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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



What will 2021 bring? That has to be a question on everyone's mind as we usher in a new year with considerable trepidation. Living through these past nine months has been difficult and demanding on all of us. Not just the major events—the sudden arrival of a pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the summer riots demanding racial justice, the craziness of our presidential elections—but surviving day to day living in the midst of all this has been extremely challenging. Will 2021 hold better things in store? We certainly hope so.

Despite the multiple challenges wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic our philosophy department has continued to flourish in many directions. While teaching continues to be online, we at least had the summer to catch our breath and develop online courses for autumn quarter across the various new "modalities." A number of faculty and graduate teaching fellows used the opportunity to acquire DOTS training, qualifying them to offer fully asynchronous courses, and our department is now able to offer a range of courses across all three modalities. Autumn enrollment in courses was robust, actually showing a slight increase in LAS compared to a year earlier, although there is some doubt as to whether this can be sustained through the remainder of the academic year.

Many of our regular events continued online, including Philosophy Circle meetings throughout autumn quarter. At the end of October, we hosted our first visiting speaker event of the year—in fact, our first "virtual visiting speaker" ever—when Miguel DeBeistegui gave a riveting presentation to over 60 attendees, responding to Kevin Thompson and Vilde Aavitsland, who offered comments and questions on Miguel's recent book, *The Government of Desire*. In November, we held our annual DUOS presentation awards luncheon online. While the food was not quite so good this year, both the Dean of our college and the Associate Provost for Research said how impressed they were by the high quality of the projects that our students presented.

Meanwhile, research by our faculty and graduate students has continued unabated, with several books published recently, as well as journal articles and online conference presentations. Special congratulations to Zhen Liang, who successfully defended her dissertation in October! Details on these and other events inside.

The year 2020 has been wearing on all of us, and we know that the coming winter months may be the most difficult yet. In the face of a situation that remains very challenging on multiple levels, I want to thank each of you sincerely for everything that you do to raise the spirits of our students and keep them engaged in philosophical learning. We hope for better times ahead.

William McNeill

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Professor and Chair, Philosophy



Visiting Speakers

The Government of Desire

Author Meets Critics

October 30, 2020 12:00-2:30pm via Zoom

author Miguel de Beistegui.

Please join us for a discussion of The Government of Desire: A Genealogy of the

Liberal Subject with PhD candidate Vilde Aavitsland, Professor Kevin Thompson, and



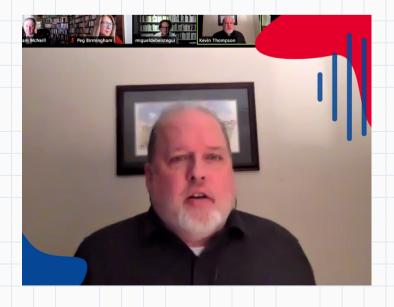
A Genealogy of the Liberal Subject

Miguel de Beistegui University of Warwick

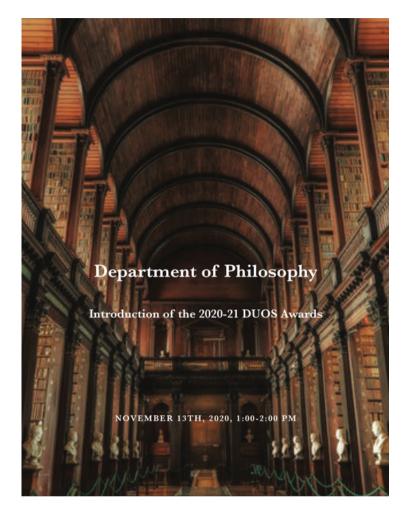


Miguel de Beistegui of University of Warwick (UK) joined us in October for a discussion on the introduction to his book: The Government of Desire: A Genealogy of the Liberal Subject. Special thanks to Professor Kevin Thompson and Phd candidate Vilde Aavitsland for their assistance in leading the dialogue.









On Friday, November 13th, 2020, the Department of Philosophy held an event to welcome our 2020-21 DUOS awardees. DUOS (Doctoral and Undergraduate Opportunities for Scholarship) is a competitive initiative that pairs graduate students with undergraduate students to work jointly on research projects under the guidance of faculty advisors. Both students receive stipends.

