

Dean's Weekly

Department of English and Philosophy

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Past Events

1. LTC Scott Chancellor presented a paper on William Faulkner and Judaism at the 2011 South Central Modern Language Association Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas on 27 October. His paper was featured on the conference's 20th-Century American Literature panel. LTC Chancellor also served as the panel chair on two 19th-Century American Literature panels and was nominated to serve as the secretary for next year's 20th-Century American Literature panel. The 2012 SCMLA conference will take place in San Antonio, Texas in October.
2. On 3 November, Professor Don Garrett, Chair of the Department of Philosophy at New York University, a world-renowned specialist in 17th and 18th Century Philosophy, and the author of (among other books) *The Cambridge Companion to Spinoza*, visited Dr. Robert Tully's section of EP433, Senior Seminar, which is the department's integrative experience for APL majors. In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of the course, Prof. Tully's seminar this fall has examined Spinoza's major work, *Ethics*, which has widely influenced the areas of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Religion.
3. On 3 November, MAJs Chris Case and Bob Underwood attended a conference in London titled "To Consider the Ethical Component of Military Capability." The Defense Academy of the United Kingdom and Oxford University's Institute for the Ethics and Law of Armed Conflict (ELAC) jointly hosted the conference. Rotating department faculty and research fellows with the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic (CAPE), MAJs Case and Underwood lectured on the Army's current efforts to integrate ethics into doctrine and practice. They also participated in the final panel session and were invited to play a continuing role in the British Army's initial drafting of codified leadership doctrine.

4. On 4-5 November, LTCs Brian Imiola and Jeffrey Wilson traveled to Holy Cross to represent West Point at the Patriot League conference titled “Ethics Across the Curriculum.” The conference is part of a league initiative to bring member schools together for academic as well as athletic endeavors. It included panels on linking ethics in the curriculum with real life, incorporating ethics into courses across disciplines (including engineering and the sciences), the impact of the institutional mission on ethics in the curriculum, and promoting ethics across the curriculum. LTC Imiola presented a paper titled “Moving Beyond Rules and Values: A Principle Based Approach for Establishing Ethical Frameworks for Institutions of Higher Learning” and LTC Wilson read on “Perfectionism and Neutrality in Ethics Education: Designing the Conversation.”



LTC Imiola and LTC Wilson with Dr. Timothy Austin, Dean of the College of the Holy Cross, during the Patriot League Conference on “Ethics Across the Curriculum.”