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Greetings from the Chair



Looking Back and Ahead...

As we begin winter quarter, it seems an appropriate time to look back at autumn quarter and ahead to events to come. Autumn quarter got off to a celebratory start with our traditional departmental orientation dinner at Fiesta Mexicana. It turns out that this will have been our last event at Fiesta Mexicana, which sadly closed its doors on January 11, 2019. The popular restaurant hosted many of our receptions over the past 5-6 years, and leaves us with fond memories of memorable evenings. Also in autumn

quarter, we hosted two visiting speakers: our alumni speaker Daniel Selcer from Duquesne University, and prominent Italian philosopher Adriana Cavarero from the University of Verona, Italy. Cavarero's lecture in particular, on "Arendt and Public Happiness," was a huge success that saw a large room packed to capacity and lively discussion afterward.

Other notable autumn quarter successes included several Humanities Center events, a re-launched Philosophy Circle, and a record number of DUOS awardees. See inside for details.

Our incipient winter quarter promises to be a busy one, with external examiners visiting for our two-year Academic Program Review, our annual Graduate Student Conference, and the Graduate Colloquium

and reception for visiting graduate student prospects among the highlights. Spring quarter boasts an extensive line-up of speakers, numerous Humanities Center and Philosophy Circle events, and our DUOS Presentation Day, which was newly instituted last year and proved to be another memorable success. All in all, we have an incredibly rich and dynamic program, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the many opportunities to engage in philosophical community beyond the classroom.

William McNeill
Professor & Chair, Philosophy

Visiting Speakers

The Department of Philosophy invites distinguished professionals to present their research and scholarship to our academic community. We invite researchers and specialists from the Continental Philosophy discipline, covering a broad range of topics.

The Department of Philosophy wishes to thank all of our visiting speakers for their memorable presentations during AQ 2018.



Dan Selcer

Duquesne University

Cartesian Sound and Atomic Fury:

On Matter and the Minimum

September 28, 2018

Adriana Cavarero

University of Verona

Arendt and Public Happiness

November 2, 2018



Conferences & Workshops

COLLEGIUM PHAENOMENOLOGICUM

Aristotle: Physis, Psychê, Anthrôpos

Città di Castello, Italy, July 9–27, 2018



Cameron Coates and Khafiz Kerimov were the outstanding Collegium assistants for the year. As an indication of the abiding philosophical relevance of the ancient Stagirite, the Collegium received the second most applications in its history (second only to María Acosta's year!) and there ended up being students from 13 different countries represented.

Sean D. Kirkland served as the Director of the 39th Annual Collegium Phaenomenologicum. The theme was the thought of Aristotle, and the 41 participants studied Aristotle's thinking of the human being as it emerges out of and perhaps even in opposition to the way of being of natural beings.



Our very own chair, Will McNeill, presented the first week of lectures at the Collegium, accompanied by papers from Richard A. Lee/Christopher Long (DePaul University/Michigan State University), Charlotte Witt (University of New Hampshire), and Françoise Dastur (Université Nice Sophia Antipolis).



Events

THE DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION DINNER was held at Fiesta Mexicana on Tuesday, September 4th. The attendees enjoyed food and beverages as well as each others' company, kicking off the year on the right foot!



A LUNCHEON FOR DUOS AWARDEES was held at Cortelyou Commons on November 8th, 2018.



Events... continued

DARYL KOEHN was the featured speaker at a seminar on the **ETHICS OF BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS IN SHANGHAI CHINA ON DECEMBER 4TH, 2018**. The seminar was held at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.



Events... continued

IN CONVERSATION WITH GREAT MINDS: ANN DOWD was an event put on by Peter Steeves and The DePaul Humanities Center in which Dowd took part in an on-stage conversation with Peter Steeves, discussing the philosophy of acting, the nature of identity, and what it takes to find the Other within.



FILTH 1: “LOVELY FILTH” was another DHC event involving an investigation of feminist epistemology and “manufactured uncertainty,” the challenges (as well as rewards) of being gay and aging, and the role of spoilage in making delicious cheese. Dustin Goltz’s performance and the free cheese samples passed out by Liz Thorpe (America’s top cheese authority) were a bit hit, as was philosopher Lorraine Code (Research Professor Emerita, York University), who discussed questions of “pure knowledge” in the eyes of “malestream hegemony.”



