APA Committee on Philosophy and Law, Annual Report 2009-10
Submitted by Thom Brooks, Chair

The Committee on Philosophy and Law engaged in several activities during the 2009-10 academic year. First, the committee sponsored invited sessions and plans future invited sessions at divisional meetings. Secondly, the committee has published two issues of the APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law, edited by Steven Scalet and Christopher Griffin. Finally, the committee has determined the winner of the Berger Prize. These activities will be spelled out in further detail below.

1. Panels at Divisional Meetings

**Eastern Meeting, 2009.** The committee sponsored a session by CPL member Melinda Roberts (The College of New Jersey) on the topic of ‘Procreation, Abortion, and Harm’. Roberts chaired the session and speakers included Carter Dillard (Loyola University-New Orleans), Elizabeth Harman (Princeton University), Frances Kamm (Harvard University), Jeff McMahan (Rutgers University), and David Wasserman (Yeshiva University).

The committee sponsored a second session by CPL member David Lefkowitz (University of Richmond) on the topic of ‘Democratic Authority’. Lefkowitz chaired the session and speakers included Samantha Besson (University of Freiburg and Duke University), Thomas Christiano (University of Arizona), and Henry Richardson (Georgetown University).

**2. Proposed Future Panels**

**Eastern Meeting 2010.** The committee is sponsoring two invited sessions. The first is on the theme of ‘Retributivism and Preventive Detention in the Criminal Justice System–Can They Be Reconciled?’ The session has been organized and will be chaired by Alec Walen (University of Maryland). Speakers will include Stephen Morse (University of Pennsylvania) ‘Desert-Disease Jurisprudence and the Logic of Prevention’, Kim Ferzan (Rutgers) ‘The Irreconcilability of Prevention and Punishment’, and Dan Markel (Florida State University) ‘Should Retributivists Care About Preventive Detention?’

The second panel will be ‘Nussbaum’s From Disgust to Humanity: Author Meets Critics’. The session has been organized and will be chaired by Thom Brooks (University of Newcastle–UK). Speakers will include Suzanne Goldberg (Columbia University), Yoel Inbar (Harvard University), Helga Varden (University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign), and Martha C. Nussbaum (University of Chicago).

**Central Meeting 2011.** The committee is sponsoring an invited session on ‘Shapiro’s Legality: Author Meets Critics’ organized by Kevin Toh (University of Texas-Austin). Speakers will include William Edmundson (Georgia State University), Don Loeb (University of Vermont), and Scott Shapiro (Yale University).

**Pacific Meeting 2011.** The committee is sponsoring an invited session relating to the winning Berger Prize article. The session will be sponsored by David Lefkowitz and the winner, Gideon Yaffe (University of Southern California), will take part. Other participants are being finalized.

3. APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law

Steven Scalet and Christopher Griffin edit the APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Law producing two issues.

The autumn issue was a tribute to John Arthur, co-editor of our Newsletter from 2006-7. The issue focusses on his last major work, *Race, Equality, and the Burdens of History* (2008). Contributions included Lawrence Blum (University of Massachusetts-Boston),...

The spring issue was a tribute to the 2009 Berger Prize winners, Jeppe von Platz (University of Pennsylvania) and David A. Reidy (University of Tennessee), for their article ‘The Structural Diversity of Historical Injustices’. Papers arose from a special invited session sponsored by the CPL and organized by Judith DeCrew (Clark). Contributions included Jeppe von Platz and David A. Reidy, ‘Outline of the Field of Reparative Justice’; Joan L McGregor, ‘Commentary on “The Structural Diversity of Historical Injustices”’; Rahul Kumar, ‘Commentary on “The Structural Diversity of Historical Injustices”’; and Jeppe von Platz and David A. Reidy, ‘Reply to Our Critics’.

4. Berger Prize competition
The CPL selected Gideon Yaffe’s article ‘Excusing Mistakes of Law’ in *Philosophers’ Imprint* as the winner of the 2011 Berger Prize. The Prize will be awarded at the 2011 Pacific Division meeting. An invited session is being organized. The Berger Prize committee consisted of the CPL members Thom Brooks, Michael Green, and Alec Walen.

5. Committee Membership
The CPL membership for 2009-10 were Thom Brooks (Chair) (2012), David Lefkowitz (2011), Melinda Roberts (2011), Michael Steven Green (2012), Kevin Toh (2013), and Alec Walen (2012) with Steven Scalet and Christopher Griffin *ex officio* members as editors of the *Newsletter*. 