

## A TRIBUTE TO JOEL FEINBERG

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I take this occasion to express the gratitude of the Department of Philosophy for the many contributions made by Joel Feinberg to our success and reputation. Joel's accomplishments have earned him recognition as one of the leading scholars in the world in the general areas of ethics and social philosophy, and particularly in the philosophy of law. He has served as a magnet in helping us attract fine additions to our faculty and some of the very best graduate students that have gone through our program. Some of Joel's former students, we are pleased to note, have made contributions to this edition of the *Review*.

Joel's contributions to the success of the Department go far beyond the bright light cast on it by his own personal achievements. To his colleagues on the faculty he has been a warm, friendly and wholly wonderful intellectual companion. He has been the exemplar of the good departmental citizen, the sort of person whose efforts always run in the direction of promoting peace and good will and whose actions are never a source of divisiveness. Students were attracted to Joel not only because he is such a gifted and skilled philosopher. They were also drawn to him because of his gentle, non-intimidating nature, his patience with developing young minds, and his tolerance for opposing viewpoints.

Although Joel has now officially retired and we shall miss his presence as a full-fledged member of the Department, we are glad that he continues to frequent the Department and continues to play a role in its intellectual life.

We are pleased that, with the generous support and cooperation of the College of Law, we were able to pay tribute to Joel with the recent Philosophy of Law Symposium held in his honor. This event was very well attended, and this is further testimony to the wide appeal of Joel's work. The papers presented by the keynote speakers and the remarks delivered by the commentators were well received and of very high quality. So we are pleased to see them published in the *Review*, along with excellent supplemental papers.

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