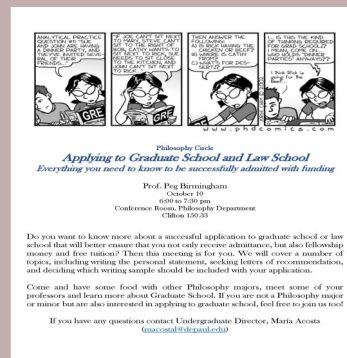
Philosophy Circle Events

“What about Philosophy?”

This year’s welcoming event with Professors Rick Lee and María Acosta, was a huge success. Lots of our majors attended, and we had a very interesting discussion about the rebooting of the Philosophy Circle and the creation of a **Philosophy Book**.

“Applying for Graduate School and Law School”

The second Philosophy Circle event was a conversation with Peg Birmingham about how to apply to graduate programs and law school.



“Queer Deaths, Trans Lives, and the Right to Grieve”

The **Philosophy Film Festival** launched with the screening of *A Fantastic Woman* by Sebastian Lelio, followed by a discussion by Professor Fanny Söderbäck, Philosophy major James Derecskey, and Film Studies major Conor O’Keefe.



“Dia de los Muertos, Philosophically Speaking”

The final event of the quarter was with Professor Chris Tirres from the Religious Studies Department.



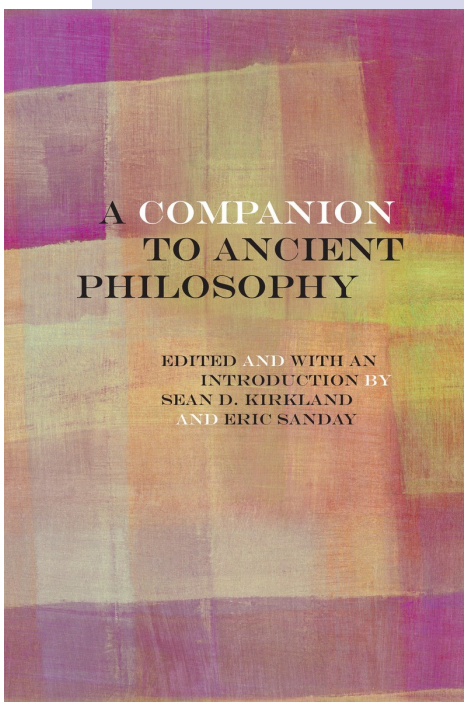
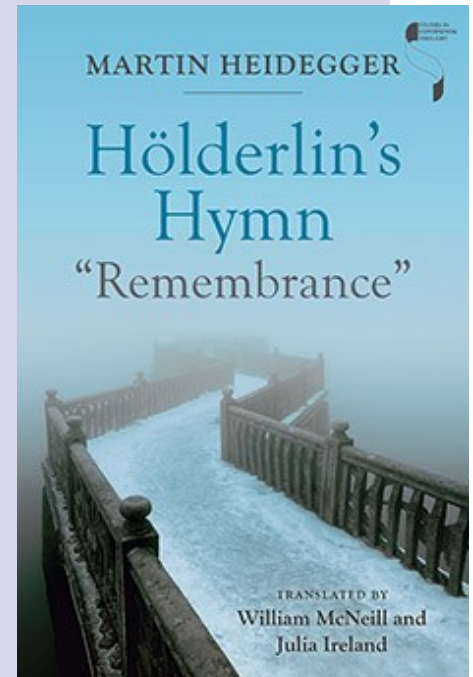
Philosophy Circle Events

A BOWLING NIGHT on January 16th, 2019 kicked off the new year to a great start! About ten students came to Diversey River Bowl and had a great time building community and spending time together.



