albert Lara, Wendy McGlothlin, Ryan Murphy, Brian Quinlan, Scott Sward, and Michael Zar. ... Laura Clark will enter Boalt Hall (the law school at UC Berkeley) this fall. Keith Gibbs will enter the doctoral program in philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis. ... Russell Daley read papers at several important conferences and received the University's STAR award for outstanding community service.

**Future Department Events**

- Commencement Open House, May 30, 2002
- Back-to-School Open House, Sep. 3 (5-7 p.m.)
- Student Philosophy Conference, early 2003
- Religion and Science Conference, March 2003
- Ethics of Stem Cell Research Conference, spring 2003

All students, alumni, and friends of the Department are welcome at all events.

For the most up-to-date information on these and other events, please check the Department Web site: http://www.csulb.edu/~philos/
New Faculty... In fall of 2002, two new tenure-track faculty members will join us. Jeffrey Moriarty will develop courses and programs in business ethics and will teach ethical theory; he expects his Ph.D. from Rutgers University this summer and received his B.A. in philosophy from Princeton University. Dr. Ravi K. Sharma will teach ancient Greek philosophy, as well as analytical ontology, early modern philosophy, and metaphysics. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. from Pennsylvania State University, and a B.A. from Haverford College. They join our other talented junior faculty. Dr. Thomas Schmidt teaches philosophy of religion, contemporary continental philosophy, and Hegel, and is developing exciting partnerships for our campus with Goethe University, Frankfurt. Dr. Charles Wallis is developing new courses in cognitive science. Dr. Sara Goering specializes in medical ethics. Dr. Larry Nolan specializes in modern philosophy. We hope to recruit an additional tenure-track faculty member, to begin in the fall of 2003, if funding permits.

Retirements. Dr. Daniel Guérriere will enter the Faculty Early Retirement Program this fall, teaching in the spring semester only.

Scholarships. Due to the extraordinary support from the Friends of Philosophy, the Department awarded an unprecedented seven scholarships this year of $500 each: Alan Casselman (Peccorini-Tang Scholarship), Carlos Castillo (Friends of Philosophy Scholarship), Russell Daley (Whittington Scholarship), Kimberly Gainey (Friends of Philosophy Scholarship), Keith Gibbs (Friends of Philosophy Scholarship), Wendy McGlothlin (Friends of Philosophy Scholarship), Michael Zar (Peccorini Scholarship). We have in hand funding for five scholarships, to be awarded in December 2002. With your help, we hope to raise an additional $1000 by fall, to match the number of scholarships awarded this year.

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