

Sampling of Student Accomplishments

Philosophy Department

Student Accomplishments:

(03/20/19) Mellon Mays Fellow

A big congratulations to Philosophy and Film student D’Naja Gates, who just awarded one of the university’s Mellon Mays Fellows for AY19–21. D’Naja will be working on a project in social philosophy, with mentor Prof. Cory Wright. Cal State Long Beach is one of just 48 schools to participate in the Mellon Mays program worldwide, and offers only four such fellowships each year. The program provides fellows with various forms of research support, including special programming, faculty mentoring, stipends for research activities, repayment of undergraduate loans up to \$10k, support for summer research.

(03/15/19) Doctoral Admission, University of Cincinnati

Philosophy MA student Vincent del Prado has accepted a fully funded five-year offer, including a Yates Fellowship, to begin his doctoral degree in FA19. The PhD Program at the University of Cincinnati is definitely the place to be for things like Philosophy of Biology, Cognitive Science, and Mind, among several others! Congrats, Vincent. We wish you the best of luck.

(02/16/19) 31st Annual CSULB Student Research Competition

Several philosophy students are presenting at this year’s Student Research Competition, which takes place on Friday February 22nd 2019. Graduate Student Avery Amerson was selected to present his paper ‘Wittgenstein, Extended Cognition, and the Problem of Other Minds’ (12:00pm–12:20pm). Philosophy minors Blake Dimas and Christopher Laplante were selected to present their papers, entitled ‘Adorno and the Potentials of Pop’ (11:40am–12:00pm) and ‘Do Idealizations have Epistemic Value?’ (12:20pm–12:40pm), respectively. All three presentations are in the [Humanities and Letters section of the competition](#), which occurs in CBA–140. An awards reception follows the event at 3:00pm in AS–119 (Anatol Center). Good luck, all!

UPDATE: Avery took first place in the Humanities & Letters category, and will now go on to compete at [the 33rd annual statewide CSU competition](#), which is being held on April 26th–27th at Cal State Fullerton. Way to go, Avery!

(02/13/19) Outstanding Baccalaureate Finalist

Congratulations to History & Philosophy double major and Honors student Richard Link, who was selected as a finalist for the AY18–19 commencement award of Outstanding Baccalaureate.

(10/22/18) Debate Tournament

Congrats to Philosophy major Danielle Hyslop, who placed as a policy debate semi-finalist at The Las Vegas Classic Debate Tournament at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Danielle is a member of ‘Beach Forensics’, the Cal State Long Beach Speech and Debate Team.

(08/01/18) HOGAR Scholarship

For AY18–19, the College of Liberal Arts secured five of six possible nominations for its [HOGAR](#) recruitment scholarships. Miguel Hernandez, who recently finished his BA in English Literature from Cal State Northridge, was one of the five incoming CLA matriculants awarded this scholarship. Welcome aboard, Miguel!

(05/19/18) Graduate Research Fellowship 2018–2019

Philosophy MA student Christopher George has been selected as an AY18–19 Graduate Research Fellow for the College of Liberal Arts. George will use the fellowship to commence with his MA thesis on the normative structure of legal reasoning, and is being supervised by Prof. Nellie Wieland.

(04/19/18) Doctoral Admission, University of Minnesota

Kylie Shahar, an undergraduate Honors student double-majoring in Philosophy & Political Science, has just accepted a fully funded five-year offer, along with a first-year Graduate Scholar Fellowship, to begin her doctoral studies in Fall 2018 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota. We are very proud of Kylie's achievement, and really excited for her as she begins this next chapter of her career. Congratulations, Kylie!

(04/12/18) Doctoral Admission, University of Connecticut

Graduate student Ahmed Alenaizan has accepted an offer to attend the PhD program at the University of Connecticut. Good luck on this next adventure, Ahmed!

(04/09/18) Summer Research Assistantship

The results of the ORSP competition for Summer Research Assistantships were announced: there were 39 awardees University-wide, four of whom are in the Humanities. Congratulations to Philosophy minor Christopher Laplante, who made the cut! He'll be providing assistance on a book project for Prof. Cory Wright as well as on a project about the epistemic value of idealizations in scientific modeling. Looking forward to hearing more about your research, Christopher.

(03/25/18) Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Philosophy minor Nick Roy, who won the Ray & Marge Lancaster Scholarship in Economics (\$2,500), and to Philosophy & English double major Jake Teran, who was awarded the Elizabeth Nielsen and the Minerva Davis Endowment Scholarships through the English Department.