Faculty & Staff News

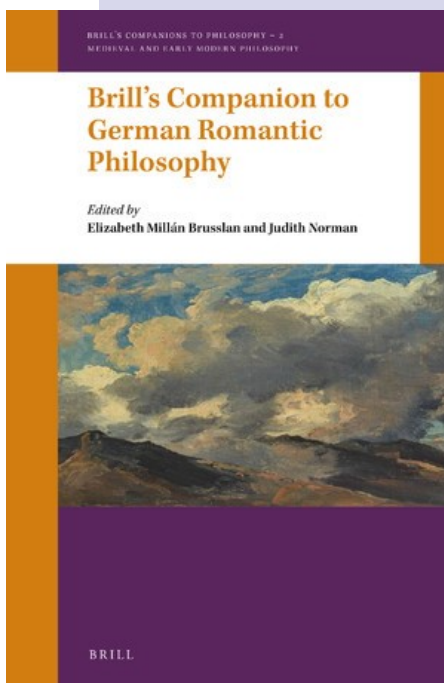
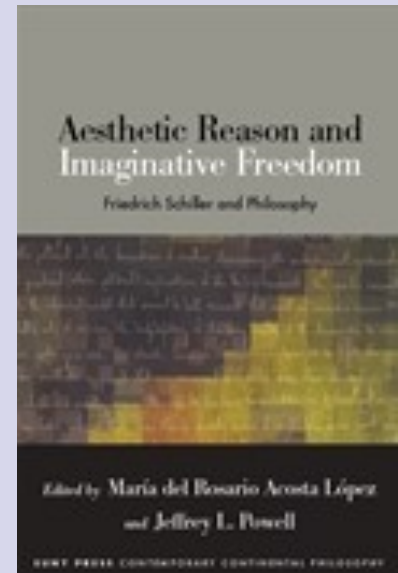
WILL MCNEILL AND PHILOSOPHY ALUMNUS JULIA IRELAND (PHD 2007) published their co-translation of Heidegger's lectures on *Hölderlin's Hymn "Remembrance"* with Indiana University Press on September 28th, 2018. More product information can be found [here](#).



SEAN KIRKLAND co-edited a volume, along with Eric Sanday of the University of Kentucky, entitled *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*. It was published in October with Northwestern University Press. Sean is proud of the introductory essay to the volume, which lays out a sophisticated hermeneutic of "companionship" in the reading and teaching of ancient philosophical texts, as well as placing the volume in explicit opposition to mainstream approaches. It should provoke one or two bitterly critical responses from analytic reviewers. More information and order details can be found [here](#).

Faculty & Staff News...continued

MARÍA DEL ROSARIO ACOSTA LÓPEZ published a book coedited with **PHILOSOPHY ALUMNUS JEFFREY L. POWELL (PHD 1994)** with SUNY Press. *Aesthetic Reason and Imaginative Freedom: Friedrich Schiller and Philosophy* was released in October 2018 and made possible by a URC Research Grant from DePaul University. A link to the summary and order availability is [here](#). Maria was also invited to be the speaker at the official inauguration of the first memorial for victims of the Colombian conflict, designed by artist Doris Salcedo in Colombia on November 23. More information [here](#).



ELIZABETH MILLÁN BRUSSLAN published through BRILL the book *Brill's Companion to German Romantic Philosophy* with coeditor Judith Norman on November 12, 2018. More information and ordering details can be found [here](#). She also gave a number of talks and received a competitive leave award from the University Research Council for work on her project, The Aesthetic and Social Implications of Lorca's Duende.

Faculty & Staff News...continued

DARYL KOEHN presented two papers. The first was entitled “Toward a Typology of Apologies: Personal, Corporate and Collective” at the Society for Business Ethics annual meeting in Chicago in August. The second was a paper on the dangers of corporate political involvement which she presented at Rutgers University in October.



FANNY SÖDERBÄCK gave the keynote address at the Loyola Graduate Student Conference, *Facets of the Tragic*. Her paper, “Fantastic Antigones,” engaged Sebastián Lelio’s 2017 film *A Fantastic Woman* (*Una mujer fantástica*), comparing its protagonist Marina with Sophocles’ Antigone. She also gave a plenary session at the annual Kristeva Circle meeting at Cal State Northridge in Los Angeles. Her paper, titled “On Being Stranger than Other Strangers,” explored the category of the foreigner in both Julia Kristeva and Gloria Anzaldúa, drawing from the work of Sara Ahmed. Finally, Fanny submitted the final manuscript of her book *Revolutionary Time: On Time and Difference in Kristeva and Irigaray*, which is forthcoming with SUNY Press.

Faculty & Staff News...continued

PETER STEEVES had two publications: “How He Do? Beverly Fre\$h at the Crossroads of the Inskirts and the Outskirts,” in *Beverly Fresh: Really Somethin’ Else* (Chicago: DePaul Art Museum, 2018): 7-19; and ““May I Come Inside for a Second?: Liberalism and Immigration in The Eyes of My Mother,” in *A Celebration of Slashers*, edited by Paul Booth and Alena Karkanias (Chicago, IL: DPU, 2018): 118-127. He also presented four additional papers and received the Vincentian Endowment Fund Grant in November to pay for some of the extra costs associated with the production and publishing of his book, *Being and Show-time*, with Northwestern University Press.

