People

Awards and Honours
Medieval philosophy scholar Dr John Marenbon (Trinity College, Cambridge) was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.
Dr Hallvard Lillehammer has won a Pilkington Teaching Prize in recognition of his excellence in teaching at the University.
Professor Onora O'Neill received an honorary degree from the University of York.

Arrivals
Dr Richard Woodward from the University of Leeds joined the Faculty as temporary lecturer in October 2009, while Dr Arif Ahmed is on research leave.
Dr Niklas Møller (from Sweden) began a two year EC Marie Curie Intra-European Research Fellowship in July 2009, working on the Philosophy of Risk with Simon Blackburn.

Research Awards
Dr Michael Potter and Dr Peter Smith were each awarded research leave from the AHRC for a three month period for 1st Oct 2009 and 1st April 2010 respectively.
Dr Arif Ahmed was awarded a Research Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust for the 2009–10 academic year.

Dr Clare Chambers was awarded a CRASH Early Career Research Fellowship for Easter term 2010.
Dr Lubomíra Radoilska was awarded a six month Dissemination Grant by the Wellcome Trust for her current research on conceptions of autonomy and equality in public health.
Dr Mark Sprevak, was awarded a two year Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowship.
Tom Simpson was awarded a three year sponsorship from Microsoft Research Ltd for a postgraduate research studentship.

Appointments
An impressive number of our graduate students and Research Fellows have recently secured jobs in academia. Among them, Ben Colburn has been appointed to a lectureship at Glasgow University. Tom Stern and Jenny Bryan have been appointed to lectureships at UCL, Charlotte Werndl at the London School of Economics, Mark Sprevak at Edinburgh and Jules Holroyd at Cardiff.
Sacha Golob was awarded a Junior Research Fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge; Laura Biron at Queen’s, Cambridge; and Tim Button at St John’s, Cambridge.

Dr Lubomíra Radoilska was awarded a Research Award from the British Academy.

Special Lectures
A large audience came to hear alumnus Professor Roger Scruton (Jesus College 1962–5) give a lively talk on ‘Music, Meaning and Morality’ at last year’s alumni weekend. Professor Scruton argued for the moral significance of music, its place in our culture, and the need for taste and discrimination in listening to it. A podcast and slides of the lecture are available from the Faculty website.

On 2nd March 2010 Baroness Onora O’Neill delivered the prestigious Rede Lecture for 2009–10 on The Two Cultures Fifty Years On.

Student Prizes
The Matthew Buncombe prize for best overall performance in the MPhil degree was awarded to Robert Trueman (Fitzwilliam).
The Craig Taylor prize for best performance in Part IB was shared between Zoe Johnson King (Fitzwilliam) and Benjamin Gregory (St John’s). The Part II prize went to Matthew Hasler (Girton).

“Throughout the second half of the twentieth century Timothy Smiley gave lectures on logic at Cambridge University. It is not an exaggeration to say that the lectures are a life-time memory for many who heard them. A remarkably large number of those students decided to pursue philosophy as a profession and have gone on to distinguished careers of their own: when asked, they cite Smiley’s lectures as an inspiration. … Smiley has displayed unplumbable generosity towards students and colleagues. Whether he is pointing a student towards a fruitful area of research, or helping him see that his current conceptualization is not yet quite right; whether he is spurring on a colleague with a unique blend of serious challenge, honest encouragement and teasing; whether he is meticulously correcting draft after draft of a student’s paper (literally dotting the i’s and crossing the t’s), Smiley has done the best he can to bring out the best in all around him. For five decades he and his wife Benita have opened their home to students who in a weary moment, or a moment of insecurity, could use a home-cooked meal and a laugh. A small sample of those who are grateful have put together this volume on the many ways that good arguments actually work”.
So says the Preface to Professor Smiley’s Festschrift, The Force of Argument (Routledge, 2010), which celebrated his groundbreaking achievements in logic. Readers will know many of the contributors: Jonathan Lear and Alex Oliver, who also co-edited the volume, and Kwame Anthony Appiah, Tom Baldwin, Jim Carville, James Doyle, Ian Hacking, Lloyd Humberstone, Rosanna Keefe, Michael Potter, Graham Priest and Neil Tennant.