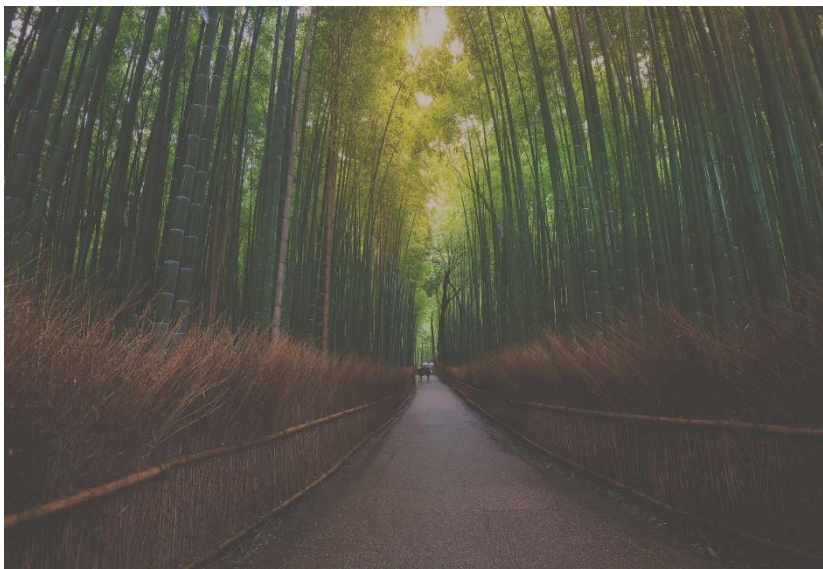


Ever wonder ...
whether you
should get an
MA in Philosophy at the
University of Saskatchewan?



Philosophy at the University of Saskatchewan

Philosophy has been a presence at the University of Saskatchewan for more than 100 years. Dr. Walter C. Murray, first President of the University, taught the first philosophy course here in 1909. The first Department Head was Ira MacKay and there have been many more since. Fr. Basil Markle began teaching scholastic philosophy in the Department in 1926; in 1936 he moved to the Department of Philosophy at the newly founded [St. Thomas More College](#), the Catholic liberal arts college federated with the University. In the 1960s the main Department expanded to nine members under Dr. Leonard Miller (Head from 1961-1978). Recent changes have seen many new faces in the faculty, with all of the current members of the Department having been hired since 1999.



The Philosophy Department has a thriving graduate program bringing together 10 Philosophy faculty members from our Department and [St. Thomas More College](#), and an additional 6 associate and affiliated members from USask faculty.

Graduate Programs in Philosophy at the University of Saskatchewan

The University of Saskatchewan offers a friendly and supportive environment in which to pursue an MA degree in Philosophy. Students enjoy small seminar classes and one-on-one contact with faculty members. The department offers courses in core areas of faculty expertise and thesis supervision in most areas of philosophy. Faculty members have research interests which give the department special strengths in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, moral psychology, 18th- and 19th-century philosophy, ethics and meta-ethics, social and political philosophy, philosophy of language, philosophy of mathematics, and aesthetics. Applications are particularly welcome from students interested in pursuing topics in these areas of study. Locally, the department collaborates with the Women's and Gender Studies Program and the Graduate College's Interdisciplinary Studies Program. We have regular departmental seminars, visiting speakers, social gatherings, and other events in which our students are encouraged to participate as part of their graduate education.



The Philosophy Department has both thesis-based and course-based MA programs. All students do coursework in their first year (normally, five courses each year). Thesis-based students complete their thesis in the second year. Course-based do another 5 courses in

their second year. The University Library subscribes to the major journals in the field and fully sustains graduate research in the department's areas of interest.

Funding

The Philosophy department has a variety of funding opportunities available for eligible graduate students. Some students are funded through the Department by means of **Graduate Teaching Fellowships or their equivalent**. The Department of Philosophy will automatically consider suitably qualified candidates for this award; no application is necessary. Students receiving such awards are required to work for the department to a maximum of 12 hours/week. This work typically involves acting as a tutorial leader, staffing the **Philosophy Help Centre**, and/or grading undergraduate essays and tests. Students occasionally have the



opportunity to prepare and deliver lectures in undergraduate classes.