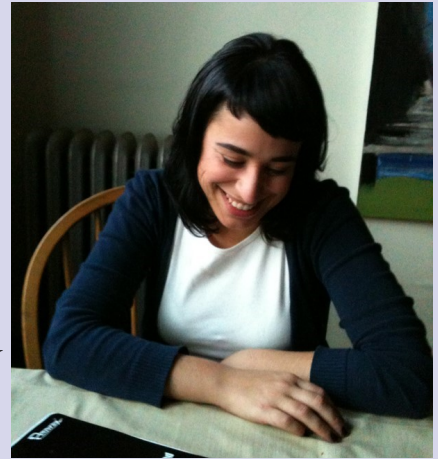


MARY JEANNE LARRABEE was invited to give the keynote address at the Ryerson University Graduate Student Research Conference on March 16, 2018: “Chasing the Ox: Phenomenology and the Truth(s) of Philosophy.” She also gave several conference talks including:

- “From Genetic Phenomenology to Critical Phenomenology: A Necessary Element for the Questions around Static & Genetic Methods,” in Husserl Circle, Mexico City on June 25-29, 2018.
- Pacific Association of Continental Thought (PACT) – “Growing up ‘Out West’: Towards a Phenomenology of Person, Place, and Space.” Yosemite National Park, October 2018.
- The Parliament of World Religions – “Trauma and Resilience: Theological and Religious Perspectives.” Toronto, November 2018.
- Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy – “Exploring the Flowing Path to Enlightenment with Yogacara Buddhism and Meister Eckhart.” With the American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2018.

Adjunct Faculty News

JESSICA ELKAYAM submitted "It is there in the beginning: Melancholia, Time, and Death" to an edited volume called, *Philosophy and the Films of Lars Von Trier* (forthcoming with Palgrave MacMillan in the Spring). She was also invited by the Executive Committee to respond to Jussi



Backman's *Complicated Presence: Heidegger and the Postmetaphysical Unity of Being* (SUNY Press) at the 2018 meeting of SPEP. And she presented, "Critical History and the Creation of the Present in Nietzsche's *Untimely Meditations*" at the Eastern Meeting of the APA in NYC.

Undergraduate Student News

CAROLINE HINNENKAMP will be attending Temple Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia this coming fall on a generous Law Faculty Scholarship from the Faculty Admissions Committee.



AMANDA LOEFFELHOLZ will be presenting a paper entitled "Desire, Consumption and the Self in Hegel and Hobbes" at the Wilson College Conference for the Humanities in February.

Graduate Student News

MICHAEL PETERSON and **AMELIA HRUBY** received this year's Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Awards.



Graduate Student News...continued

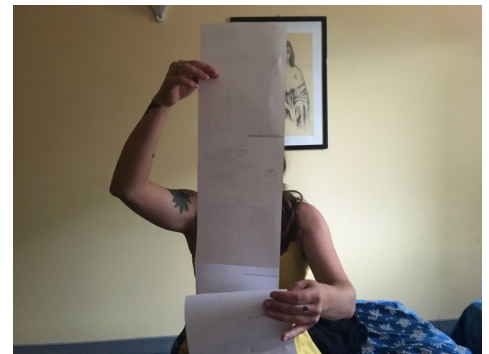
JACOB SINGER presented a paper entitled "The Relationship between the History and Practice of Philosophy within Hegel's System" at the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy (CSCP). He was also elected the



