

**Indiana State University  
Community Engagement Activities  
Department Annual Report  
2005**

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Project Name:  
Philosophy Spring Lecture Series

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**Description**

Invited speakers gave two lectures in April 2005 at ISU.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

We plan on continuing the Lecture Series and/or having a Philosophy conference.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Increased recognition of the interdisciplinary aspect of philosophy, notably in Religion and Business Ethics.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

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**Who from the community is involved?**

The lectures were open to the public.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Philosophy Faculty members, one of whom contacted and invited the presenters. The ISU community was invited to attend, and one of the lectures was co-sponsored by AFRI.

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
60	Classrooms in HH.	No

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Project Name:  
Existence of God Debate

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**Description**

The Great Ideas Discussion Group and its advisor organized the debate in February 2005 at ISU.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

There will likely be another such debate next year.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Increased awareness of the importance of philosophy in daily life and in examining critical issues. The Statesman had a lead article on the event the next day.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

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**Who from the community is involved?**

The debate was open to the public, and was very well attended. A psychologist from Chicago and two area religious leaders (a local minister, a Brother working at St. Mary's) were also on the discussion panel.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Many students and most faculty, including one faculty and two students who participated in the debate itself.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
100	HMSU	No

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Project Name:

Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning

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**Description**

A faculty member gave a series of four lectures on the "mind-body problem" in March 2005.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

Another member of the department may also offer such a lecture next year.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Increased awareness of key philosophical issues by members of the community.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

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**Who from the community is involved?**

6 students from around the area.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Department of Philosophy faculty member, a retired member of the Psychology Dept.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
6	Erickson Hall	No

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Project Name:

Contemporary Ethics Issues in Health Care, Research and Practice

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**Description**

A Workshop for Physicians and other professionals on ethics and medical care, held in April 2005. Sponsored by various groups in the area, including the Indiana University School of Medicine-Terre Haute.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

This may become an annual event.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Increases the awareness of the connection between philosophy, medicine, and ethical issues.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

See above. But several well-known speakers were also brought in from around the country.

**Who from the community is involved?**

Assorted health professionals in the area, including researchers, nurses, and physicians.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Three members of the Philosophy Department, including the Dean. Terre Haute Center for Medical Education.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
20	Landsbaum Center	No