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BROWN BAG TALKS

James Crum (philosophy/psychology, class of 2015) recently graduated from University College London with a masters in cognitive neuroscience. He discussed his research in a presentation called: "The Influence of Others on Task Performance: Some Implications for Autism in Education."

James has a column in Psychology Today called The Executive Brain, which can be found here: https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-executive-brain.

Please email Professor Spence if you would like to be considered as a presenter for future events, or have suggestions for panel discussions.

OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Dr. Spence has been working with the Better Business Bureau to introduce a new ethics certification process for AC students, to create some ethics related internships, and to bring ethics related continuing education courses to campus.

On Feb 17 Dr. Spence served as a judge at the 5th annual Michigan High School Ethics Bowl in Ann Arbor. High school teams from across Michigan meet in Ann Arbor to compete in a day long event that requires them to analyze difficult ethical situations and defend their analysis.

Spring 2018

Date to Remember!

What: Nadine Strossen; guest speaker
Location: Rush 116
Date: 4/19/18
Time: 6:00 PM

The Ethics Institute is Co-Sponsoring this ROE Endorsed Event
**CONFERENCES**

This summer Dr. Spence will be presenting “Networks of Sympathy: justice in Smith and Hume” at the University of Glasgow for the 31st Annual Conference of the Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society, an interdisciplinary and international society examining all aspects of 18th-century Scottish culture and society.

The Second Annual Great Lakes Philosophy Conference will be held April 6-8, with the Ethics in Theory and Practice. Geoff Sayre-McCord from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be the keynote speaker, and will address the possibility of moral facts. The conference brings together professors and students from around the U.S. and world to discuss a variety of philosophical topics. Two Adrian Students will be presenting at the conference: Michael Phillips, (Philosophy, Class of 2020), will present “The Ethics of Immigration” and Elizabeth Barrett, (class of 2018, biology with a minor in chemistry) will present “The Differing Emphasis on Patient Rights in Early Codes of Medical Ethics.” Barrett will also be presenting this same topic on Thursday, April 12th at noon in Knight Auditorium.

**CLASSES**

Dr. Spence is working with a group of students on an independent study on the topic of the moral and conceptual limits of contracts. The class is reading a work in progress, tentatively titled Wrongful Contracts: The Moral Limits of Voluntary Exchange, and regularly skyping with the author, James Taylor of the College of New Jersey, to discuss his work. Some of Professor Taylor’s previous work includes: Personal Autonomy: New essays (Cambridge University Press, 2005); Practical Autonomy and Bioethics (Routledge, 2009); and Death, Posthumous Harm, and Bioethics (Routledge, 2012). Professor Taylor has been informed our students that he will include them in his acknowledgements.
ETHICS BOWLS

Last fall the members of the Adrian College chapter of the national honor society for philosophy - Phi Sigma Tau - went to Oakland University to compete in the regional Ethics Bowl. Participants included Dana Dowd, (Accounting, Class of 2018), Michael Phillips, Noah Bruckner (Exercise science major with a philosophy minor, Class of 2018), Madison Tluczeck (Biology, class of 2019)

They, along with Clarence Kennedy (political science/philosophy, class of 2019), will be competing in the National Bioethics Bowl at the University of South Alabama in April.

Last fall, Madison also presented a paper at the 19th International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum in Grand Rapids MI, discussing her experience at a professional bioethics conference.
Participants in the Michigan High School Ethics Bowl

(Map courtesy of A2Ethics)
The Institute for Ethics is co-sponsoring this event:

**ADRIAN COLLEGE**

NADINE STROSEN

**HATE: Why We Should Resist It With Free Speech, Not Censorship**

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:**
Nadine Strossen, the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at New York Law School, has written, taught, and advocated extensively in constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. She is the immediate past President of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991-2008), and now serves on the ACLU’s National Advisory Council, as well as the National Advisory Boards of EPIC (the Electronic Privacy Information Center), FIRE (the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education), and Heterodox Academy. When Strossen stepped down as ACLU President, three Supreme Court Justices (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Antonin Scalia, and David Souter) participated in her farewell/tribute luncheon.

The Adrian College ACLU Club Presents:

**NADINE STROSEN**

Guest Lecture

- **Date:** APRIL 19, 2018
- **Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 PM (LECTURE) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Q & A/BOOK SIGNING)
- **Location:** RUSH HALL 116

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice, Political Science, as well as the Institutes for Ethics and Entrepreneurial Studies are co-sponsoring accommodations for this event. Funds for this speaker were provided by the DeMerritt Fund.