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1. President's Column

As I sit down with my first cup of coffee this morning to begin writing this column, I admit it is with more thoughts about nature and seasonal change on my mind than about technology and the rapid pace of technological development. On 1 September, a national holiday in the US, the temperature where I live was 90° Fahrenheit (32° Celsius). The next day, the beginning of school for many, the daytime temperature plunged to 64°F (18°C), where it has basically stayed ever since. And, with colder nights, the leaves have started to take on their autumn colors…..time out for some more coffee to warm up!

The arrival of autumn in the US also brings with it the annual release of the "Mindset List," designed by Beloit College to help those who work in higher education understand the perspectives from within which the latest class of university students approaches the world. Student perspectives on technology have been a theme of this list since its inception. What does this year's list point to as influencing the outlook of the newest university students on technology? It notes that these students, most of whom were born in 1990, have always associated the name of IBM with computers, never with typewriters. Their world has always included GPS navigation systems, and they are accustomed to meeting over Facebook before meeting in person. The list also tellingly points out that they live in a world where their privacy has always been threatened.

The release of this year's list prompted me to reflect on the barely fathomable pace of technological change in a very specific timeframe: namely, the period of time between now and when, in order to "encourage, support, and facilitate philosophically significant considerations of technology," the Society for Philosophy and Technology was first formed in the mid-1970s. The formation of SPT predates not only a surge of new technological artefacts whose profound impact on everyday ways of being, doing and acting have prompted important new questions for the philosophical investigation of technology, it also predates the establishment of many new fields of scientific and technological development and inquiry. Think nanotechnology and nanoscience, bioengineering, bioinformatics, information technology, pervasive computing, cognitive neuroscience, and digital media studies, among others. The potential that these "convergence technologies" have for transforming human life on a global scale asks for the utmost of our philosophical attention and reflection….and asks for it now.

As many of you know, the theme of the SPT 2009 meeting at the University of Twente in Enschede, the Netherlands, is on converging technologies. You will find an updated call for papers in this newsletter. While our membership numbers are increasing, the size of our society is such that at our biennial meetings much discussion, both formal and informal, can take place; and members can easily renew connections with one another as well as forge new ones. I hope that many of you will

consider submitting an abstract for what promises to be a most engaging and productive conference.

In other news, it is a genuine pleasure to announce that Philip Brey, who is currently a member of the SPT executive board and a co-organizer of SPT 2009, has been elected to be the President-elect of SPT. Philip has been a long-standing member of SPT and shares a deep commitment to the purposes of the society, which will be in good hands under his presidency. Also, out of the four candidates running to fill the vacant position on the Board, Inmaculada de Melo-Martin received the most votes, and will begin a three year term on the Board starting in 2009. For members new to SPT since the election, short bio's for Philip and Inma can be found below. Congratulations to them both!

Finally, the redesigned website for SPT is up and running. Many thanks to Katinka Waelbers, SPT newsletter editor and Webmaster, for her most thoughtful efforts in redesigning the site so it would be easier to use, more visually appealing, and include more resources for the benefit of SPT members, such as the posting of job openings of particular interest to philosophers of technology. Please send any comments on the new site to Katinka at K.Waelbers@gw.utwente.nl.

With all good wishes for a good academic year and in hopes of seeing many of you in Enschede at SPT 2009,

Collegially yours,

Diane Michelfelder
President, SPT

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2. SPT Election results

As announced above, Philip Brey is the new President-elect of SPT. Philip is Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Twente, and also serves as director of the Centre for Philosophy of Technology and Engineering Science (CEPTES). He is also a member of the editorial boards of journals such as Techné, Ethics and Information Technology, Nanoethics, and Studies in Ethics, Law, and Technology.

Inmaculada (Inma) de Melo-Martin, who joins the SPT executive board, is an Associate Professor in the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. The author of Taking Biology Seriously, she has a particular

interest in reproductive and genetic science and technology, and is working on a project funded by the National Science Foundation on human dignity and biotechnologies.

