

Ryerson University – Department of Philosophy

2020-2021 News Stories

- Congratulations to former MA student David Collins (Class of 2014) on being awarded a prestigious [SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship](#)! David will defend his PhD at McGill in November 2021, and will take up this fellowship at Oxford University in December 2021. His postdoctoral research project is entitled "Why Good Art Matters: Connecting Artistic Value with the Value(s) of Art through the Philosophy of R. G. Collingwood", and his supervisor will be [Prof. Catherine Abell](#).
- Ryerson will host a (virtual) philosophy of religion conference in the afternoons of June 28th-30th. The topic is "the axiology of theism". [[Complete details.](#)]
- Congratulations to our undergraduate academic award-winners for 2020-2021:

Bronze Essay Award: Star Spider, "Schrödinger's Theory: Superposition and Realism"

Silver Essay Award: Dinez Clarke, "Practical Wisdom, Deliberation, and a Fourth Possibility"

Gold Essay Award: Jeremy Kellen Bland, "Examining the Impact of Sartre's 'Look' on the Other(ed)"

First Year Academic Excellence in Philosophy: Ali Al Khatib

Second Year Academic Excellence in Philosophy: Michael Knox

Third Year Academic Excellence in Philosophy: Mark Suezo

Fourth Year Academic Excellence in Philosophy: Dinez Clarke

Community Service Award: This year's award goes to the Philosophy Course Union Executive, who revitalized the union and worked hard to meet the challenges of this past academic year. The executive members are Abby Sky, Danice Masaba, Alexander Casucci, and Dane Marquez-Delaney.

- Congratulations to MA student Asad Kahn, who has been accepted into the doctoral program in Philosophy at the University of Ottawa and into the doctoral program in Theory and Criticism at Western University!
- Congratulations to MA student Omar Kahn, who has been accepted into the doctoral program at McMaster University!
- Congratulations to incoming MA student Emmett Scott, who was awarded a Ryerson Graduate Scholarship for academic year 2021-2022!
- Congratulations to MA student Shane Brennan, whose co-authored paper entitled "[Contra Static Dispositions](#)" has been accepted for publication in *Metaphysica*!
- The department is delighted to announce that [Dr. Jeta Mulaj](#) will join the faculty on July 1st, 2022.

- Congratulations to 2013 MA graduate Catherine Fullarton, who has accepted a position as Teaching Fellow at the University of King's College, Halifax, NS!
- Congratulations to 2014 MA graduate [Kirk Lougheed](#), who, after completing his PhD at McMaster University, and holding a SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship, has accepted a tenure-track position at [LCC International University!](#)
- Congratulations to recent BA graduate Sajarn Karn, who has been accepted into McMaster University's PhD program for Fall 2021!
- Congratulations to two of our graduating BA students: Tim Mt. Pleasant has been accepted into the McGill's MA in Philosophy-Bioethics Program, and Dinez Clarke has been awarded a [Dennis Mock Student Leadership Award](#).
- Prof. Michael Milona's [research on hope was featured in the Wall Street Journal](#).
- The department is hosting a **workshop on how to apply for MA and PhD programs in philosophy**, which will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 12:00pm-1:30pm (Toronto time). The aim is to give participants a better sense of how the selection process works and thereby put them in a position to put together competitive applications. [[Zoom link](#)]
- Ryerson's Graduate Student Philosophy Conference will take place online on March 6-7, 2021. Submissions are being accepted until December 20th, 2020. [[Call for Papers](#)]
- Welcome to all our incoming BA and MA students, and welcome back to our returning students! Despite the unusual and challenging circumstances facing all of us, we wish you all the very best for the academic year ahead!