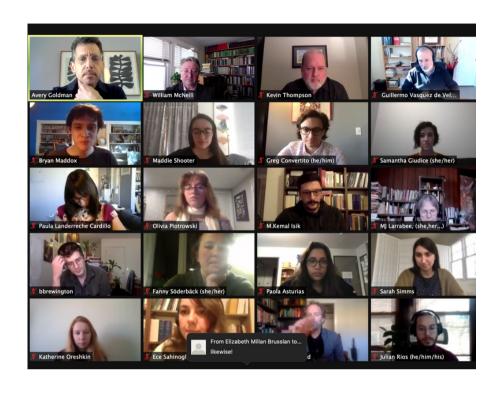
This year marked the first time that the Department of Philosophy has awarded a number of DUOS projects the Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) designation, signifying their role in overcoming the historic marginalization of certain groups in academic Philosophy (for more information on MAP see www.mapforthegap.com.

We were happy to have in attendance both the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco, Ph.D., and DePaul's Associate Provost for Research, Daniela Stan Raicu, Ph.D. The Department of Philosophy would like to thank both the College of LAS and an anonymous donation that created "The Maimonides Endowment in Philosophy" for the generous support of the DUOS program.

Congratulations to all of the awardees and we look forward to hearing about your research at the end of year event on Friday, May 28th!

DUOS PRESENTATIONS

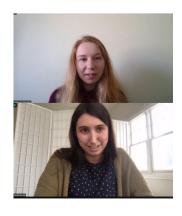
Nine pairs of undergraduate and graduate students received DUOS awards this year and presented their work virtually on November 13th, 2020.





Law, Nation, and State in Andean Marxist Theory (MAP)

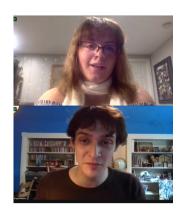
Undergraduate Student: Carolina Aceves **Graduate Student:** Julian David Rios Acuna



Exploring the Roles of Mortality and Natality in Feminist Philosophy

Undergraduate Student: Katherine Oreshkin

Graduate Student: Sarah Simms



The Freudian Body Politic

Undergraduate Student: Olivia Piotrowski

Graduate Student: Bryan Maddox



Transcendental Consciousness and the Problem of World Constitution

Undergraduate Student: Sheldon White

Graduate Student: Daniel Perlman



Feminism and the Commons in Latin America (MAP)

Undergraduate Student: Paola Asturias

Graduate Student: Paula Landerreche Cardillo



The Dionysian State: Friedrich Nietzsche on Politics and Community (MAP)

Undergraduate Student: Samantha Giudice

Graduate Student: Kemal Isik



Aesthetic Experience, Politics, and Subjectivity in Theodor Adorno

Undergraduate Student: Bradley Brewington **Graduate Student:** Gregory Convertito



Art contra Author: How Harry Potter Resists J.K. Rowling's Gender Essentialism (MAP)

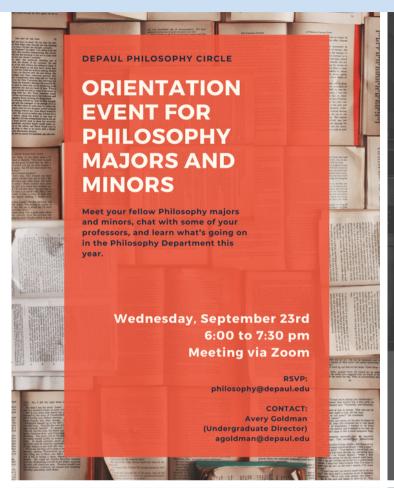
Undergraduate Student: Madison Shooter **Graduate Student:** Jessica Avery

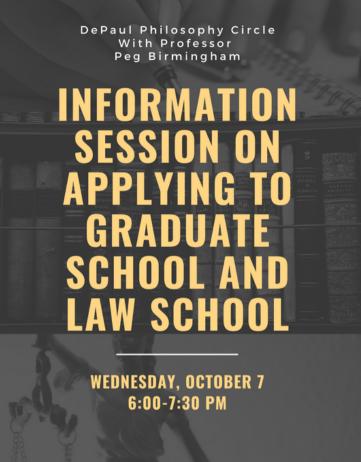


Writing with the Body: An Intersectional Study on Women's Writing (MAP)

