

# Announcements/Chronique

## Contemporary Contractarian Thought

The Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, will be holding a conference on contemporary contractarian moral philosophy, April 24-26, 1987. Participants include: David Braybrooke (Dalhousie), David Copp (Illinois-Chicago and Simon Fraser), Peter Danielson (York), David Gauthier (Pittsburgh), Allan Gibbard (Michigan-Ann Arbor), Jean Hampton (California-Los Angeles), Russell Hardin (Chicago), Virginia Held (City University of New York), Jan Narveson (Waterloo), John Roemer (California-Davis), Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (North Carolina-Chapel Hill), and Holly Smith (Arizona). The conference is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in attending should send a self-addressed envelope to Peter Vallentyne, Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, N6A 3K7. Further information on the conference and on accommodation arrangements will be sent.

## Biology and Philosophy

The *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Alberta are pleased to announce a co-sponsored conference "Biology and Philosophy" to be held in Edmonton on May 8-10, 1987. The aim of this conference is to explore the range of connections that obtain, actually or potentially, between the two disciplines. The speakers are: John Collier (Rice), W. Ford Doolittle (Biochemist, Dalhousie), James Hankinson (McGill), Joan Kung (Marquette), Edwin Levy (UBC), Alexander Rosenberg (California-Riverside), Michael Ruse (Guelph), Elliott Sober (Wisconsin), Paul Thompson (Toronto-Erindale), and Thomas Wegmann (Immunology, Alberta). The proceedings will be published as the 1988 supplementary volume of *CJP*. For further information write to Bernard Linsky or Mohan Matthen, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2E5.

### **Justification in Ethics**

The Joint Guelph/McMaster Graduate Department of Philosophy and the Ethics Research Group at the University of Guelph will co-sponsor a conference on Justification in Ethics, to be held at Guelph, May 22-24, 1987. Topics addressed will include: Justifying Morality; Justification and the Environment; Justification and Foundations; Justification and Diversity; Justification and Coherence; Agreement in Ethical Theory. Speakers will be: Leslie Armour (Ottawa), Ted Bond (Queen's), Richard Campbell (Dalhousie), David Copp (Chicago), Danny Goldstick (Toronto), Trudy Govier (Calgary), Marsha Hanen (Calgary), Harold Johnson (Western), David MacNiven (York), Peter Miller (Winnipeg), Jan Narveson (Waterloo), Harry Nielsen (Windsor), Kai Nielsen (Calgary), Joe Novak (Waterloo), Ken Rankin (Victoria), Lionel Rubinoff (Trent), and Roger Shiner (Alberta). For further information, contact Doug Odegard, Philosophy, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1.

### **Philosophy of Law, Politics, and Society**

The Twelfth International Wittgenstein Symposium will take place in Kirchberg/Wechsel, Lower Austria, from August 7-14, 1987. The following sections will be held: Wittgenstein, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Politics, and Philosophy of Society. The deadline for abstracts is May 31, 1987. An abstract style sheet should be requested from Dr. Adolf Hübner, Austrian Wittgenstein Society, A-2880 Kirchberg/Wechsel, Markt 2 (Tel. 02641-2280 or 02641-2557). Official languages will be English and German. Please contact Dr. Hübner before April 15 to guarantee reservations in Kirchberg. Conference fee will be 1,200 Austrian Schillings for non-students and 400 Austrian Schillings for non-graduates.

Up to six graduate or undergraduate academic credits may be earned in conjunction with attendance at this conference. For more information contact Professor R. L. Burr, University of Southern Mississippi, MS 39406-5015, or phone (601) 226-4518.

### **Philosophy and Medical Welfare**

Under the auspices of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, the Philosophy Department, University of York (U.K.) is holding a conference on Philosophy and Medical Welfare from September 11-13, 1987. Speakers will include Martin Hollis (East Anglia), John Harris (Manchester), and Michael Lockwood (Oxford). Further details and booking forms are available from Philosophy Conference Secretary, Department of Philosophy, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD, England.

**The Canadian Society for Hermeneutics and Postmodern Thought/La Société canadienne pour l'herméneutique et la pensée postmoderne**

The CSH/SCH will be holding its annual meeting at the Learned Societies (McMaster University), May 27-28, 1987. The theme for the sessions this year is "The Hermeneutics of Self-Deception: Deconstruction and False Consciousness". Topics will range over areas such as the question of the self and self-misunderstanding, fictional selves, lies, secrets, Heidegger, and Deconstruction. Special features will include a round-table discussion with internationally known scholars on the topic "What Is Postmodernism?", as well as a special panel discussion (in joint session with the Canadian Philosophical Association) on the latest work of J. Habermas on the discourse of Modernity. The CSH/SCH will, in addition, on May 29, co-sponsor, with the Canadian Society for Aesthetics, a panel discussion on "Gadamer's Aesthetics". All sessions will be held in either English or French, or will be bilingual. For further information contact: CSH/SCH, Department of Philosophy, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4K1.

**The Works of David Hume**

The General Editors of the forthcoming Princeton University Press edition of *The Philosophical, Political and Literary Works of David Hume* would welcome information on any printed or manuscript material which may have a bearing on the work of this edition. They are particularly interested in information regarding unpublished letters concerned with Hume's writings; any hitherto unreported manuscripts; autograph marginalia or proofs; bibliographic anomalies not recorded by Jessop or Todd; notable copies of lifetime editions of works by Hume; and copies of works by any author bearing the bookplate of Hume or his nephew, David (later Baron) Hume. They would also like to learn the location of all copies of works known to exist in variant states (as do first-edition copies of *A Treatise of Human Nature*).

Individuals in possession of such information are invited to forward it to the National Library of Scotland, where it will be made available both to the editors and to other interested scholars. All new information used in the edition will be appropriately acknowledged therein. Responses may be directed to The David Hume Archive, Manuscripts Department, National Library of Scotland, George IVth Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW, Scotland, U.K.