

Ryerson University – Department of Philosophy

2019-2020 News Stories

- Prof. Glenn Parsons will be a keynote speaker at the [6th Annual British Society of Aesthetics Postgraduate Conference](#) (Feb 28-29, 2020).
- The philosophy department will host a career night on February 5th, 2020, from 6:00-8:30pm in SLC508. All undergraduate and graduate philosophy students are welcome to attend. This is your chance to network with graduates in exciting careers, and to gain valuable job search and professional development tips.
- The 2020 Ontario Ethics Bowl will take place on Saturday, March 7th, at the University of Toronto. [\[Details\]](#)
- Congratulations to Prof. Alex Wellington for playing an integral role in the Faculty of Law Start Up Team. This team has just been awarded the 2020 [President's Blue and Gold Award of Excellence](#), for their work in making Ryerson's new [Faculty of Law](#) a reality. [\[News story.\]](#)
- The department will co-host the [2020 Film-Philosophy Conference](#) from July 6-8, 2020.
- The department invites applications for **several contract lecturer opportunities for Winter 2019** (four Philosophy courses and two Religious Studies courses). The deadline to apply is December 5th.
- Ryerson's Reason, Action, and Mind group will host an author-meets-critics session on Brian Weatherson's [Normative Externalism](#) on Friday, December 6th. [\[Details\]](#).
- There will be a workshop on Prof. David Hunter's book manuscript, *On Being a Believer*, at the Universite de Montreal on November 22nd. [\[Details\]](#)
- Prof. Paula Schwebel will present her paper, "Sovereignty and the Politics of Time: the Significance of Neostoicism in Walter Benjamin's Response to Carl Schmitt", at the upcoming meeting of the [Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy](#). She will also deliver a commentary on a paper entitled "God and the Truth of Human Being", by Andrew Benjamin (Kingston).
- [Here is the video](#) from the [fifth annual Jehangir Saleh Lecture](#), which was delivered by Dr. Todd May (Clemson University) on October 3rd.
- Prof. Kym Maclaren presented versions of a paper entitled "Criminalization and the Self-Constituting Dynamics of Distrust" at a [Critical Prison Studies conference](#) in Banff, and at the [International Merleau-Ponty Circle](#) in September 2019. She will present a revised version of that paper at the [Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy](#) at the end of October, along with a commentary on David Morris' book *Merleau-Ponty's Developmental Ontology*. In mid-October, 2019, she will also present "Embodied Agency: Lessons from Anorexia" to University of Alberta's philosophy department, and, as the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Visiting Speaker, a paper entitled "From Walls to Bridges: Education as Dialectic and the Educator as Curator of the Affective Conditions of Dialogue."
- From January-June 2020, Prof. Klaas Kraay will be a Visiting Fellow at the interfaculty [Research Institute for Culture, Cognition, History, and Heritage](#), and a Researcher-in-Residence in the Faculty of Religion and Theology, at the [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#).
- We are now accepting papers for the 2020 philosophy graduate conference, entitled "Disagreement and Philosophy". We invite submissions from graduate students working in all areas and traditions of philosophy to submit papers relevant to the conference theme. The submission deadline is December 13th, and the conference will take place on March 6th and 7th, 2020. The keynote speakers will be [Catherine Z. Elgin](#) (Harvard) and [Regina Rini](#) (York). [\[Details and complete call for papers.\]](#)
- On **Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 3:00-5:00pm**, in **JOR-502**, the department will host a **Workshop on Applying to Graduate Programs in Philosophy**, led by Profs. Thomas Land, Paula Schwebel, and Rohan Sud. If you wish to attend, RSVP to Prof. Sud at rohan.sud@ryerson.ca.
- Welcome to all our incoming BA and MA students, and welcome back to our returning students! We wish you all the best for the academic year ahead!
- The [fifth annual Jehangir Saleh Lecture](#) will take place on Thursday, October 3rd, from 5:30-8:00pm in the Thomas Lounge, Oakham House. The lecture will be given by [Dr. Todd May](#) (Clemson University). Jehangir passed away on June 28th, 2013, after a long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Jehangir specialized in philosophy

while he was a student in the [Arts and Contemporary Studies BA program](#) from 2003-2009, and later enrolled in the MA program in Philosophy at Guelph University. [\[Guelph profile\]](#) [\[Facebook memorial page\]](#) [\[Toronto Star Article\]](#).

- Congratulations to MA student Connor McAulay, who was selected to participate in the [Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind](#).
- Congratulations to MA student Sawyer Bullock, whose paper entitled "Unpossessed Evidence and Cost-Conditions" has been accepted for presentation at the [73rd Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference](#), which will take place October 11th-13th at the University of Central Oklahoma.
- Congratulations to MA student Josh Brecka, who has had three papers accepted for presentation. The first, "The Pessimistic Meta-Induction and Religious Skepticism" will be presented at a workshop entitled "New Directions in the Theology and Philosophy of Science", which will take place September 13-14 at Concordia University of Edmonton. The second, "Ideal Aesthetic Observer Theories and the Euthyphro Dilemma", will be presented at this year's [Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference](#), to be held in Lethbridge, AB, Oct. 25-27. The third, "Lewis Carroll on Reason", will be presented at the [University of Toronto Graduate Student Philosophy Conference](#), Nov. 15-16, 2019.
- Congratulations to MA students Sawyer Bullock, Felix Grignon, and Aledia Hayes on being selected for the inaugural cohort of the [Faculty of Arts Public Scholars](#) program!
- Congratulations to MA student Jess Sitko on winning a prestigious [Ontario Graduate Scholarship](#)!
- The philosophy department was well-represented at this year's [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) in Vancouver. Prof. Alex Wellington presented a paper at the [Canadian Political Science Association meeting](#). Meanwhile, at the [Canadian Philosophical Association meeting](#), Prof. Klaas Kraay presented a paper, and graduate students Josh Brecka and Jess Sitko each delivered commentaries.