Undergraduate Student: Megan Anderson **Graduate Student:** Ece Sahinoglu Isik

Philosophy Circle





DEPAUL PHILOSOPHY CIRCLE

An Introduction to Professor Miguel de Beistegui's book:

The Government of Desire



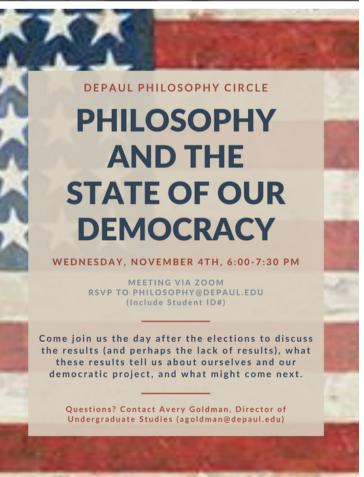
A Genealogy of the Liberal Subject

OCTOBER 28, 6:00 - 7:30PM

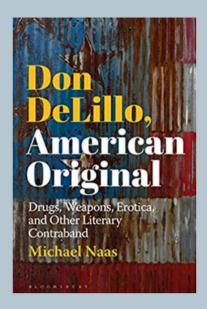
With Professor Kevin Thompson & Ph.D. candidate Vilde Lid Aavitsland

Meeting via Zoom Student ID# required with RSVP at philosophy@depaul.edu

If you have any questions please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Avery Goldman at

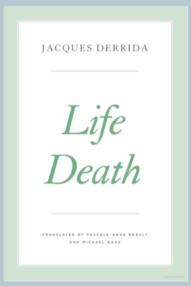


Faculty Publications



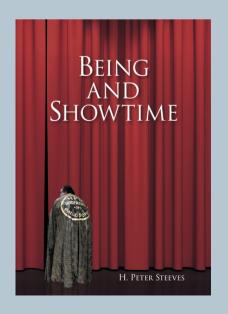
Don DeLillo, American Original: Drugs, Weapons, Erotica, and Other Literary Contraband

Michael Naas recently published a book on the American novelist, Don DeLillo.



Life Death

Pascale-Anne Brault (Modern Languages) and **Michael Naas** recently edited and translated Jacques Derrida's seminars on *Life Death* (University of Chicago Press, 2020).



Being and Showtime

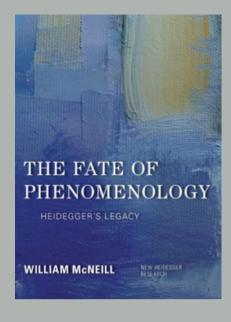
H. Peter Steeves' "call to arms," published via Chicago: Sawbuck Books.

Visit beingandshowtime.com for more information.



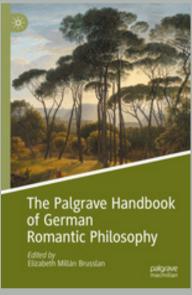
H. Peter Steeves enjoying his virtual book-launch party on December 15th for the release of Being and Showtime

Faculty Publications



The Fate of Phenomenology: Heidegger's Legacy

William McNeill's latest book, published in the Rowman & Littlefield series New Heidegger Research.



The Palgrave Handbook of German Romantic Philosophy

Elizabeth Millán published this collection on December 15, 2020, which includes the work of three former DePaul graduate students: Elaine Miller, Nathan Ross, and Karolin Mirzakhan.



"Which Secular Grounds? The Atheism of Liberation Philosophy."

Rafael Vizcaíno's essay is forthcoming in the Spring 2021 issue of the APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy. Winner of the APA Essay Prize in Latin American Thought.

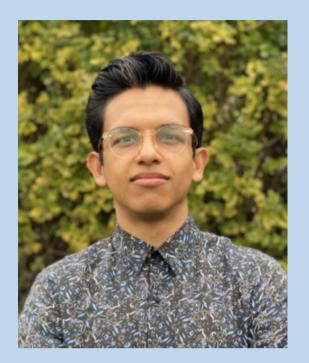


Research and Development Grant for work on Schopenhauer's Reception in Latin America. Over the summer she worked on the essay, "Schopenhauer's Reception in Latin America " for the Routledge Philosophical Minds Series. She is focusing on the role of Schopenhauer in the work of Borges.