(03/24/18) Conference Presentation at the MidSouth

Congrats to Erik Rodriguez Cerda, who was awarded a Student Life & Development travel award to present his paper, 'Moral ignorance and the impossibility of akrasia', at the 42nd annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference at Rhodes College in Memphis TN.

(03/15/18) PIKSI Admission

Undergraduate Honors student Monica Casares was admitted to the prestigious Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute at MIT (PIKSI 2018). PIKSI is a two-week-long, all-expenses-paid seminar designed to encourage undergraduates from underrepresented groups to consider future study in Philosophy.

(03/14/18) Exceptional Student Achievement

Congratulations to two of our graduating Philosophy majors, Crystal Jones and Jake Teran, each of whom has been lauded with the College of Liberal Arts's 'Exceptional Student Achievement' Award. The award is given for outstanding achievement over the course of the academic career at CSULB; students must have earned a ≥ 3.75 GPA over four years and have graduated magna cum laude. Excellent performance!

(03/06/18) Outstanding Baccalaureate Finalist

Congratulations to Philosophy & Political Science double major and Honors student Kylie Shahr, who was selected as a finalist for the AY17–18 commencement award of Outstanding Baccalaureate. Great job, Kylie!

(02/16/18) 30th Annual CSULB Student Research Competition

Yet another History & Philosophy double major, Richard Link, was selected to compete in the [30th annual Student Research Competition](#). Richard will present his paper, 'Luminosity and its limits' from 12:40pm–1:00pm. His talk is in the 'Humanities and Letters' section, which takes place in CBA–227 on Friday, February 16, 2018. An awards reception immediately follows the symposium in AS–119 (Anatol Center). Good luck, Richard!

(08/01/17) HOGAR Scholarship

For AY17–18, the College of Liberal Arts secured five of six possible nominations for its [HOGAR](#) recruitment scholarships. Vincent del Prado, who recently his BA in Linguistics and Philosophy at the University of California Santa Cruz, was one of the five incoming CLA matriculants awarded this scholarship. Welcome aboard, Vincent.

(06/28/17) Publication

Congratulations to graduate student, Alex Beard, whose co-authored paper '[HIT and brain reward function: A case of mistaken identity \(theory\)](#)' was recently published in Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences. The paper—Alex's first major publication—developed in part from his 2015 summer RAsip on the history of electrophysiological research in the 1950s.

UPDATE: Alex's review of Explanatory Pluralism has finally appeared in [volume 78\(3\) of the journal Analysis](#). Congratulations, Alex!

(05/12/17) UC Irvine Research Symposium

Congratulations to another of our undergraduate Honors students, Jacee Cantler, whose paper was accepted for presentation at the 2nd annual UC Irvine Social Justice Research Symposium. The symposium takes place on Friday May 19th from 9:00am–4:00pm in Room #112 of Social Ecology I on the UC Irvine campus.

(04/27/17) Exceptional Student Achievement

Congratulations to two of our graduating Philosophy majors, Jose Vera Cruz and Nickolas Sackett, who were both lauded at CLA's Exceptional Students Reception (5:00pm-6:00pm in the USU Ballroom) for having earned a ≥ 3.75 GPA over four years and graduating magna cum laude. Stellar!

(04/15/17) Doctoral Admission, University of Colorado Boulder

Alex Beard has accepted a fully funded, five-year offer to begin his doctoral studies in Fall 2017 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Colorado Boulder. Congratulations (again!), Alex. Being one of the top-ranked PhD programs in the US with a large and varied faculty, not to mention a host of academic events and the gorgeous outdoor scenery, Boulder will be a great fit for Alex. We wish him the best!

(04/14/17) Doctoral Admission, University of Minnesota

Congratulations to graduate student Nathan Lackey, who has accepted a fully funded, five-year offer to begin his doctoral studies in Fall 2017 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota. Minnesota was one of Nathan's top choices, given their department strengths in Philosophy of Physics and Mathematics in particular, and Philosophy of Science more generally. Good luck, Nathan!

(03/30/17) Doctoral Admission, University of California San Diego

Congratulations to graduate student Andrew Bollhagen, who has accepted a five-year SEED Fellowship to begin his doctoral studies in Fall 2017 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of California San Diego. Being a top-20 ranked PhD program in the US, with many internationally renowned faculty, Andrew will be in very good hands. We wish him the best as he continues on to much bigger and better things!