In addition, Professor Ann Johnson of the History Department of the University of South Carolina is currently enjoying a research leave from her university and has decided not to complete her second term as an SPT board member. Ann played a key role in the success of the 2007 SPT meeting in Charleston, South Carolina and has been a valued member of the board since 2001. The board has agreed to ask the runner-up in the most recent election, Peter-Paul Verbeek, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Twente and a co-organizer of the next SPT meeting, to fill the remainder of Ann's term. The next election to fill vacancies on the board will be held after the meeting in Enschede.

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3. News from the SPT Executive Board Meeting (including Techné)

In what was possibly an SPT first, the executive board met via international conference call during the first week of September. During this meeting, the members of the board heard an update from Joe Pitt on the status of conversations with major university presses about Techné. Discussion concentrated on whether it was best in these conversations to pursue the possibility of publishing Techné solely in an electronic format, or publishing it in both electronic and print formats. The cost of doing the latter would almost certainly cause a substantial increase in dues; on the other hand, there are virtues to having Techné be available in print. The board agreed to gather informal input from SPT members, in anticipation of coming to a decision when the board meets in person in Enschede next year. An all-membership "straw poll" will be taken later this Fall.

The board also discussed the possibility of a new, SPT-related book series in the philosophy of technology and engineering. Pieter Vermaas of the Delft University of Technology has informally explored this possibility with Springer Press. Springer has informally expressed an interest in having such a book series, using the old SPT-Kluwer book series as a basis for its launch. Board members agreed to invite Pieter to submit a formal proposal for consideration at their next meeting.

In other actions, the board chose among several options developed by Katinka Waelbers for a new design for the SPT website that would incorporate the current logo and symbol as a concrete manifestation of the society's identity, agreed to develop a membership list to be circulated among members via e-mail, and discussed the need for a provision in the by-laws to fill board positions when unexpected vacancies occurred.

Conversation also took place regarding the question of whether SPT should move to holding its elections online rather than by means of a paper ballot. While there was

consensus that online elections would be cost-effective and lead to more members participating, there was also concern about preserving anonymity. The board decided to explore this possibility further and to consider it again at its next meeting.

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4. SPT 2009: Converging Technologies, Changing Societies. CFP

16th International Conference of
the Society for Philosophy and Technology

July 8-10

University of Twente
Enschede, The Netherlands

Deadline for abstracts: January 5, 2009

SPT 2009 welcomes high quality papers and panel proposals in all areas of philosophy of technology. Given the focus of this year's conference, papers dealing with converging technologies and their social and cultural impact are especially welcomed. SPT 2009 will include 15 tracks:

1. Converging technologies and human enhancement. Chair: Peter-Paul Verbeek
2. Converging technologies and engineering sciences. Chair: Mieke Boon
3. Converging technologies and risks. Chairs: Sabine Roeser and Sven Ove Hansson
4. Converging technologies: general issues. Chair: Armin Grunwlad
5. Ethics of emerging technologies. Chair: Tsjalling Swierstra
6. Philosophy and ethics of biomedical and nanotechnology. Chair: Bert Gordijn and Joachim Schummer
7. Philosophy and ethics of information technology. Chair: Adam Briggle
8. Environmental philosophy and sustainable technology. Chair: Andrew Light
9. Philosophy of engineering and design. Chair: Pieter Vermaas
10. Robots, cyborgs and artificial life. Chairs: Mark Coeckelbergh and Gianmarco Veruggio
11. Technology and moral responsibility. Chair: Katinka Waelbers
12. Technology, culture and globalisation. Chairs: Charles Ess and Evan Selinger
13. The good life and technology. Chair: Philip Brey
14. Philosophy of technology: general and assorted issues. Chair: Anthonie Meijers
15. Reflective engineering. Chair: Darryl Farber

Descriptions of the tracks can be found on our website
www.utwente.nl/ceptes/spt2009.

