

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 12:44:09 PM Mountain Standard Time

Subject: Re: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 3:34:39 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: schmidtz [REDACTED]
To: Siegel, Gayle R - (gayles) <arizonafreedomcenter@gmail.com>
CC: Gill, Michael B - <gillm@email.arizona.edu>, sig@email.arizona.edu <sig@email.arizona.edu>, Jones, John P - <jpjones@email.arizona.edu>

Ok! Thanks everyone for slogging through this. I'll return the call.
Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2016, at 1:54 PM, Siegel, Gayle R - (gayles) <arizonafreedomcenter@gmail.com> wrote:

From: "Jones, John P - (jpjones)" <jpjones@email.arizona.edu>
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 1:36 PM
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I'm copying David.

Best JP

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From: Gill, Michael B - (gillm)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Sigurdson, Chris W - (sig); Jones, John P - (jppjones)
Subject: Re: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

I think it would be best if Dave Schmidt answered this question.

Best,
Michael

From: Sigurdson, Chris W - (sig)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 11:10 AM
To: Jones, John P - (jppjones); Gill, Michael B - (gillm)
Subject: FW: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

JP and Michael,
Media interest in the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom continues to grow.
In regards to the Associated Press query below, would one of you care to describe the classes and curriculums they offer?
Thanks,
Chris

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To: "VanVelzer, Ryan" <RVanVelzer@ap.org>
Subject: Re: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

Ryan,
I can talk about administrative functions, but I'm not qualified to talk about their work. It's pretty deep academic philosophy and it's more than what people are saying.

My insight is into the academic and other controls we have here at the UA that guarantee their scholarly independence from external directives and the rather significant ranking they have earned

from their peers.

I'll see if someone can help describe what they do. Their website is fairly comprehensive in terms of output.

Thanks,
Chris

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To: sig <sig@email.arizona.edu>
Subject: RE: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

Hey Chris,

My editors are interested in understanding more about the different types of values taught at the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom. Would you have a few minutes to talk about the different types of classes and curriculums you offer?

Best,
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From: Sigurdson, Chris W - (sig) [<mailto:sig@email.arizona.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 2:42 PM
To: VanVelzer, Ryan
Cc: Scott, Pam - (pscott); Chris Sigurdson
Subject: Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

Ryan,

I was waiting for some financial information on the Center before I call you back. They do get some money from the Charles Koch Foundation, but's only a fraction of their support. I've attached a chart of all their outside funding sources since 2008.

Ours is an academic center, which means it's completely independent from outside direction. The faculty are selected and hired by the Department of Philosophy and their primary outputs are research, teaching and academic publications. The Koch Foundation money has been primarily used for graduate student support and travel.

Also, our Philosophy Department is ranked 13th in the world by their peers and the Center is ranked as the number one "political philosophy" unit in the world.

#1 in the world in political philosophy

University of Arizona's Center for the Philosophy of Freedom has emerged once again from the Philosophical Gourmet rankings as #1 in the world in political philosophy.

<http://www.philosophicalgourmet.com/breakdown/breakdown10.asp>

The panel of experts that produced the 2015 ranking in political philosophy

Includes Christopher Bertram, Cristina Bicchieri, Brian Bix, Chris Bobonich, Roger Crisp, John Deigh, Julia Driver, William Edmundson, Johann Frick, John Gardner, Gerald Gaus, Leslie J. Green, Brad Hooker, Shelly Kagan, Matthew Kramer, Ben Laurence, Jeff McMahan, Christopher Morris, Colleen Murphy, Alastair Norcross, Calvin Normore, Michael Otsuka, Stefan Sciaraffa, Mathias Risse, Michael Rosen, David Schmidtz, Hanoch Sheinman, Wayne Sumner, Robert Talisse, John Tasioulas, Larry Temkin, Peter Vallentyne, Helga Varden, Wil Waluchow. (Panelists did not participate in ranking their own department or departments of which they are alumni.)

Arizona's graduate program also made nice moves up in the rankings in several other areas including action, epistemology, ancient, metaethics, philosophy of law, and overall.

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