Statement of Purpose

Episteme aims to recognize and encourage excellence in undergraduate philosophy by providing examples of some of the best work currently being done in undergraduate philosophy programs around the world by offering undergraduates their first opportunity to publish philosophical work. It is our hope that the journal will help stimulate philosophical dialogue and inquiry among students and faculty at colleges and universities.

Episteme will consider papers written by undergraduate students in any area of philosophy; throughout our history we have published papers on a wide array of thinkers and topics, ranging from Ancient to Contemporary and philosophical traditions including Analytic, Continental, and Eastern. All papers undergo a process of blind review by the editorial staff and are evaluated according to the following criteria: quality of research, depth of philosophical inquiry, creativity, original insight, and clarity. Final selections are made by vote of the editors and the editorial board.

Please see the Call for Papers in the back cover for information on submitting to our next volume.
Episteme
An International Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy

Volume XVII September 2006

CONTENTS

Statement of Purpose and Editorial Staff 4
Table of Contents 5
Editors Note 6
Revisiting Singer’s “Famine, Affluence, and Morality” 8
Wesley Halcrow Holliday, Stanford University

Bratman on Intending 21
Joseph Alberts, Rice University

Hillary Putnam’s Semantic Scientism: A Critique 35
Gregory R. Warner, Wilfrid Laurier University

A Logical Absurdity: Jeremy Bentham and the Auto-Icon 47
Anna Brenton Brawley, Denison University

An Analysis of Freedom and Rational Egoism in Notes From Underground 62
Michael Hannon, York University

Conference Proceedings 74

Call For Papers, Vol. XVIII (2007) 77

The editors express sincere appreciation to the Provost’s Office, the Denison Honors Program, Pat Davis, and Faculty Advisor Alexandra Bradner for their assistance in making the publication of this journal possible.

We extend special gratitude to the other Philosophy Department Faculty: Mark Moller, Barbara Fultner, Tony Lisska, Jonathan Maskit, Ronald E. Santoni, and Steven Vogel for their support.