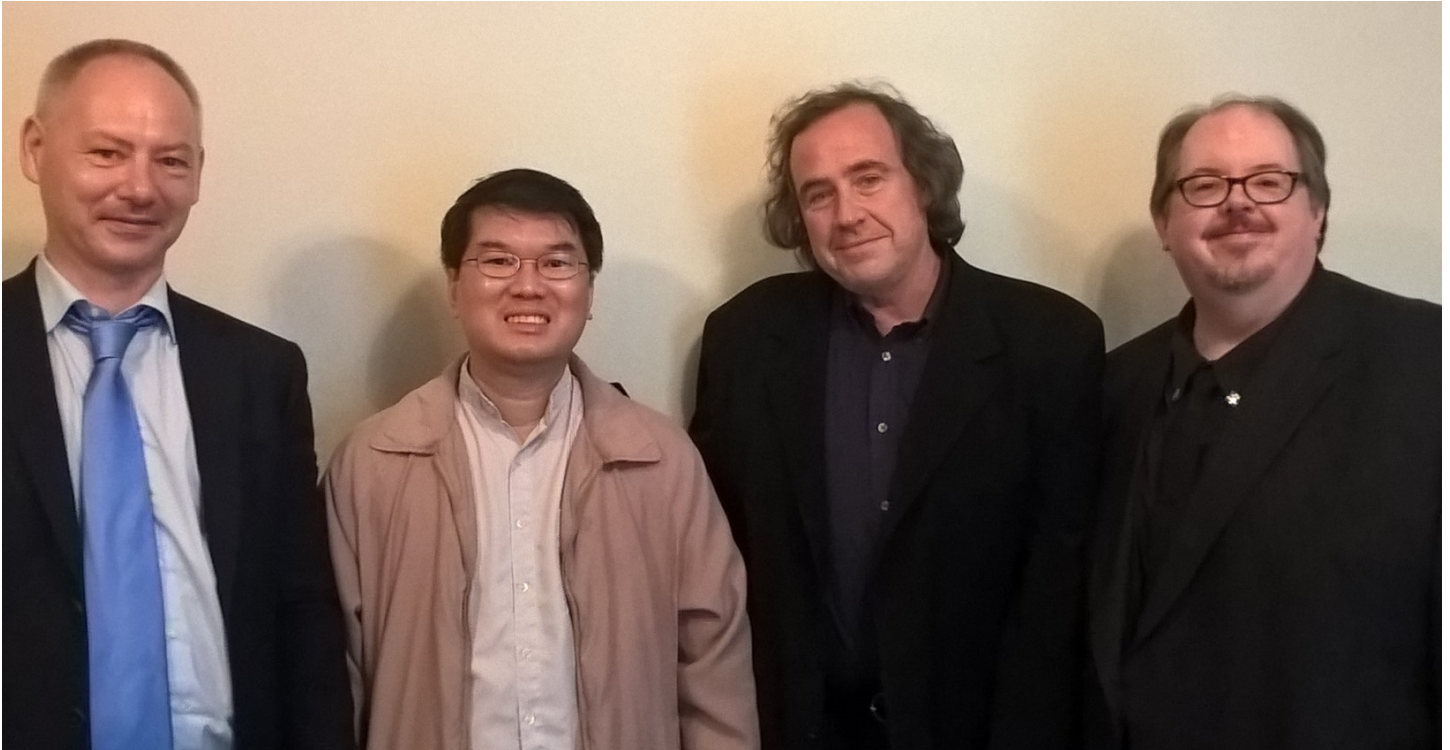
ZHEN LIANG presented a commentary to the Panel Discussion on Heidegger's Ethics at Heidegger Circle SPEP Satellite Session 2018 on October 18th, 2018 at Penn State University.

MARÍA-VICTORIA LONDOÑO received the DAAD scholarship for German summer course in Berlin July-August 2018 and The Graham Foundation grantee award for the project "Behind the Wall: Pedagogical Exercises for Restoring Citizenship" with the group *horizontal*.

JENNIFER GAMMAGE wrote an article during an independent study with Will McNeill that has been accepted for publication in *Gatherings*. The article is entitled, "The Atopos Role of Tychē and Automaton in Heidegger's Aristotle Einleitung of 1922," and it will be available in Fall 2019.



Dissertation Successfully Defended



HOANG PHAM successfully defended his dissertation , "Ethics as Praxis: The Convergence of Michel Henry's Phenomenology of Life with Christianity" on Friday, September 10th. Frédéric Seyler, Hoang, Michael Naas, and Peter Steeves pose for a photo above.

Dissertation Defense:

**Ethics as Praxis:
The Convergence of Michel
Henry's Phenomenology of Life
with Christianity**

Presented by:
Ph.D. cand. Hoang Pham

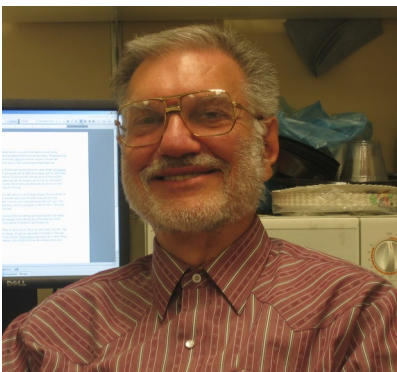
Friday, September 7, 2018
1:00-3:00pm
**Humanities Center
Conference Room**

For more info on this event, please contact Prof. Frédéric Seyler
(fseyler@depaul.edu).

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Graduate Alumni News

HOLLY G. MOORE is an associate professor of philosophy at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. She received the Doris and Ragnvald Ylvisaker Endowed Award in spring 2018, enabling her to serve as a visiting researcher with the trainee research group of Philosophy, Science, and the Sciences doctoral program at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany.



