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This issue is dedicated to Anthony Genova

The department lost a dear friend on March 20, 2010 with the passing of Anthony “Tony” Genova. Tony was a Professor of Philosophy at KU from 1972 to 2010. He was chair of the department from 1978 to 2004. A memorial service was held on April 12, 2010 at the Adams Alumni Center and many, many friends, colleagues and current and past students attended. The family has set up a scholarship fund for graduate students in honor of Tony’s memory, entitled “The Genova Fund for Graduate Students in Philosophy” (Fund #39832). The fund is sponsored by the KU Endowment Association.

This is the first issue of *Auslegung* for which I have served as editor. I want to thank the rest of the editorial staff as well as several individuals in the Department of Philosophy and the Office of Digital Media Services. These individuals include but are not limited to: Ben Eggleston, Cindi Hodges, Sondra Speer, Pamela LeRow, and Jennifer Kittlaus. I appreciate their assistance greatly as their efforts were integral to the publication of this issue. I would also like to thank the previous editor: Peter Montecucollo, for providing me with guidance and support throughout this issue's formative stages.

This is an exciting time for the staff of *Auslegung*, as the journal is currently undergoing a transition period in several respects. First, we are in the final stages of entering into two separate partnerships that we believe will enhance our footprint within the academic community. These partnerships involve the formation of non-exclusive agreements with the following two entities: EBSCO Host and the Center for Digital Scholarship here at the University of Kansas. It is our hope that both ventures will prove fruitful by allowing us to expand *Auslegung's* reach. Second, the production of this issue was made possible by Jayhawk Ink, which is parented in part by the Hewlett Packard Corporation as well as the University of Kansas Memorial Unions. The services that Jayhawk Ink provided during throughout the production process were unparalleled and this issue's production would not have been made possible without your hard work and dedication. I would like to thank Estella McCollum, Rachel Barnes, and the staff members of both Jayhawk Ink and Hewlett Packard for the expertise that they provided throughout the production process. I look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

The articles contained within this issue are of high caliber and I trust that readers will find them very philosophically interesting pieces. It is important to note that the first article included in this issue was awarded first place in the Robinson Essay Prize competition. This award honors the submission judged the most outstanding paper submitted for review to the faculty of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kansas each spring. This past year's award winning paper is entitled "Van Cleve and the Neglected Alternative". This piece was written by Jeremy DeLong, who is currently finishing his doctoral work in philosophy at the University of Kansas, focusing on the History of Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, and Political Philosophy. He

previously attended Washburn University, where he earned his B.A., double-majoring in history and philosophy. His article, "Van Cleve and the Neglected Alternative," was generated in its entirety as a term paper, satisfying the requirements of a graduate seminar on Kant, in the fall of 2009. In this paper, Delong argues that James Van Cleve, in his recent (2003) monograph: *Problems From Kant*, proposes his own "solutions" to apparent inconsistencies in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* that accord with his view that Kant is an "honest-to-goodness" idealist. In particular, Van Cleve suggests that his idealistic interpretation dissipates one of the most persistent objections to Kant—the problem of the "neglected alternative." However, it is not at all clear to the reader exactly *how* or *why* Van Cleve thinks this issue has been resolved under this interpretation. In this paper, Delong argues that Van Cleve's idealistic interpretation fails to resolve this objection.

The second article featured in this issue is entitled "How Just War Theory May Survive without the Supreme Emergency Exemption". This work was written by Nathan Colaner, who is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Rockhurst University. His dissertation, entitled "Other than Omniscient: An Interpretation and Defense of Kant's Rejection of Aristotle's Notion of Finite Reason," is awaiting final approval at the University of Kansas. Nathan's current research interests concern the nature and limits of knowledge, as well as various topics in applied ethics. His teaching interests are in the history of philosophy, ethics, and social and political philosophy.

In his paper, Colaner argues that traditional just war theory (JWT) is liable to attack because of the widely-recognized doctrine of the 'supreme emergency exemption' (SEE), which states that a nation at war may directly target a civilian population in an emergency situation, even though such use of force is forbidden by the other rules of JWT. As a result, just war theory (JWT) appears to offer paradoxical advice, for it says both that civilians may never be targeted, and also that civilians may be targeted in certain circumstances. Traditional just war proponents appreciate this problem but insist that it is necessary to retain this paradox. He regards this view as both problematic and unnecessary. It is problematic because it threatens to undermine the credibility of JWT, and it is unnecessary because SEE may be incorporated into traditional just war principles in a way that does not create a paradox.

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