From the editor
Greetings fellow members of ISCWP. This issue contains announcements and summaries of a number of newsworthy events with which the Society is associated, as well as updates from its members on their activities. As you will see, ISCWP has become a major sponsor of comparative philosophy worldwide. We welcome your continued support and participation (to this end, please see the end of this newsletter for information on dues and donations). This and past newsletters are available on our web site at the following address:

http://www.iscwp.org

Any inquiries or feedback regarding this issue are welcome. Please send them to Hagop Sarkissian: h.sarkissian@baruch.cuny.edu

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Stephen C. Angle, Wesleyan University

Much of my research this year was devoted to the book I am co-writing with Justin Tiwald, Neo-Confucianism: A Philosophical Introduction. Still, several items written in past years made their way into print during 2013:

- Virtue Ethics and Confucianism (Edited, with Michael Slote) (New York: Routledge)
- “Reply to Critics,” Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy 12:3 (part of a symposium on Sagehood, with Christine Swanton, Justin Tiwald, and Kai Marchal)
- Review of Contemporary Chinese Political Thought: Debates and Perspectives, Fred Dallmayr and Zhao Tingyang, eds., Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy 12:1

Erica Fox Brindley, Pennsylvania State University

I have recently been involved in researching problems related to creativity and human agency in the excavated text, Heng Xian; human agency and action theory; concepts of the public and private in ancient China; and ethnicity and identity along the ancient southern frontier. My publications along these lines, including a manuscript on the ancient Yue “other,” includes: Heng Xian and Early Chinese Philosophy, co-editor (Dao, 2013); “The Cosmos as Creative Mind: Spontaneous Arising, Generating, and Creating in the Heng Xian” (Dao, 2013); “A Philosophical Translation of the Heng Xian” (Dao, 2013); “Authoring Non-Action in Early China” (Journal of Chinese Philosophy, special volume on Action Theory in Chinese Philosophy 2014); “The Polarization of Si 私 and Gong 公 (‘Private interest’ and ‘Public Interest’) in Early Chinese Thought” (Asia Major, 2014); and The Ancient Yue (Viet): A Critical Approach to Ethnicity and Identity along China’s Southern Frontier, ~400 BCE – 50 CE, manuscript submitted to publisher.

Marina Carnogurska, Institute of Oriental and African Studies of Slovak Academy of Sciences

Much of my research of the last two years has focused on critical analysis of differences between Western and classical Chinese worldviews as well as what could be highly inspiring from Chinese philosophical heritage for our modern estranged and often piratical approach to environments on the Earth. It included two my articles in Journal of Sino-Western Communications: “The metaphysical visions in Dao De Jing and Wenzi, and the modern knowledge about the fundamental being”, JSWC, Vol. 3, Iss. 2 (December 2011) p. 96-110; and “Importance of Laozi´s Philosophical Thoughts for the Contemporary Global World”, JSWC, Vol.4, Iss. 2, (December 2012), p. 3-12. It also included an article in Proceedings of an international conference of the University of Presov, Slovakia:“The Tradition of Chinese professional Ethics, founded on a theory of inner human ethical principles in the vivid organism of the World and the Obstacle of its Application in China as well as in our Modern World” (in Slovak language), Proceedings Moderná Etika, minulost a prítomnost (Profesional Ethics, its Past and the Present). Presov FFUP 2012. In the last year was published finally also the 2nd Vol. of my monograph Laozi and the Process of creating Dao De jing, Veda Publishers Bratislava 2012.
Joseph Chan, The University of Hong Kong
I have continued to work on Confucian political philosophy and published a book *Confucian Perfectionism: A Political Philosophy for Modern Times* (Princeton, 2014). This year I hope to do more work on the issues of political authority, political rights, and political perfectionism in contemporary Western and Confucian political philosophy.

Peng Guoxiang, Zhejiang University
At the very beginning of 2014, I officially moved to Zhejiang University in Hangzhou for my Qiu Shi Distinguished Professorship although I still supervise PhD students and honorarily serve as the director of the Center for Culture China Studies, Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University. In 2013, I published two books respectively in mainland China and Taiwan. One is jin shi ru xue shi de bian zheng yu gou chen近世儒学史的辩证与钩沉(台北:允晨文化事业出版公司, 2013); the other is chong jian si wen: ru xue yu dang jin shi jie重建斯文:儒学与当今世界( 北京:北京大学出版社, 2013 ). The first one is my study on the history of Confucianism from the Song dynasty to early Qing dynasty including two newly discovered Li Xue Lu理学录. The second one reflects my concern on Confucian values and its contemporary situation in China and relevance in the global context.

