Dianoia: Call for Submissions

*Dianoia*, the Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Boston College, invites you to submit essays for the 2014 edition of the Journal. After two years of publishing excellent papers, we are excited to once again receive Boston College’s best works in philosophy. Any and all submissions are welcome, but we have several guidelines below that might be of some help. Also, this year we will feature those essays which address the contemporary role of the public intellectual. These essays will be published alongside an interview of BC’s own public intellectual, Professor Richard Kearney. More details below.

What sort of papers is Dianoia looking to publish?

*Dianoia* seeks to publish thoughtful, original, and creative papers on any philosophical idea or topic. Essays must be accessible to a general undergraduate audience. We do not have minimum or maximum page restriction – we encourage creativity and originality, thus the length of the paper is not our primary concern. We welcome your insightful and inspiring papers on philosophy of any kind (topics may include but are not limited to: bioethics, philosophy in literature, philosophy of economics, philosophical theology, philosophy of science, business ethics, etc.). Any submissions that meet these terms will be appreciated.

Featured Topic of the Year

In addition to accepting philosophically oriented papers of all kinds, this year’s volume of *Dianoia* hopes to feature at least two essays on the **role of the public intellectual**.

In an educated society, there are few occupations more revered, and often reviled, than the public intellectual. Wielding reason and a passion for public debate, the public intellectual addresses issues that concern a wide audience. With a single article, the intellectual may change countless minds. This year, *Dianoia* asks what the role of the public intellectual may be in contemporary society. Has the changing quality and kind of media changed the role of the public intellectual now that anyone can choose to publish their opinions on the internet, intellectual or otherwise? Furthermore, what are the criteria for being a public intellectual now? Do the public intellectuals of today meet the standards of those from the past? Do they exceed them? The best essays concerning the public intellectual will be honored with a featured placement beside an interview with Professor Richard Kearney in the 2014 edition of the Journal. While we accept essays on any topic, we strongly encourage interested authors to submit papers on this question specifically.

We would like to take this time to encourage all undergraduates to submit thoughtful and original essays to *Dianoia*: the Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Boston College. Essays will be received with a **deadline of January 31st, 2014**.

Thank you from the whole staff of *Dianoia*. We look forward to reviewing your essays.
Please send submissions to: bcdianoia@gmail.com