(03/15/17) CSU Masters Admissions

Two Philosophy students will be starting Masters degrees this coming fall. Philosophy major and former president of the Student Philosophy Association Jessica Stroke will begin a 60-unit Masters of Science degree in School Counseling, which has a research and data-oriented emphasis on social justice. Philosophy minor Brian Huang is beginning the Masters of Arts in Political Science here at Cal State Long Beach. Good luck, both! We wish you the best in continuing your education.

(02/28/17) Dean's List of Graduating Masters Students

The College of Liberal Arts has announced that Philosophy MA student Alex Beard is one of eight students to receive the Dean's List award for AY16–17. (nb: The number of awardees from

each college is limited to 1% of the overall number of students pursuing a Masters degree.)
Congratulations, Alex, this is a well-deserved honor.

(02/28/17) Iris Marion Young Fellowship, PIKSI Rock

Congratulations to undergraduate Honors student Kylie Shahar, who was awarded an Iris Marion Young Fellowship to attend the prestigious Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI 2017) at Penn State. PIKSI is a two-week-long, all-expenses-paid seminar designed to encourage undergraduates from underrepresented groups to consider future study in Philosophy. The seminar will take place at the [Rock Ethics Institute](#) at Penn State. See the [PIKSI 2017 flyer](#) for more information.

(02/17/17) 29th Annual CSULB Student Research Symposium

Another graduate student in Philosophy was selected to compete in the 29th Annual Student Research Symposium. Vanessa Malabanan will present her paper, 'Rule - Following Paradox Remains Unsolved, But We Get On Anyway' from 11:10am to 11:30am. Vanessa's talk is in the 'Humanities and Letters' section, which takes place in CBA-122 on Friday, February 17, 2017. An Awards Reception immediately follows the symposium in AS-119 (Anatol Center).

UPDATE: Vanessa took first place in the Humanities & Letters category, and will now go on to compete at the [31st annual statewide CSU competition](#), which is being held on April 28th-29th at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Way to go, Vanessa!

(01/27/17) Masters Admission, San Francisco State University

Congratulations to undergraduate student Robbie Brown, who was admitted to the MA program in Philosophy at San Francisco State University for 2017. Congratulations, Robbie, on this accomplishment! We wish you the best in continuing your education in Philosophy.

(11/07/16) Inaugural CSULB Graduate Research Conference

Two graduate students in Philosophy were selected to present at [CSULB's 1st Annual Graduate Research Conference](#). Ryan Shaver presented his paper, 'Reductionist vs. Connectionist Methods for 'Knowing How,' followed by Alex Beard, who presented his paper, 'Event Segmentation and the Epistemic Conception of Mechanistic Explanation'.

(10/14/16) 2016 MSB Essay Competition

Graduate student Vanessa Malabanan has been notified that her paper, 'Mixed inferences: not a problem for pluralism about truth', was one of the top ten best submissions to the annual Missing Shade of Blue (MSOB) essay competition, sponsored by the University of Edinburgh. You can read more about this year's ten best papers, and the competition more generally, on the MSOB fb page. Congratulations Vanessa!

(08/01/16) Book Review in Philosophy in Review

Congratulations to graduate student Nathan Lackey, whose co-authored review of María de Paz & Robert DiSalle (eds.) Poincaré, *Philosopher of Science: Problems and Perspectives* was published in [volume 36 issue 4 of the journal *Philosophy in Review*](#).

(07/01/16) Pre-Doctoral Research Position in Philosophy of Neuroscience

Graduate student Andrew Bollhagen was selected to become a Pre-doctoral Research Associate in Philosophy of Neuroscience for this coming AY16–17. Andrew will work directly with Prof. John Bickle at Mississippi State University and at the Jackson Medical Center on various projects, including the SEP entry on Philosophy of Neuroscience. Congratulations Andrew!

(06/01/16) External Scholarship

Congratulations to graduate student Nathan Lackey, who recently awarded with a \$500 academic scholarship from the Ventura chapter of the Optimist Club, 'in recognition for outstanding scholarship and community service with an attitude exemplifying the spirit of optimism'.

(04/12/16) Doctoral Admission, University of Rochester

Congratulations to undergraduate student Rafael Perez, who recently accepted a fully-funded offer to begin his doctoral studies this Fall 2016 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Rochester. Congratulations, Rafael! Rochester's PhD program is a well-regarded, top-50 ranked program with many excellent faculty. We wish Rafael the best as he continues on to bigger and better things!

(03/17/16) Conference Presentation, University of Washington

Congratulations to graduate student Alex Beard, whose paper 'Brain reward function and HIT: a case of mistaken identity (theory)' was accepted for presentation at the Values in Science Conference at the University of Washington this past weekend. Alex was also supported by a Project HOGAR Graduate Student Travel Award.