Philip Ivanhoe, City University of Hong Kong

Stephen Palmquist Hong Kong Baptist University
My research in 2013 focused on completing the manuscript for my monograph, *A Comprehensive Commentary on Kant’s Religion within the Bounds of Bare Reason* (Wiley, 2014). However, my articles, “A Daoist Model for a Kantian Church” (Comparative Philosophy, 2013) and “Mapping Kant’s Architectonic onto the Yijing via the Geometry of Logic” (Journal of Chinese Philosophy, 2012 Supplement), also appeared. The latter is part two of a projected six-part series; I also presented parts three and four at conferences in 2013 (in Hawaii and Seoul) and they are currently being considered for publication in relevant journals. This project posits a non-standard way of mapping the Yijing, by arranging its 64 gua into three “levels”, consisting of 0, 4, 12, and 48 gua, respectively. I correlate each level to specific theories proposed by Kant that have the same formal-logical relationship as the gua at that level: the first level (“dao”) corresponds to Kant’s “thing in itself”; the second (gua 1, 2, 63, and 64) to Kant’s four category headings (quantity, quality, relation, and modality); the third to the twelve “moments” in Kant’s table of categories; and the fourth to three sets of quaternities (totaling 12 concepts each) that Kant
employs in his account of the metaphysical foundations for the four university faculties (i.e., philosophy, theology, medicine, and law). Once the series is complete, I hope to republish these articles as a monograph, tentatively entitled: *Changing the Changeless: Kant and the Yijing as Complementary Approaches to Analytic A Posteriori Philosophizing.*

**Haiming Wen, Renmin University of China**

Much of my research of the last year has focused on issues related to my forthcoming book titled *Making Intentions Concrete: Dimensions of Confucian Ethics* 儒家实意伦理学 (Renmin University Press, 2014). This includes four articles, which are: one in English: “Confucian Cultural Psychology and Its Contextually Creative Intentionality” (with Wang Hang) in *Culture and Psychology*; three in Chinese: “How Ontological Feeling/Emotion can be Ethical,” in *Journal of Sun Yet-sen University; “A Comparison between Confucius’ and Zhuangzi’s Views on Meaning and Naming,” in Guangdong Social Science; and “A Naturalist Version of Confucian Morality for Human Rights,” in *Academy Monthly*.

I became a member of “Advisory Editorial Board” of *Asian Philosophy*, and the Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Journal *Frontier of Philosophy in China*. I went to 7 countries to give keynote speeches, lectures or conferences in 2013. In May, I gave a lecture on “Reconstructing Chinese Metaphysics and its Philosophical Logic” at Cambridge University; I delivered a keynote speech on “Contextual Creativity,” at Philosophy Rally 2013 “China and the West” Utrecht, Netherlands; I also gave a lecture in SOAS, University of London. I attended many conferences: in March at King’s College London; in July at University of Singapore, and Sungkyunkwan University, Korea; in September I gave five lectures in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. In August 2013, I visited Florida Atlantic University and University of Miami. I also gave many lectures in Mainland China: in March, three lectures in School of Philosophy, Wuhan University; one lecture at Wuhan Science and Technology University; I also attended many conferences in Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Shandong, Hu’nan, Xiamen, and Hongkong, etc. I am also working as the director for international affairs in my school and directing the English Master program for Chinese Philosophy, Religion and Culture which invites students from all over the world.

**Yang Xiao, Kenyon College**


I have also been working on two edited volumes. The first, *Moral Relativism and Chinese Philosophy: David Wong and His Critics*, co-edited with Yong Huang, is coming out in March 2014 from SUNY Press. The second, *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Mencius*, will be published by Springer.
The ISCWP plans to sponsor one or two panels at this year’s Eastern Division Meeting of APA, which will take place on December 27-30, 2014 at the downtown Marriott in Philadelphia. We hereby invite submissions.

**Our Goal:** We would like to encourage submissions of proposals of individual papers and panels. We encourage papers or panels that promote in-depth engagement between Chinese and Western philosophy. The submissions will be reviewed by all the three members of the board. When we select papers, we normally try to find papers that have common theme to form a panel. You may have a better chance to be accepted if you submit a panel proposal which already has a common theme.

**Eligibility:** We continue to welcome non-ISCWP members to propose papers to be included on an ISCWP-sponsored panel, or even propose a panel that is related to the ISCWP’s aims, so please feel free to send this notice to philosophers who might be interested even if they are not ISCWP members yet.

Please send all submissions by **April 30, 2014**.