Elizabeth was additionally featured on Univision for a program on Hispanic Heritage Month. She appeared in their October 10th program.







RAFAEL VIZCAÍNO won the 2020 APA Essay Prize in Latin American Thought, for his essay "Which Secular Grounds? The Atheism of Liberation Philosophy," which will appear in the spring 2021 issue of the APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy. He published short meditations in the Blog of the APA, as well as Peace Chronicle: The Magazine of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, and also presented papers at (i) the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, under the auspices of the Philosophy of Religion unit, and (ii) the Annual Conference of Ford Fellows. Similarly, Rafael was invited to speak at three different venues: (i) a symposium in honor of Franz Fanon's 95th birthday, hosted by the Caribbean Philosophical Association, (ii) Duke University's Latinx Communities Symposium, and (iii) Northwestern University's Critical Theory in Critical Times Workshop, in honor of the recent translation of Santiago Castro-Gomez's Critique of Latin American Reason. Lastly, Rafael virtually hosted the 2020 Latin American Philosophy of Education Society Symposium, the proceedings of which will appear in the 6th issue of the journal Lápiz, and he was invited to give two "alumni fireside chats" for undergraduates at Northwestern.



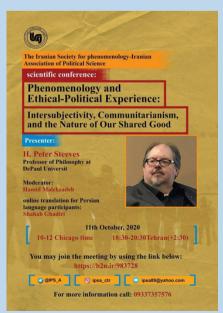
The Higgs Field

H. PETER STEEVES gave several online presentations during Autumn Quarter 2020:

"Star Trek and the Wrath of Melville: How to Read a Text, Let White Whales Be, and Tell the True Villains from the Heroes." Online presentation as part of the CAPER Center for Astronomy and Physics Education Research Conference (27 September 2020).

"We're All Gonna Die: You Are Special—and also Not Special." One-hour lecture at the screening of the Theatre Y event on the premiere of their latest film *We're Gonna Die* (2020, dir. Héctor Alvarez), online Zoom event (3 October 2020).

"Phenomenology and Ethical-Political Experience: Intersubjectivity, Communitarianism, and the Nature of Our Shared Good." Online presentation to the Iranian Society for Phenomenology and the Iranian Association of Political Science (11 October 2020).



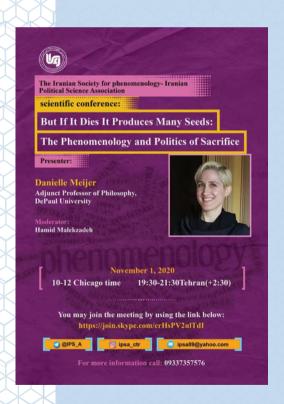








Mary Jean Larabee presented a poster session (by Zoom) at the Contemplative Research Conference with the Mind and Life Association, "First Person Authority and Critical Phenomenology for Self-Reports," on November 7-9.



Danielle Meijer presented "But If It Dies It Produces Many Seeds: The Phenomenology and Politics of Sacrifice" at a science conference held by The Iranian Society for Phenomenology - Iranian Political Science Association.







PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

WICKLANDER FELLOW VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

"POT FOR PROFIT: EXPLORING ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN THE U.S. CANNABIS INDUSTRY"

> Joseph F. Mello, PhD 2019-2020 Wicklander Fellow Associate Professor, Department of Political Science College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

"IN THE MIND OF THE PERPETRATOR: WHAT MOTIVATES WEIGHT-BASED MISTREATMENT IN THE WORKPLACE"

> Grace Lemmon, PhD 2019-2020 Wicklander Fellow Associate Professor, Department of Management Driehaus College of Business

Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Summer Brown at: sbrown15@depaul.edu by October 28, 2020

Register at: https://tinyurl.com/wicklandersymposium (Zoom link will be emailed to registrants)





CLE/CPE WEBINAR **COVID-19 AND THE ETHICS OF LEGAL SURVIVAL**

December 3, 2020 3-4:30pm tinyurl.com/CLECPEWebinar



Denis Demblowski, JD Legal Analyst and Attorney, Bloomberg Law



Candice Kline, JD Partner, Saul, Ewing, Amstein and Lehr LLP



Daryl Koehn, PhD Wicklander Chair in Business Ethics and Managing Director, Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, DePaul University

\$30 and attendance certification provided 0.15 CEU/CPE credits and 1.5 Professional Responsibility CLE credit

