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The papers included here were all presented in April 2017 at the 21st annual Pacific University Undergraduate Conference. (For the full conference program, see <https://www.pacificu.edu/current-undergraduate/academics/majors-minors/philosophy/undergraduate-philosophy-conference/full-conference-schedule>.)

Over the years the conference has hosted more than 1500 students, coming from over 300 different schools, representing all fifty U.S. states and several other countries. Of the nearly ninety presentations at the 2017 conference, the papers below, because of their impressive quality, were selected for publication in this issue. They demonstrate the remarkably fine scholarship of the best of those students whose papers were accepted for presentation.

This conference is a general one every year, meaning that papers in all areas of philosophy are presented. The papers in this issue span ethics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of time, social/political philosophy, metaphysics, history of philosophy, and more. They represent and exemplify the substantive and sophisticated work of the undergraduate students who participated in the conference.