Papers will be accepted on the basis of a submitted abstract, which will be refereed.
An abstract must be between 500 and 750 words in length (references excluded) and
submitted via email (spt2009@gw.utwente.nl) as embedded plain text or an
attachment in RTF or WORD (no docx) or PDF format. It should also contain the
name and number of the track to which the abstract is submitted. Abstracts must be
submitted no later than January 5, 2009. Authors will be informed of the decision of
the referees by March 2, 2009.
Panel Proposals. We will also accept proposals for panel discussions, also to be
submitted by January 5, 2009. Panel proposals must include a statement of the
general topic and an overview of the specific questions or issues to be addressed. In
addition, the proposal should include a list of the panelists involved, their expertise in
this area, and whether they have indicated that they are willing to participate.
The SPT conference series is recognized as the premier international event in
philosophy of technology, with delegates from all over the world. Conferences are
held every 2 years, alternating between Europe and the United States. SPT 2009 is
the 16th conference in the series.

Directors: Philip Brey and Peter-Paul Verbeek, University of Twente
Coordination: Katinka Waelbers, University of Twente

Keep checking the conference website (currently in progress) at
www.utwente.nl/ceptes/spt2009. Conference email address:
spt2009@gw.utwente.nl

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5. Call for proposals SPT 2011

Although our next conference is still some months away, it is not too soon to start
thinking about where the 17th meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Technology
will take place in 2011. Invitations from institutions interested in hosting this meeting,
which is anticipated to be in North America, are now being solicited.

Invitations to host SPT 2011 should include the following:

• A description of the institution and why it would be a good choice to host this
   meeting.
• Anticipated conference dates.
• Anticipated number of registrants.

- Travel information: What airport will conference participants use? Are there direct flights to this airport from major US and international cities? How far is the airport from the conference location? Will the host institution arrange transportation from the airport, or will participants be responsible for getting to the venue on their own?
- A description of the facilities available for the conference. How many rooms will be available for our use? What is their seating capacity? Where will group meals take place?
- Lodging information: How many rooms will be available for conference participants? What will be the anticipated costs of the lodging? Will lodging be on or off campus? If off-campus, how far away, and will transportation be available for participants to get from their lodging to the campus?
- An estimate of the conference registration fee, and a description of the costs to be included in it.
- A budget estimate, including a detailed breakdown of institutional and other expenses (eg keynote speakers, group educational/social activities, etc.). Please provide an explanation of how the costs will be covered, including anticipated revenue from registration fees, amount needed from the society, and institutional support. (All budgetary information should be given in US dollars.)
- A letter of commitment of institutional support is encouraged to accompany the invitation.

Please submit proposals to Diane P. Michelfelder by 15 May 2009. Invitations may be submitted electronically (to michelfelder@macalester.edu) or by surface mail to the Department of Philosophy, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105-1899 USA. The SPT Executive Board will discuss the proposals received at their next meeting. It is anticipated that the host institution will be announced at the conference in Enschede. Preliminary expressions of interest, as well as any questions, should be directed to Diane at the e-mail address above or at 1-651-696-6197.

6. Conferences, Workshops, and Lectures

WPE 2008
Natasha McCarthy (Royal Academy of Engineering) and David E Goldberg (University of Illinois) are pleased to announce a Call for Participation for the 2008 Workshop on Philosophy and Engineering (WPE-2008) at the Royal Academy of Engineering in London, 10-12 November 2008 (Monday-Wednesday). The workshop features keynote talks from Tom Hughes, Carl Mitcham, Billy Koen, and Deborah Johnson as well as six invited tutorials and over 40 paper presentations together with special receptions. For more information, go to the web site at http://www-illigal.ge.uiuc.edu/wpe. WPE-2008 is presented in cooperation and affiliation with SPT and SPT members get a discount on registration.