Questions? Contact Summer Brown at sbrown15@depaul.edut



Daryl Koehn, Wicklander Chair in **Professional Ethics, Department of** Management & Entrepreneurship, reported on two Autumn Quarter IBPE events

- IBPE (The institute for Business and Professional Ethics) hosted the Wicklander Fellow event on October 29, which featured two DePaul professors. Dr. Joseph Mello and Dr. Grace Lemmon. Dr. Mello spoke on "Pot for Profit: Exploring Ethical Dilemmas in the U.S. Cannabis Industry," while Dr. Lemmon discussed "Duty, Dominance, or Derision? An Investigation of the Justifications Workplace Bullies Use When Targeting Larger Colleagues.
- IBPE also hosted a webinar on the Ethics of Legal Survival During COVID-19 on December 3.
- Professor Daryl Koehn presented the paper "Leaders of Silence, Leaders of Speech" at the online Society for Business Ethics conference held on August 9, 2020.

Graduate Student News



CAMERON COATES is currently a visiting instructor at the University of the South, and in December was awarded a grant by the Office of the Dean of the College there to support curricular innovation and transformation related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The grant includes a stipend as well as support for purchasing books and related materials. Coates was awarded the grant to develop a new course on Indian Philosophy to be taught in Spring semester 2021. The course is a survey of Indian philosophy from the Vedic period to the present and examines the effects of colonialism on contemporary Indian thought.





JENNIFER GAMMAGE presented
"Crisis Exhaustion and the Temporality
of Struggle," at the Pacific Association
for the Continental Tradition's (PACT)
November mini-conference on Crisis
and Politics in November.



Joel Bock's essay "Bewegung im Raum in Thomas Manns Der Tod in Venedig als Funktion des inneren Kampfs zwischen dem Apollinischen und dem Dionysischen: Eine phänomenologische Analyse" (pp. 57 - 72) was published in the collection of essays Raumnarratologie: Studien zur deutschsprachigen Literatur der Moderne und der Avantgarde in der Nachfolge des spatial turn, edited by Veronica Buciuman, published jointly in Germany by the Leipziger Universitätsverlag and in Romania by the Presa Universitară Clujeană.



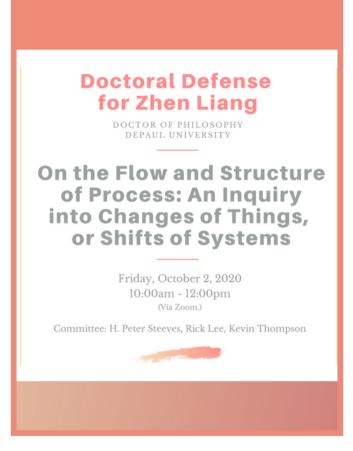
Bilgesu Sisman started working as the Digital Marketing Assistant at DePaul's Career Center.

Sucessfully Defended Dissertations

ZHEN LIANG

Zhen successfully defended her dissertation, "On the Flow and Structure of Process: An Inquiry into Changes of Things, or Shifts of Systems."





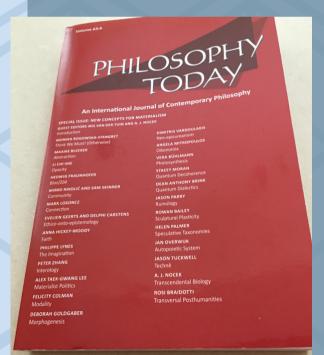




PHILOSOPHY TODAY



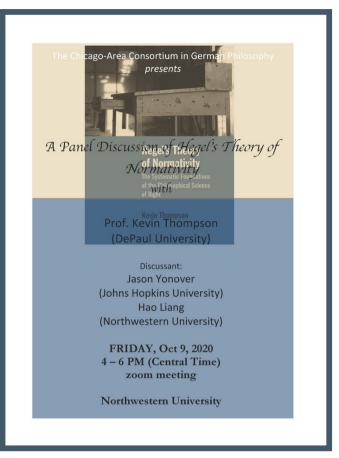
Philosophy Today, 64:1 includes a special topic, "Marxism and New Materialisms," edited and introduced by our very own Jeta Mulaj. The special topic emerges from the 2018 conference, "Marxism and New Materialism," held at DePaul in April 2018, organized by Jeta Mulaj, Bradley Ramos, and Peg Birmingham. The special topic includes articles by Adrian Johnston, Duy Lap Nguyen, Jason Read, and co-authors Jennifer Ponce De Leon and Gabriel Rockhill.



