Dear Honors Students,

As you can see from the events calendar and how much space I have for my traditional salutary address, our semester is coming to a close. This does not mean that I am going to launch into a long, heartfelt elegy about how wonderful you all have been, though I could, if I were inclined. Instead, after briefly inviting you to examine the following announcements on page two, I would like to present a short-form version of the “Third Man” argument in the thought of Plato, rephrased for the common honors student.

1) Katie Purple and Andrew Cuff are human (intuitively evident).
2) Plato holds that (1) implies that both of them participate in the form “humanness.”
3) Katie and Andrew are both human, but so is “humanness.” Therefore, there needs to be a new form to account for the “humanness” shared among these three (Katie, Andrew, and “humanness,” respectively). This new form could be called “meta-humanness” or anything that suggests that it includes both humans and the form “humanness.”
4) Such a need for a “meta-form” leads to an infinite regress.
5) Therefore, Plato’s form theory is to be rejected in favor of some theory which involves no infinite regress.

I have heard a solution for this problem which simply denies Self-Predication, namely, the principle of Plato’s form theory which states that every form of X-ness is also X (that, say, “humanness” itself is human). This sounds acceptable to me, but it would mean that Plato was wrong about this aspect of his theory (beauty as a concept in Hippias Major 292e6–7).

Last Week’s Puzzle Shout-out:

Thank you to everybody who participated in last week’s cover letter math puzzle. No solution presented was correct; however, this was no fault of your own. The way the question was worded made it particularly ambiguous, and therefore capable of accommodating a number of solutions. Honorable mention goes to Kristen Johnson for offering a potential, but necessarily flawed, solution (her math was correct, but there can be no flawless answer to an ambiguous question).
**Events Calendar**

**Fulbright Application Workshop II**
Wednesday, April 24  
10:15-11:00am  
McMahon 314  
This Fulbright workshop with Julie Yarwood will cover only the topic of writing your personal statement. This is one of the most important parts of the application process, and Julie can tell you all you need to know to write a winning essay. Please RSVP, Yarwood@cua.edu.

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**UHP Spring Dinner**
Monday, April 29  
6:00pm  
Pryzbyla Great Room  
Come join the University Honors Program for an evening of great food and fun as we celebrate the end of the semester and our graduating seniors! An appetizer reception will begin at 6:00, with dinner starting at 6:30. RSVP is required (check your email; RSVP invites have already been sent).

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**Event Highlight**

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS**

Are you currently a junior or a haberdasher? Have you ever considered going abroad after you graduate? If so, I want to invite you to consider applying for a Fulbright grant this fall. Sponsored by the Department of State, the Fulbright Grant exists to promote mutual understanding between the US & other countries through learning -- that is, by sending our citizens abroad as either students or teachers. Fulbright grants are available in over 150 countries! If you are interested in learning more about the program and how to apply, you are invited to attend two upcoming Fulbright Workshops:

**Fulbright Application Workshop One**: Selecting a country, selecting recommenders, and writing a statement of grant purpose  
Date: Thursday, April 18  
Time: 2-3pm  
Location: McMahon 314

**Fulbright Application Workshop Two**: Writing the personal statement  
Date: Wednesday, April 24  
Time: 10:15-11 am  
Location: McMahon 314

If you are planning to attend one or both of these events, please RSVP to Julie Yarwood, Fellowships Coordinator, at Yarwood@cua.edu.

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**Dueling Philosophers: Where Great Minds Go At It (Page 2)**

Opposites attract. --Paula Abdul

*Which thinker wins this week’s Dueling Philosophers? Submit your thoughts to facebook.com/cuahonors.*