International workshop: the Dymanics of Knowledge and Innovation in Knowledge-Intensive industries
Brick, collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri (Turin)
18 – 19 December 2008
For a long time, higher levels of R&D and greater patenting activity were considered as reliable indicators to differentiate Knowledge Intensive Sector (KISs) from more traditional industries. Today, however, contributors increasingly advocate that these criteria tend to provide a partial vision, essentially static, of what innovative industries really are. These recent contributions also stress that the dynamics of evolution of KISs is specific, namely that the profile of evolution of a KISs is distinct from the usual pattern of development observed in traditional industries. On the basis of a production of models, econometric analysis, and empirical observations that integrate the evolution of industries, the purpose of this workshop package is the investigation of the characteristics of KISs, their evolution over time and their effects on economic performances.
Papers adopting qualitative, quantitative and macro or micro economic approaches to understanding aspects of knowledge intensive sectors are welcome. As are those providing conceptual developments and critical appraisals of various dimensions of knowledge and innovation within knowledge-intensive industries. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
1) The industrial dynamics of KISs: stylized facts or historical regularities on how knowledge is created, accumulated and diffused that may explain their non conformity to patterns of evolution of traditional industries
2) Innovation networks within KISs: complex interactions between large diversified firms, small specialised firms, scientific institutions (universities, academic or private research laboratories), as well as administrative institutions (regulation, normalisation), that tend to further differentiate the profile of evolution of KISs
3) The mode of corporate governance: relationships between industrial dynamics (managers) and financial dynamics (investors), tend to affect the growth and decline of KISs and contribute to generate specific profiles of evolution to these sectors.

Please send extended abstracts (min 200 - max 1,000 words) and contact details to the following email address: brick@carloalberto.org .
Abstract submission: October 15th 2008

CEPE 2009
Eighth International Conference of Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry
26-28 June 2009, Ionian Academy Corfu, Greece
The CEPE (Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry) conference series is recognized as one of the premier international events on computer and information ethics attended by delegates from all over the world. Conferences are held about every 24 months, alternating between Europe and the United States. http://cepe2009.ionio.gr

Conference 'Privacy in Social Network Sites'
October 23-24, Faculty of TPM, TU Delft
Social Network Sites (SNS) have become the number one websites for sharing information, organizing events and getting your ideas out to the world. Recently, SNS have been used to support the American presidential campaigns and to smuggle photos of the natural disaster out of the country of Myanmar. However, the centralized collection, processing and dissemination of such as large amount of identity-relevant information has lead to increased disclosure of sensitive information, identity theft and physical and mental harm. This calls for a thorough consideration of why we should restrain access to our identity-relevant information and how a concept of 'privacy' in Social Network Sites could be developed. Keynote speakers are Jeroen van den Hoven, Milton Mueller and Ronald Leenes.
More information: www.privacyinsocialnetworksites.nl.

ISHPSSB 2009, Brisbane
Biennial Meeting, 12-16 July 2009, Brisbane, Australia
The 2009 meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology will take place from Sunday, 12 July, through Thursday, 16 July, at Emmanuel College, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Australia, hosted by the University of Sydney: http://www.ishpssb2009.org
ISHPSSB brings together scholars from diverse disciplines, including the life sciences as well as history, philosophy, and sociology of science. The ISHPSSB biennial summer conferences are known for their innovative, transdisciplinary sessions and for fostering informal, cooperative exchanges and on-going collaborations among a variety of international
scholars. This will be the first meeting to be held in the southern hemisphere.
The aim of the conference is to facilitate the exchange of research ideas and results across a range of fields. The submission of papers and sessions on any topic within the society's scope is welcomed. We also encourage the submission of posters, workshops, and general
interest sessions based on themes identified in session proposals. It is our goal to

develop a program that will allow maximal interactions, while also giving people the chance to present their ideas to their colleagues.

Scholars wishing to attend the meeting are invited to submit session and paper proposals on the ISHPSSB website: http://www.ishpssb.org/meeting.html. Deadline for submissions is 1 February 2009. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words; instructions for using the abstract submission system can be found at:http://www.ishpssb.org/meetingsubmissioninstructions.html.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN SECOND LIFE
(Information Age Publishing, Charlotte, North Carolina)
Editors, Charles Wankel, St. John's University, New York; and Jan Kingsley, Kingsley International,

Final date for initial submissions: November 1, 2008
Date of publication: September 2009
There are many virtual worlds currently available or under development, but Second Life (SL) is the one that is best known and most widely used by the educational and academic community. Many educators have adopted SL as the platform of choice for developing educational activities in many disciplines. The concept of the book is be create a forum for sharing by administrators and educators of experiences and assessments of current and projected uses of the platform. Chapter proposals are solicited on that. Topics might include the implications of VWs for the education industry in general, and the adult education industry in particular? How do companies, universities and colleges use VWs? What are the specific advantages of SL for higher education over other VWs? What are the challenges facing educators in the use of SL? What resources are required to ensure effective use of the platform? What legal issues exist and how should organizations deal with these? What are the ethical guidelines required for educators and their students? How does the use of VWs influence relationships within an educational setting? How can students best be engaged? How will VW technology develop, and what are the implications for educators?
Your chapter proposal ideally should be at approximately 600 words. Additionally, you should include a brief bio for each of the coauthors of your chapter, with an emphasis on related publications and/or presentations.
Please email all submissions to both Charles Wankel wankelc@stjohns.edu and Jan Kingsley Jan@kingsleyinternational.com