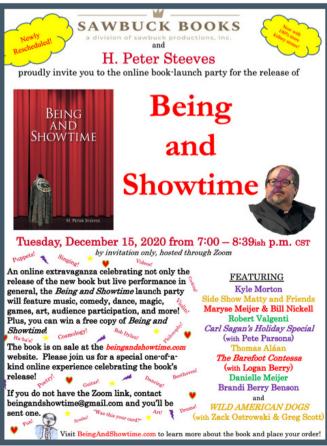
Philosophy Today, 63:4 is a special issue, "New Concepts for Materialism," guest edited by Iris van der Tuin and Adam Nocek. Through special arrangement, the entire issue (366 pages!) is available on PDC's open access site.

As always, a note of thanks to Ian Moore and Vilde Aavidsland for their indefatigable editing efforts.

Events & Conferences



The Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy hosted their first event of the year, a panel on Kevin Thompson's book Hegel's Theory of Normativity. The event took place virtually on Friday, October 9th. Hao Liang (Northwestern) and Jason Yonover (Johns Hopkins) served as the discussants for this session.



H. Peter Steeves hosted THE BEING AND SHOWTIME (virtual) LAUNCH PARTY filled with live performances, music, comedy, dance, magic, games, and more!

See the **Faculty Publications** page for more info on this publication.



Student Employee News



JEANNINE GARLAND

Jeannine Garland is a sophomore from Palatine, IL, currently studying Management with a minor in Music Business. She started her new job as a Student Assistant for the Philosophy Department at the beginning of December 2020. Jeannine is currently branching out from her core classes and even considering taking up a minor in Philosophy. She hopes to attend law school in the future.

While You've Been Gone...

The department patiently awaits our return and has been hard at work updating the front desk with protective screening.



VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

HAPPY HOUR

Friday, October 23 Starting at 4:00pm via Zoom



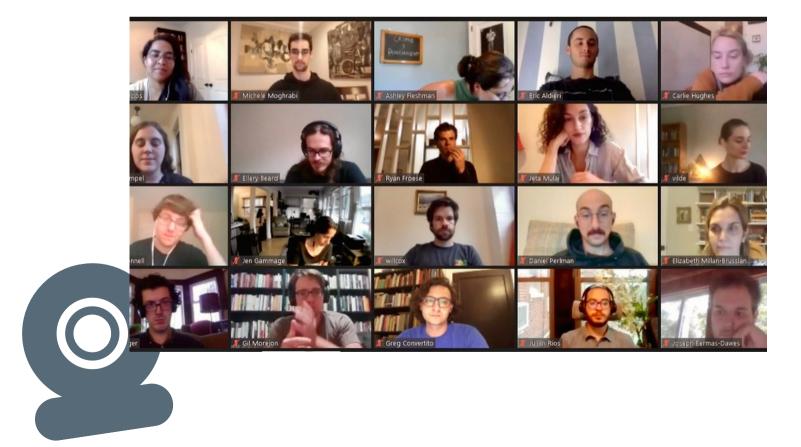


The department hosted its first ever virtual Happy
Hour on October 23, with around 15 people and
some weird and exotic pets in attendance!

