New Faculty Hires

Vanessa Carbonell will receive her PhD in political philosophy from the University of Michigan. She received her B.A. in philosophy from St. Xavier University, where she majored in philosophy and political science. She also studied writing and philosophy in a program designed to prepare writing instructors in classrooms across the curriculum.

Vanessa’s research focuses on global justice, leadership, and moral psychology, with additional interests in the history of ethics (especially Mills and empirical and moral theories). For her dissertation, she also studied writing pedagogy as a program designed to prepare writing instructors in classrooms across the curriculum.

Vanessa aims to do influential work on the political and public philosophy of policies that have a significant impact on the development and well-being of a nation or a region, especially in the areas of climate change, public health, and social justice.

Lauren Hartzell will receive her PhD in philosophy from Stanford University. She is the recipient of a fellowship from the undergraduate program in the history of science at Stanford University. She is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where she majored in philosophy and environmental studies. Her current research interests are in environmental and political philosophy, especially issues related to anthropocentricism, the nature of political and legal philosophy, and how identity affects action.

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In Memoriam: Don Gustafson (1934-2009) by John McEvoy

The department mourns the loss of Don Gustafson (1934-2009). Don was a seminal figure in the history of the department. He was not only deeply involved in teaching and research, but also was an influential mentor and colleague to many in the Philosophy Department. He is missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Don Gustafson was a professor of philosophy at the University of Cincinnati for over 30 years, where he taught courses in philosophy, political science, and psychology. He is known for his work on the philosophy of science, particularly in the area of scientific methodology and the philosophy of biology. His research on scientific methodology and the philosophy of biology is widely recognized and has been influential in the field.

Don was a true scholar and a true friend. He was always willing to help others, and his kindness and generosity were well-known. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The department has lost a true icon, and the loss will be felt deeply by all who knew Don Gustafson. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

John McEvoy