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# Faculty Highlight

Name:  
Joel E. Mann

Discipline:  
Philosophy/Classics

Classes Currently Teaching (for Spring):  
Philosophy of Human Nature, Hellenistic Philosophy

Other Classes Taught:  
Greek Philosophy, Tragedy and Philosophy, The  
Philosophy of Time in the Argentine Short Story,  
Existentialism, Philosophy of Music, Philosophy of Law, A  
Brief History of Body Parts, Ancient Greek Language,  
Kant and German Idealism, Philosophy of Religion

Originally From: Austin, Texas

Colleges/Universities attended:  
The University of Texas at Austin

Favorite Book:  
Ficciones, Jorge Luis Borges

Favorite Movie:  
Just about anything by Lars von Trier or Rainer Werner  
Fassbinder

Areas of Interest (work or leisure):  
Music, soccer, tennis, food and cooking, yoga, film, the  
Green Bay Packers, playing with my kids

People don’t know that I ... really, really love the Green  
Bay Packers. It’s almost a disease.

Describe a favorite classroom experience:  
One semester, on the first day of class, as I was beginning  
to call roll, I heard a crash out in the hallway. When I went  
to check it out, I found a young woman in front of the  
classroom door, her books in disarray on the floor. “Is this  
my class?” she asks. “Are you looking for Greek  
Philosophy?” “I don’t know.” “PHIL 207?” “I don’t know.”



Joel Mann,  
Ph.D.

Associate Professor of  
Philosophy



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“Dr. Mann?” “I don’t know. Sorry.” She scurries off. I recover and return to calling roll. Halfway through the roll call, she walks in. “This is my class,” she says. It sounds like a Beckett play, but, really, it’s just life, isn’t it?

What would you most like students to learn from your classes?  
Believing is easy; knowing is hard.

What would you most like students to gain through their years at SNC?  
The understanding that the pleasant is not identical to the good.

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