The Philosophy of Identity in the Virtual
Symposium 6, April 23, 9-12 AM / 2-5 PM
Difference, Relation and Identity are three notions that are fundamentals for the success of Virtual Reality technologies (VR and AR). The aim of this symposium is to conceptualise the Identity of an individual as a scientific concept whilst acknowledging the fact that Identity cannot be studied without considering the other two notions. The pros and cons of designing identities for or within VR become

obvious upon admitting that representing any Self will be interpreted at some point by someone having his own values, opinions and experience in life. Members of our society that self-procure, attribute or redistribute Identity in the Virtual World bring about psychological enquiries in relation to user intentionality, specific uses of VR applications or general modifications to our ways of communicating. Usability issues addressing the problem of Identity have not yet been integrated into long-term visions of society and our needs. The Chair of the session is thus open to all existential, ethical and epistemological issues having to do with Identity in Virtual Communities. Submission of full papers: January 19, 2009
Symposium chair: Colin Schmidt, colin.schmidt@univ-lemans.fr
For more information, see the Call for Paper http://www.laval-virtual.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=111

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7. Recent publications of interest

Ironic Technics (2008)
Don Ihde (Automatic Press: VIP) This is a small book of four essays, "Stupidity in the Knowledge Society," "The Designer Fallacy and Technological Imagination," "Aging: I don't want to be a Cyborg!" and "Of which human are we post?"
New technologies lead to a new kind of human being - one embodied in a new technologically enhanced body. Homo is indeed homo faber, and he becomes more so every day. This is the new technologically enhanced human being - who is not an objective artifact (a technology) but a subjective artifact of the new technologically enhanced (perceptually, cognitively, and desire-and institutionally-oriented) human subject. The social/cultural changes that this brings about are usually neither determinate nor generally foreseeable; and, because of this, the changes will demand special oversight. Don Ihde's new "Ironic Technics" tells us: Even before we humans became modern as homo sapiens sapiens we were busy inventing technologies. But our technologies also invent us as humans. And as we reflect upon this process, too often our interpretations have taken utopian or dystopian directions: our technologies will make life infinitely better and lead us into utopian realms, or our technologies will condemn us to alienation or even destroy our humanity itself. This set of essays, however, looks at the ironic dimensions of human-technology relations, at unpredicted, unexpected, surprizing outcomes. Are we today in a 'knowledge society'?
And, if so, are we wiser? Can we 'design' intended uses into our technologies? Or, do they always surprise us with the unexpected? Can we 'technologize' our very "bodies"? Become ever more Cyborgean? And have we or could we become 'posthuman'? Here, drawing from a rich history of technologies, Ironic Technics takes a critical look at these contemporary, but also ancient questions?
http://www.amazon.com/IRONIC-TECHNICS-DonIhde/dp/8792130186/ref=sr_1_33

Philosophy and Design: From Engineering to Architecture (2008)
P.E. Vermaas, P. Kroes, A. Light and S.A. Moore, eds. (Dordrecht: Springer), 359 pages (ISBN 978-1-4020-6590-3) 99,95 EUR, 139.00 USD (a paperback edition is envisaged at a later date)