Social Sciences and Humanities

Research Council Master's

scholarships are currently valued at \$27,000 per year. See

the **SSHRC website** for eligibility details and application procedures. The online application deadline is December 1 each year. You will need to initiate this process yourself and develop a research proposal. The Graduate Chair and your supervisor can provide guidance in the application process. This is a highly competitive and prestigious funding avenue; you should consider it a priority and invest significant effort in your application. Students pursuing the course-based MA option are not eligible for this award.

A Philosophical Community

Philosophy Department Colloquium Series

“Who the computer sees: Race, gender, and AI,” Dr. Carla Fehr, University of Waterloo, October 25, 2024

“Inherent Rights to Self-Government and Constitutional Authority,” Paul Simard-Smith, University of Regina, November 29, 2024

“Creating the Non-existent,” Peter Alward, University of Saskatchewan, January 17, 2025

“Should We Think Addiction is Fiction?” Sarah Hoffman, University of Saskatchewan, February 7, 2025

Philosophy in the Community

“Why Hope? Reflections on Addiction and Psychedelics,” Sarah Hoffman, University of Saskatchewan, September 13, 2024

“Existential Therapy and Climate Anxiety,” Erin Greer, University of Saskatchewan, November 8, 2024

“Care in Buddhism and Neoplatonism”, Daniel Regnier, University of Saskatchewan, December 13, 2024

“Lies, Respect for Others, and Evil,” Emer O’Hagan, University of Saskatchewan, January 10, 2025

“The Living Present: Co-creating time through Philosophy, Literature, and Life,” Rachel Loewen-Walker, University of Saskatchewan, February 14, 2025

“Numbers: Discovered or Invented?” Derek Postnikoff, University of Saskatchewan, March 14, 2025

“The Rule of Law and the Problem of Too Many Laws,” Ria Jenkins, University of Saskatchewan, April 11, 2025

The High School Ethics Bowl

Ethics Bowl 2025, Saturday March 1, 2025

College of Arts and Science Faculty



Peter Alward (Graduate Director)

PhD (1998) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Research Areas

Semantics and Metaphysics of Fiction
Musical Ontology
Propositional Attitudes, especially belief reports
Interpretation and Intentions

Recent Publications

“Mythical Mythology: mythical objects, intentional identity, and referential anti-realism,” *Dialogue*, forthcoming.

“Musical Ontology: Works, Versions, and Lineages,” *British Journal of Aesthetics*, 64.4, 2024: 445–459.

“Speaking of Godot: fiction, reference, and indeterminate identities,” *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 82.2, 2024: 163-73.



Sarah Hoffman (Department Head)

Ph.D. University of Alberta

Research Area(s)

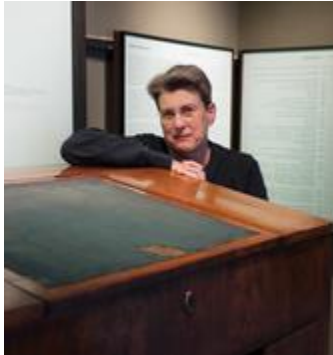
Philosophy of Drugs
Philosophy of Psychedelics
Philosophy of Sexuality
Philosophy of Mathematics

Recent Publications

Hoffman, S (2024) “A Kantian Defense of Recreational Drug Use”. *Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Psychoactive Drug Use*, accepted May 2024.

Hoffman, S. (2024) “Psychedelic Transformation and Kantian Aesthetic Theory”. *Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Psychoactive Drug Use*, accepted May 2024.

Hoffman, S. (2022) Positive Affect and Letheby’s Naturalization of Psychedelic Therapy. *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*, 3.



Leslie A. Howe*

Ph.D. University of Toronto

Research Areas

Philosophy of Sport; Kierkegaard; Selfhood, Identity, and Narrative; Play, Pretence, and Deception; Desire; Nature and Embodiment

Recent Publications

"On not being alone in lonely places: preferences, goods, and aesthetic-ethical conflict in nature sports." *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*. Special issue on Nature Sport. (2024).

"Fame, Narrative, and the (Im)Permanence of Memory". In *The Philosophy of Fame and Celebrity*, eds Alfred Archer, Catherine Robb, and Matthew Dennis, Bloomsbury Press. (2024).

"Bullshit as a Practical Strategy for Self-Deceptive Narrators". *Philosophical Forum* 53, 3: 195-206 (Fall 2022).



Robert Hudson

Ph.D. University of Western Ontario

Research Areas

History, philosophy and social studies of science
Epistemology, theories of reasoning
Indigenous title

Recent Publications

Hudson, R. (2023) Explicating Exact versus Conceptual Replication, *Erkenntnis* 88: 2493-2514.