VIRTUAL MEETINGS







Undergraduate Courses 2020-21

PHL UNDERGRAD COURSES 2020-2021

Autumn	Winter	Spring			
HISTORY SEQUENCE					
PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy TTH 1:00-2:30		PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy TTH 9:40-11:10			
Sean D. Kirkland		David White			
PHL 295 – Early Modern Philosophy TTH 11:20-12:50	PHL 294 – Medieval Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50	PHL 296 – Kant and the 19 th Century MW 11:20-12:50			
Avery Goldman	Richard Lee	Avery Goldman			
	PHL 297 – 20 th Century Philosophy MW 9:40-11:10				
	Frédéric Seyler				
COGNITIVE SKILLS					
PHL 280 – Critical Thinking	PHL 281 – Basic Logic	PHL 281 – Basic Logic			
MW 1:00-2:30	Online	MW 1:00-2:30			
Ellery Beard	Mary Jeanne Larrabee	Daniel Perlman			
PHL 282 – Symbolic Logic I TTH 9:40-11:10					
Daniel Rosiak					
300-LE	VEL MAJOR FIELD ELEC	TIVES			
PHL 315 – Survey of Political Philosophy MW 1:00-2:30	PHL 320 – Metaphysics TTH 9:40-11:10	PHL 314 – Survey of Ethics MW 11:20-12:50			
Jason Hill	David White	Daryl Koehn			
PHL 380 – Selected Figures and Texts:	PHL 361 – Plato	PHL 325 – Basic Concepts of			
Heidegger: Metaphysics, Art, Technicity MW 9:40-11:10	MW 11:20-12:50	Phenomenology MW 2:40-4:10			
1000 9.40-11.10	Michael Naas				
Will McNeill		Avery Goldman			
PHL 392 – Topics in Feminist	PHL 389 – Latin American Philosophy	PHL 382 – Dramatic Theory: Comedy			
Philosophy: Foreignness in the Borderlands	TTH 1:00-2:30	TH 2:40-4:10			
TTH 2:40-4:10	Rafael Vizcaíno	Richard Lee			
Fanny Söderbäck					
	SENIOR CAPSTONE				
PHL 391 – Capstone MW 2:40-4:10		PHL 391 – Capstone TTH 1:00-2:30			
Michael Naas		Frédéric Seyler			
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Graduate Courses 2020-21

GRADUATE COURSES 2020-2021

	Fall	Winter	Spring
"World" Philosophy	PHL 500 – Special Topics in the History of Philosophy	PHL 661 – Topics in Feminist Theory	PHL 629 – Seminar on Contemporary Problems
	"Latin American Philosophy"	"Stranger than Other Strangers: Kristeva, Anzaldúa, Ahmed"	"Latin American Philosophy"
	Elizabeth Millán Brusslan W 3:00-6:15 [H-II or NP]	Fanny Söderbäck T 3:00-6:15 [CE or NP]	Rafael Vizcaíno W 3:00-6:15 [NP]
CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE & ETHICS	PH 557 – Topics in Continental Philosophy	PHL 590 – Trends in Contemporary French Philosophy	PHL 529 – The Philosophical Foundations of Bioethics
	"Continental Philosophy of Science and Math"	"Freudian Legacies: Trauma, Dissociation, Death Drive"	
	H. Peter Steeves M 4:30-7:45 [CE]	Elizabeth Rottenberg M 3:00-6:15 [CE]	Kevin Thompson TH 3:00-6:15 [NP]
CONTEMPORARIES AND ANCIENTS	PHL 656 – Seminar on Social and Political Thought	PHL 425 – Aquinas	PHL 410 – Plato I
	"Agamben's Homo Sacer: Sovereignty and Biopower"	"Agamben's Medieval Inheritance: Aquinas and Scotus"	"Plato's Rhetoric"
	Peg Birmingham T 2:45-6:00 [CE]	Rick Lee W: 3:00-6:15 [H-I]	Michael Naas M 3:00-6:15 [H-I]
NIETZSCHE / HEIDEGGER	PHL 525 – Nietzsche	PHL 551 – Heidegger II	PHL 697 – Teaching Practicum 2nd Year Student Enrollment Requirement
	"Sickness/Convalescence"	"Heidegger's Nietzsche"	
	Sean Kirkland TH 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	Will McNeill TH 3:00-6:15 [CE]	Fanny Söderbäck Time TBD [NP]

Distribution Requirement Key:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{H-I} = & \mbox{History of Western PHL (Ancient or Medieval)} \\ \mbox{H-II} = & \mbox{History of Western PHL (Modern or 19^{th} Century)} \end{array}$

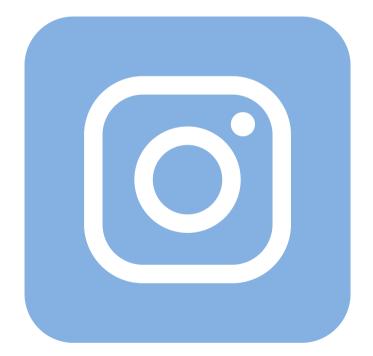
NP = Normative Philosophy CE = Contemporary European Philosophy

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