At the beginning of this year Springer has published a volume containing 27 papers on the topic of philosophy and ethics of design in engineering and architecture. Many of these papers have been originally presented at our Delft SPT conference in 2005. The back cover text says it all: "This volume provides the reader with an integrated overview of state-of-the-art research in philosophy and ethics of design in engineering and architecture. It contains twenty-five essays that focus on engineering designing in its traditional sense, on designing in novel engineering domains, including ICT, genetics, and nanotechnology, designing of socio-technical systems, and on architectural and environmental designing. These essays are preceded by an introductory text structuring the field of philosophy and ethics of design in engineering and architecture as one in which a series of similar philosophical, societal and ethical questions are asked. This volume enables the reader to overcome the traditional separation between engineering designing and architectural designing. The emerging discipline of designing socio-technical systems is shown to form an intermediate between engineering and architecture to which the philosophical and ethical analyses of both domains apply. This volume thus announces a challenging cross-fertilization between the philosophy and ethics of engineering and of architecture that will lay down the integrated ground works for the renewed interests in the importance of design in modern society."

Ethical Choices in Contemporary Medicine (2007)
Raphael Sassower and Mary Ann Cutter, London: Acumen Publishers and Montreal: McGill-Queen's, University Press, 2007.

Current Issues in Computing and Philosophy (2008)
Volume 175 Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications
Edited by: A. Briggle, K. Waelbers and P.A.E. Brey, 216 pp., hardcover, ISBN: 978-1-58603-876-2. Price: US$145 / €100 / £75

The theme of this volume is the multi-faceted 'computational turn' that is occurring through the interaction of the disciplines of philosophy and computing. In computer and information sciences, there are significant conceptual and methodological questions that require reflection and analysis. Moreover, digital, information and communication technologies have had tremendous impact on society, which raises further philosophical questions. This book tries to facilitate the task to continuously work to ensure that its diversity of perspectives and methods proves a source of strength and collaboration rather than a source of instability and disintegration. The first three contributions explore the phenomenon of virtual worlds. The next four focus

on robots and artificial agents. Then a group of chapters discusses the relation between human mentality and information processing in computers and the final section covers a broad range of issues at the interface of computers and society.

The Handbook of Information and Computer Ethics (2008)
Kenneth Einar Himma and Herman T. Tavani, editors. Wiley-Interscience (John Wiley & Sons).

Ethics and Technology: Ethical Issues in an Age of Information and Communication Technology (2007)
Herman T. Tavani. 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons.

Emerging Conceptual, Ethical and Policy, Issues in Bionanotechnology (2008)
Fabrice Jotterand. Series: Philosophy and Medicine , Vol. 101, Springer. On-line: http://www.springer.com/medicine/book/978-1-4020-8648-9

Philosophie der Technik (Philosophy of the Technology)
By Bernhard Irrgang, Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft (WBG) Verlag, 2008. 416 S. ISBN-10: 3-534-21838-8.

As an exception to the rule that only English-language books are mentioned in the section "Recent publications of interest" of SPT Newsletter for evident reasons we would like to mention here the book Philosophie der Technik by Bernhard Irrgang, professor of Philosophy of Technology at the Dresden University of Technology.

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8. Job Vacancies

IAS, University of Washington
Science and Technology Studies – Assistant Professor, tenure-track, or Associate Professor, tenured (one full-time position). The Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Program (IAS) at the University of Washington Bothell seeks a dynamic educator who integrates research, teaching, and scientific practice in Science and Technology Studies (STS), and whose work engages with one or more of the following areas: science communications; science and technology policy; history of science; philosophy of science, including bioethics. The successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary faculty working across the arts, humanities, and social and natural sciences in an integrative curriculum with an emphasis on experiential and community-engaged scholarship and pedagogy. Two-years teaching experience and

PhD required at time of appointment. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.
 Preferred deadline: 24 October 2008. Applications should include a letter addressing the candidate's scholarly and pedagogical qualifications for working in this type of program, a CV, a statement of research and teaching interests, and a sample syllabus from an interdisciplinary course. Address applications to Ms. Pam DePriest, Science Studies Search, University of Washington Bothell, Box 358530, 18115 Campus Way NE, Bothell, WA 98011.
For additional information, see:
http://www.washington.edu/admin/acadpers/ads/aa2131.html

