Committee on Non-Academic Careers

2014-2015 Membership

Marcia Cavell, co-chair (2015)
Mary Rorty, co-chair (2015)
Amelie O. Rorty, associate chair (2015)
    David Chambers (2017)
    Clifton Guthrie (2016)
    Benjamin Hill (2015)
    Becky Meadows (2015)
    Henrique Schneider (2017)
    John Shook (2016)
Report of the Activities of the Non-Academic Career Committee---
Amelie Rorty, Chair

July 1, 2015-October 21, 2015

…….Reviewed Brochures on Non-Academic Career from Columbia, Brown, University of Michigan, MLA, AHA ….and extracted information from them. Would like to quite extensively the Brown, Columbia and MLA Brochures, but may have to get copyright approval from Columbia

….. Have contacted Paul Stern (Department of Justice attorney in L.A.), Jim Friedman (developer and architect), Carolin Emcke (journalist) , soliciting short autobiog essays on their decisions to leave academia..and on how their philosophic training informs their work

……. Persuaded Mary Rorty (former chair) and Jim Friedman to allow me to nominate them to become members on the committee

----Reviewed applications for Small Grants for an APA Committee

……..Correspondence with Elizabeth Anderson on some overlap on our Committees. Will consult with her about our Brochure….Hope to have committee on inclusion to consider including non-academic philosophers among her target audience

……..Have gathered massive on line data for the new Brochure, tentatively titled: “BEYOND THE ACADEMY: PROFESSIONS FOR PHILOSOPHERS” and have begun writing the Brochure.

Here, for your interest and for your files is some of that material:

DATA:

- Survey on Humanities Graduate Education and Alternative Academic Careers (Employer Survey) - Rogers, Katina, University of Virginia Library, University of Virginia (http://libra.virginia.edu/catalog/libra-oa:3500)
- Understanding Career Pathways - Council of Graduate Schools (http://www.cgsnet.org/understanding–career–pathways)
- MLA Surveys of Ph.D. Placement –(https://www.mla.org/surveys_phdplacement)
- Philosophy News - "Graduate School Philosophy Placement Records In the US and CA"

- Inside Higher Ed - "Where are they now?"
- CGS - "Understanding Career Pathways"

ADVICE:
"'Small Bets' and the PhD Process: Alt-Ac Careers for Humanities PhDs" by Michael Lesiuk.

PHILOSOPHY BLOGS:
There are numerous informal on line philosophical discussions, reviews of recent books and articles, announcements of conferences. Some are focused (e.g. on ethics of political philosophy, epistemology); some are cover a wide range of philosophical interests. Here is a partial ist, but you can find many more by Googling ‘philosophy blogs’ and ‘philosophy newsletters.’
http://philosopherscocoon.typepad.com/blog/
http://peasoupe.typepad.com/
http://ndpr.nd.edu/recent-reviews/
http://ethics-etc.com/
http://publicreason.net/
http://philosophyofbrains.com/
http://philevents.org/
http://www.spep.org/
http://itisonlyatheory.blogspot.com/
http://philosophycommons.typepad.com/xphi/
http://philpapers.org/
http://www.newappsblog.com/metaphysics/
http://certaindoubts.com/

OTHER BROCHURES
This one is the model:
http://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/resources/tipsheets/non-academic-career-options-phds-and-mas
and this too:

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• U. Michigan Non-academic Careers Brochure