1. To submit a **paper proposal**, please provide a 250-300 word abstract. The abstract needs to include the presenter’s name, institutional affiliation, paper title, and email address.

2. To submit a **panel proposal**, please provide an overall abstract of the panel topic of 250-300 words, including due justification. It must include the following for each chair, speaker, and commentator on your panel:
   - Name as it is to appear in print
   - Affiliation
   - email address
   - paper title and abstract (for presenters)

3. You may submit a partial panel proposal – the earlier the better - and ask for help in filling it out. We may help build panels based on partial panel proposals received early in the process.

4. Address all submissions and inquiries to:

   **Yang Xiao**
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**ISCWP PANELS AT 2014**  
**APA PACIFIC DIVISION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

G2B International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy

**Topic:** Empathy, Authority, and Wisdom in Mengzi, Mozi, Kant, and Husserl

**Chair:** Yang Xiao (Kenyon College)

**Speakers:**
- **Samuel Cocks** (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) “Phenomenological and Confucian Accounts of Empathy”
- **Shirong Luo** (Simmons College) “The Right to Rebel Against Established Authority: Early Confucians and Kant Compared”
- **Hui-chieh Loy** (National University of Singapore) “Theological Voluntarism in the Mozi”
- **Jennifer White** (San Francisco State University) “Zhi 智 (Wisdom) as a Metacognitive Virtue in the Mengzi”
2014 TERM
“BEIJING ROUNDTABLE ON CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY”
2014年
“北京當代哲學國際圓桌學術研討會”

Theme / 討論主題
“Mohist Logical Thought and Development of Contemporary Philosophy”
“墨家逻辑思想与当代哲学发展”

Academic Organizer: International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy
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Host & Co-sponsor: Center for Comparative Philosophy & Center for Analytic Philosophy, Peking University, Beijing, China
東道主/共同贊助方: 北京大學比較哲學研究中心/北京大學分析哲學研究中心

Co-sponsor: Center for Comparative Philosophy, San Jose State University, USA
共同贊助方: 美國加州聖荷塞州立大學比較哲學研究中心

Time 時間: 27th June 2014, Friday afternoon
014年6月27日星期五下午

Location 地點: Room 109, Building 3, RenWen XueYuan [人文學苑], Peking University, Beijing, China

Discussion language: English and/or Chinese
学术讨论语言: 英文/中文

The 2014 Term of the ISCWP’s “Beijing Roundtable on Contemporary Philosophy” workshop / symposium series is a small-size, half-day workshop on the theme “Mohist Logical Thought and Development of Contemporary Philosophy”, which will be held at Peking University, Beijing, China, 27th June 2014.

The aim of the 2014 “Beijing Roundtable” workshop is this: to have an in-depth critical examination of how, through constructively engaging other relevant resources, Mohist logical thought can jointly contribute to the development of contemporary philosophy concerning the basic principles of logic, reasoning and argumentation, meaning, truth concern, reference, the relation between the semantic and the pragmatic, etc.

The Beijing Roundtable workshop/symposium series has emphasized in-depth critical discussion on well-prepared research fruits on target issues. At this 2014 workshop, several scholars will present their recent research results on the theme. Interested colleagues who have had their well-prepared recent research writings on the theme are welcome to contact Bo Mou (ISCWP academic coordinator for 2014 “Being Roundtable”) at bo.mou@sjsu.edu for possible presentation/critical discussion arrangement by 1st June 2014.

Any interested ISCWP members and other colleagues are welcome to participate in this workshop. For further information concerning host organization, contact Prof. Linhe Han (hanlinhe@pku.edu.cn), the Host representative.

DUES AND DONATIONS

ISCWP’s dues are voluntary but much needed. The
suggested contribution is $20 for regular members and $5 for student members. Larger contributions are welcome. Regular contributions of dues are crucial if we are to maintain the impressive momentum the Society has built heretofore.

As you can see from the events reported in this and other newsletters, the Society has managed to use its modest budget to great effect, having sponsored some of the most high-profile events in comparative philosophy.

The Society stands out in having cross-regional philosophical exchange as its basic mission, and in pursuing this with great success.

If you wish to support this distinctive mission we hope you will contribute. Donations from academic centers and foundations are also welcome.

We offer two ways of contributing dues:

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**On-line**
For the convenience of our members, we have established a Paypal account, which enables members to contribute dues by credit card. To use this method, please go to the Member page of ISCWP’s website and click on the appropriate button. You can also click directly on the appropriate links below:

- Regular members $20.00 (US)
- Student members $5.00 (US)

Many thanks,
Hagop Sarkissian  
Secretary-Treasurer