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UCCS PHILOSOPHY ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCING PROFESSOR JORDAN KOKOT

Joining us from Boston University, Professor Jordan Kokot is our newest tenure-track professor. He specializes in ethics of technology, aesthetics & the philosophy of art, phenomenology, and social & political philosophy. His current research is on the ethical, political, and phenomenological issues generated by the rise of modern digital and biomedical technologies, specifically how they manipulate normative affordance structures and how cyborg technologies play into and deepen ableist political aesthetics of cure.

This semester, Professor Kokot is teaching *Cyborgs and Monsters*, *Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence*, and *Biomedical Ethics*. Professor Kokot self-identifies as continentally trained. He has taken the role of faculty advisor for the UCCS student Philosophy Club. We students love him, and we welcome him to the department!



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PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Philosophy Club will host their first event of the semester on September 26. We'll be strolling around Downtown Colorado Springs, talking about metaphysics and whatever else. The event lends itself to newer students, so long as they are interested in philosophy and conversing. It'll be a chill way to kick off both the season and semester of fall.

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Dr. Jennifer Kling with our undergraduate award-winners.

GRADUATES AND FIRST-YEARS

Each semester, students join the department; and each semester, students leave it. Most students enter in the fall and graduate in the spring. This section is dedicated to the spring 2026 graduates who have set out for the world, informed by philosophy, and our new fall 2026 declared majors, primed to begin their university-level philosophy educations.

This semester, we have 135 majors, which is a historic high for the department. This is not to mention all the minors we have, nor those in our Religion and Nonprofit Certificate program. I'm looking forward to graduating alongside these folk.

SPRING 2026 GRADUATES

Linnea Berg	Trinity Jacobs	Rebekah Nelson
Hannah Conway	Zac Jolles	Brian Richards
Madelaine Coppock	Dorothy Key	Erick Rodriquez
Liliana Doskey	Anjali Martinez	Krissie Sanders
Derrick Eddy	Chris McCorkle	Adriana Seui
Brittnee "Ginger" Fouts	Logan McVay	Taiya Werling

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FAREWELL PROFESSOR MARY ANN G. CUTTER

Professor Mary Ann G. Cutter joined the department in 1988. She retired in May 2026, leaving the department much richer than she found it. We will miss you, Dr. Cutter!

Professor Cutter specializes in biomedical ethics, practical ethics, and death and dying. In 2018, Professor Cutter received the recognition of being a CU system-wide President's Teaching Scholar and, in March 2020, was awarded the CU system-wide Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial honor for her work on women's health.

TALK FROM PROFESSOR VISHNU SRIDHARAN

Professor Sridharan commuted down from CU Boulder to give a talk about standpoint epistemology and the deference of knowledge to the marginalized in March. Thanks Professor Sridharan!

His visit was part of our departmental JEDI speaker series, and we look forward to our next JEDI speaker, Dr. Jon Ivan Gill, speaking at UCCS on Thursday, November 19, 2026.

P.S. All alumni are invited to attend this talk!
Please **SAVE THE DATE: NOV 19, 2026**



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RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Mary Ann Cutter, *An Ethics of Clinical Uncertainty: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Taylor & Francis, 2024.
Jennifer Jensen, "Virtuous Belief Outsourcing," *Episteme*. First View online (2025): 1-16.
Jennifer Kling, "'Sheer Sentimentality': George Orwell on Area Bombing, War, and Evil," *The Monist* 109.1 (2026): 14-27.
Jordan Kokot, "'In Re|Pair:' Transhumanism, Brokenness, & Imperfection in Brain-Computer Interface," *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* 32 (2025): 69-82.
Joseph Kuzma, *CRUX: Radical Philosophy and the Scandal of the Cross*. Cascade Books, 2025.
Colin Lewis, "Peace, Pop Culture, and the Confucian Way," *Dialogues with Classical Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Aleksandar Stamatov. Routledge, 2025.
Raphael Sassower, *Manorial Capitalism, Enslavement, and the Logic of Dividuation*. Routledge, 2025.
Jeffrey Scholes, "Sacred Shoes: Religion at the Sidelines," *International Journal of Sport and Religion*, 2.2 (2024): 11-29.
Robert (Rex) Welshon, "Representation, Arbitrariness, and the Emergence of Speech," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, First View online (2024).

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