Loyola University Chicago's (LUC), College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy seeks applicants for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor of Philosophy, beginning in the fall of 2009. The department offers an undergraduate major in philosophy, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in philosophy. The department is searching for candidates with expertise in Ethics and Bioethics, with a specialization in biotechnologies and their relationship to bioethics. The area of competence is open but a background in the philosophy of biology will be favorably considered. A completed Ph.D. in Philosophy is required.
Duties will include teaching at the undergraduate level in the Bioethics Minor Program and at the graduate level in the Philosophy Department's graduate programs, including its Bioethics M.A. Program. Thesis/Dissertation supervision and committee responsibilities are also expected.
Review of applications begins 15 September and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applicants should submit a current Curriculum Vitae, a teaching statement/research agenda, and a letter of interest to http://www.careers.luc.edu. Applicants should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted directly on-line at the preceding address or sent to Dr. Paul K. Moser at the address below. Applicants should forward at least one writing sample in the area of bioethics, and any additional materials related to teaching excellence and scholarly publication to: Dr. Paul K. Moser, Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, Crown Center 333, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 North Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626-5761 USA.

Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin, USA
is seeking an Assistant Professor, tenure-track, beginning fall semester 2009. Teaching responsibilities: 7 courses/year (3-3-1), undergraduate, usual non-teaching duties. Area of specialization: Environmental Philosophy. Area of competence: Ethics, interdisciplinary studies. A.B.D., Ph.D. prior to application. Send complete dossier to humanresources@northland.edu or Human Resources, ATTN: Philosophy Search, Northland College, 1411 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, Wisconsin, 54806, USA. Deadline for applications is November 21, 2008. Northland College is a liberal arts college with a particular focus on the environment.

The Philosophy Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
invites applications for a full-time Lecturer (non-tenure-track), beginning August 2009. Area of specialization: open. The Department has particular needs in American Philosophy, Environmental or Engineering Ethics, and Social-Political philosophy (especially global). Teaching load: 4 courses/semester, undergraduate (graduate teaching possible). Teaching experience and Ph.D. required. The department offers a major, a graduate certificate in applied ethics, and an M.A. in ethics and applied philosophy.
To apply, submit a letter describing your qualifications, a CV, and a writing sample as attachments to https://jobs.uncc.edu. In addition, send a transcript and three letters of recommendation through regular mail to: Michael Kelly, Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223. USA. Screening of electronic applications will continue until the position is filled.

Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands.
Associate Professor (tenured/tenure track); AOS: Applied Ethics and/or Meta-Ethics. AOC: Ethics of Technology. Research time is fixed (40%) with the rest of the time divided between teaching (up to 50%) and administrative duties. The Section of Philosophy is seeking a scholar who will be responsible, upon taking up the post or within 3 years of doing so, for its teaching and research in ethics and technology. Knowledge of Dutch is not initially required. Application: please send a written (printed) application letter with a recent, detailed CV, names and contact details of (at least) two referees, a sample of recently published academic work, and any available course evaluations to: Eindhoven University of Technology, Department of Technology Management, Personnel Department, Pav R.1.23, PO Box 513, 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands. Please include the job vacancy code: V39.442. The vacancy will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found. For an extended job description see
http://w3.tm.tue.nl/en/subdepartments/aw/research/philosophyethics_of_technology/vacancies/v39442/, or contact Prof. A.W.M. Meijers at a.w.m.meijers@tue.nl phone +31 40 2472026/4753, or contact the Personnel Department at pz@tm.tue.nl.

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9. Membership and Dues

If you are an SPT member in good standing, you should have recently received a renewal notice in the mail from the Philosophy Documentation Center for 2008-09 SPT dues. Dues are $35US for regular memberships, $15US for student memberships, and gratis for individuals in developing nations. Memberships may be renewed through the mail or online at http://www.pdcnet.org/member-spt.html. Dues may be paid by a check in US funds or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover). Payment may also be made by credit card by calling the Philosophy Documentation Center at 1-800-444-2419 (toll-free from the US and Canada) or at 1-434-220-3300.

SPT welcomes as members persons from all countries whose professional interests include philosophically significant considerations of technology. Membership is open to
those who have or who are pursuing an advanced degree in philosophy or a related discipline, and to those who work in a technological field. To join SPT, just go to http://www.pdcnet.,org/member-spt.html.

10. SPT Officers

President: Diane P. Michelfelder, Macalester College
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