Hudson, R. (2022) Rebuttal to Douglas and Elliott. *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, 53: 211-216.

Hudson, R. (2021). Should We Strive to Make Science Bias-Free? A Philosophical Assessment of the Reproducibility Crisis. *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, 52: 389-405.



Dwayne Moore (Undergraduate Director)

Ph.D. Guelph-Laurier-McMaster

Research Area(s)

Philosophy of Mind, Mental Causation,
Consciousness, Emotion,
Personal Identity, Free Will

Recent Publications

Moore, D. (forthcoming). "A Nonreductive Physicalist Libertarian Free Will," *Inquiry*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2166982>

Moore, D. (2024). "A Naturalistic Theodicy for Sterba's Problem of Natural Evil," *Sophia*, 63 (1): 169-188.

Moore, D. (2023). "Lemos on the Physical Indeterminism Luck Objection," *Philosophia*, 51: 1459-1477



Pierre-Francois Noppen

Ph.D. Paris-Sorbonne

Research Areas

Social and Political Philosophy
Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy
Critical Theory

Recent Publications

Noppen, Pierre-François & Rautet, Gérard (Eds.) (2020). *Théorie critique de la propagande*, Paris, Éditions de la Maison des sciences de l'homme. 288 pages.

Noppen, Pierre-François (2023). *Souffrance et pensée: Adorno et la dimension conative de la rationalité*. In Katia Genel & Isabelle Aubert. *Adorno: Dialectique et négativité*. Paris: Vrin, p. 231-250 (8424 words).

Noppen, Pierre-Francois (2023). *Freud et la logique de l'aveuglement dans les 'Éléments de l'antisémitisme' de Horkheimer et Adorno*. *Archives de philosophie*, 86 (1), pp. 71-98 (11,149 words)



Emer O'Hagan

Ph.D. University of Toronto

Research Areas

Ethics, Practical Reason,
Kantian Ethics, Metaethics,
Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Death

Recent Publications

O'Hagan, Emer. (2021). "Grief, Love, and Buddhist Resilience," *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 55, 41-55.

O'Hagan, Emer. (2019). "Inarticulate Forgiveness," *Metaphilosophy*, 50(4), 536-550.

O'Hagan, Emer. (2019). "Self-Unity, Identity, and Self-Recognition," *Philosophia*, 47(3), 775-789. DOI: 10.1007/s11406-018-0024-4

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St. Thomas More Faculty



Ria Jenkins (Department Head, STM)

Ph.D. McMaster University

Research Areas

Philosophy of Law
Political Philosophy
Ethics

Recent Publications

“Dworkin’s One-System Anti-Positivism” *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*. 37 (1) 2024: 109-131.

“Can Pragmatism Overcome the Impasse in Contemporary Legal Theory?” *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*. 15 (1) 2002: 85-98.



John Liptay

Ph.D. University of Toronto

Research Areas

Aquinas’ ethics and the Thomistic philosophical tradition,
Theoretical and normative issues in moral philosophy,
The philosophy of Bernard Lonergan

Recent Publications

“Is the Economic Thought of Caritas in Veritate Incoherent?” *Maritain Studies/Etudes Maritainiennes* 28 106-120. 2012.

“Natural Law and/as Intercultural Philosophy,” *Maritain Studies/Etudes Maritainiennes* 27 83-98. 2011.

“On the Alleged Disintegration of Natural Law,” *Theory Vera Lex* 11 (1/2): 7-37. 2010.



Daniel Regnier

Ph.D. Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

Research Areas

Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy in the Islamic World
Comparative Philosophy
German Idealism
Philosophy of Music

Recent Publications

“Plotinus on Care of Self and Soul” *Plato Journal* 21 149-164. 2021.

“Imagination in the Theology of Aristotle,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57 (2): 181-204. 2019.

“Oikeiôsis in Plotinus,” *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy* 2 (4): 27-32. 2018.



Carl Still (President, STM)

Ph.D. University of Toronto

Research Areas

Aquinas
Medieval Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion

Recent Publications

“Aquinas on Self-Knowledge and the Individuation of Thought,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 54 (3): 253-264. 2014.

“Do We Know All after Death? Thomas Aquinas on the Disembodied Soul’s Knowledge,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 75 107-119. 2001.

“Gifted knowledge: An exception to Thomistic epistemology?” *The Thomist* 63 (2): 173-190. 1999.

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