MICHAEL M. KAZANJIAN continues teaching philosophy at Triton College. He has an MA from DePaul in philosophy, and is continuing research and writing. His writings are influenced by Paul Ricoeur, Heidegger, Aristotle, A.N. Whitehead, Mary Midgley, Human Factors Engineering, Actor Network Theory, and innovative dissections of lifeworld as method and as geography. These two views of lifeworld are tacit, unfortunately not explicit in Husserl and Alfred Schutz. He is also articulating a resolution to the debate regarding John Rawls and Robert Nozick, using Human Factors engineering, Ricoeur, Ryle, and Kant.

Graduate Courses 2018-2019

<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Spring</i>
HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY		
PH 415 – Aristotle I Aristotle’s <i>Metaphysics</i> Sean D. Kirkland T 3:00-6:15 [H-I]	PHL 440 – Spinoza Spinoza’s <i>Ethics</i> Richard A. Lee, Jr. W 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 438 – Leibniz Richard A. Lee, Jr. TH 3:00-6:15 [H-II]
HEGEL		
PH 515 – Hegel I Hegel’s <i>Phenomenology</i> María Acosta M 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 516 – Hegel II Hegel’s <i>Science of Logic</i> Kevin Thompson T 3:00-6:15 [H-II]	PHL 557 – Topics in Continental Philosophy Hegel’s <i>Science of Logic</i> Kevin Thompson T 3:00-6:15 [CE]
SINGULARITY AND THE EVENT		
PHL 661 - Topics in Feminist Theory Adriana Cavarero: A Philosophy in the Singular Fanny Söderbäck W 3:00-6:15 [NP]	PHL 577 – Derrida I Derrida: Performativity and the Event Michael Naas M 3:00-6:15 [CE]	PHL 578 – Derrida II Derrida: Performativity and the Event Elizabeth Rottenberg M 3:00-6:15 [CE]
CHALLENGING THE TRADITION		
PHL 551 – Heidegger II The Fate of Phenomenology: Heidegger’s Legacy Will McNeill TH 3:00-6:15 [CE]	PHL 657 – Topics in Social and Political Thought: Hannah Arendt: Rethinking the <i>Sensus Communis</i> Peg Birmingham TH 3:00-6:15 [NP]	PHL 500 - Special Topics Michel Henry’s Phenomenology of Life: A Philosophy of Immanence Frédéric Seyler W 3:00-6:15 [H-II]
TEACHING PRACTICUM		
PHL 697 – Teaching Practi- cum 2nd Year Student En- rollment Requirement Jason D. Hill TBA		

Undergraduate Courses 2018-2019

<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Spring</i>
HISTORY SEQUENCE		
PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50 Naas, Michael	PHL 293 – Ancient Philosophy TTH 2:40-4:10 Kirkland, Sean	PHL 296 – Kant and the 19th Century TTH 9:40-11:10 Goldman, Avery
PHL 295 – Early Modern Philosophy TTH 1:00-2:30 Goldman, Avery	PHL 294 – Medieval Philosophy MW 11:20-12:50 Lee, Richard	PHL 297 – 20th Century Philosophy MW 9:40-11:10 Seyler, Frédéric
COGNITIVE SKILLS		
PHL 280 – Critical Thinking MW 9:40-11:10 Froese, Ryan	PHL 282 – Symbolic Logic I MW 2:40-4:10 Ramos, Bradley	PHL 281 – Basic Logic Online Larrabee, Mary Jeanne
SYSTEMATIC THEMES		
PHL 315 – Survey of Political Philosophy TTH 2:40-4:10 Hill, Jason	PHL 341 – Aesthetics MW 1:00-2:30 Acosta, Maria	PHL 314 – Survey of Ethics MW 11:20-12:50 Koehn, Daryl
PHL 369 – Kant TTH 9:40-11:10 Goldman, Avery	PHL 320 – Metaphysics TTH 11:20-12:50 White, David	PHL 342 – Philosophy of Law TTH 1:00-2:30 Birmingham, Peg
PHL 382 – Dramatic Theory: Comedy TTH 6:00-9:00 Steeves, Peter	PHL 325 – Basic Concepts of Phenomenology MW 4:20- 5:50 Seyler, Frédéric	PHL 373 – Nietzsche TTH 9:40-11:10 McNeill, Will
SENIOR CAPSTONE		
PHL 391 – Capstone MW 2:40-4:10 Naas, Michael		PHL 391 – Capstone TTH 4:20-5:50 Hill, Jason