(03/02/16) 28th Annual CSULB Student Research Symposium

Two graduate students in Philosophy were selected to compete in the 28th Annual Student Research Symposium. Nathan Lackey will present his paper, 'Congruence, geometry, and space' from 12:10pm to 12:30pm, and Alex Beard will present his paper, 'Brain reward function and HIT: a case of mistaken identity (theory)' from 1:10pm to 1:30pm. Both talks are in the Humanities and Letters category, which takes place in CBA-122 on Friday February 19 2016. Following the competition will be the SRC Awards Reception at 4:00 p.m. in the Anatol Center (AS-119).

UPDATE: Alex Beard and Nathan Lackey placed among the top three winners in the Humanities & Letters category of the University's annual Student Research Symposium. For the list of all winners in all categories, see [here](#).

(08/25/15) Visiting Studentship

Graduate student Mitch Kaufman begins the academic year studying abroad at the Nosara Yoga Institute and the Qixing Taiji Tao Temple in San Marcos, Guatemala.

(05/15/15) Graduate Research Fellowship 2015–2016

Philosophy MA student Nathan Lackey has been selected as the recipient of the AY15–16 Graduate Research Fellowship for the College of Liberal Arts. The University awards one GRF per college per year, making this quite an honor for both Nathan and the Department of Philosophy (also noteworthy is that Nathan is our program's third GRF winner in the last five years). Nathan will be working with Prof. Cory Wright on a project in the epistemology of geometry—specifically, on the philosophical implications of the theory of general relativity for Poincaré's conventionalism.

(05/07/15) Doctoral Admission, University of Kansas

Congratulations to graduate student Kevin Watson, who recently accepted a fully-funded offer to begin his doctoral studies this FA15 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kansas. We wish Kevin the best as he continues on to bigger and better things!

(04/18/15) Graduate Student Summer RAship

Graduate student Alex Beard has won a highly competitive and prestigious 2015 CSULB Student Summer Research Award. Out of university-wide 116 applicants, Alex's application was one of 37 selected. He'll be working on a project with Prof. Cory Wright regarding the history of scientific research on electrophysiology and psychopharmacology.

(02/14/15) 27th Annual CSULB Student Research Symposium

Philosophy MA students Christian Weede and Nathan Lackey were selected to present their papers, 'Some problems with knowing how: a response to Stanley & Williamson' and 'Prohibited content: explaining a slur's linguistic behavior', respectively, at the CSULB's annual Student Research Competition.

UPDATE: Christian took first place in the Humanities and Letters category, and will now go on to compete at the statewide CSU competition in May. Excellent job, Christian!

(10/15/14) Book Review in Philosophical Quarterly

Congratulations to graduate student Emily Barrett, whose co-authored review of Lisa Bortolotti's *Delusions and Other Irrational Beliefs* will be published in [volume 65 of the journal Philosophical Quarterly](#).

(05/03/14) AAPP Conference Presentation

As part of her GRF, Emily Barrett is traveling to New York to present her paper, 'Clinical implications of conversational implicature', at the 19th annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry. Go Emily!

(03/14/18) Exceptional Student Award

Congratulations to Philosophy and Biochemistry double major Joshua Feng, who was lauded with the College of Liberal Arts's 'Exceptional Student Achievement' Award. The award is given for outstanding achievement over the course of the academic career at CSULB; students must have earned a ≥ 3.75 GPA over four years and have graduated magna cum laude. Way to go, Josh!

(04/24/14) Conference Presentation in The Netherlands

Kevin Watson is presenting his paper, 'Tracing and offloading: a neo-Lockean reply to Johnston' at the 8th annual Dutch Philosophers' Rally: Selves and Persons at Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen in The Netherlands. Kevin also received a Rally Travel Grant to boot—excellent!

(04/16/14) APA Commentary

Emily Barrett will be in San Diego this week, commenting on Prof. Michael Goerger's paper, 'Friendship and the ethics of social technology', at the 88th annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. Good luck, Emily!

(04/15/14) Graduate Student Summer RAship

Graduate student Christian Weede has won a 2014 CSULB Student Summer Research Award. He'll be working on a project with Dr. Charles Wallis in epistemology on the topic of know-how. Congratulations, Christian!

(04/08/14) Doctoral Admission, University of Wisconsin

Congratulations to graduate student Emily Barrett, who recently accepted a fully-funded offer to begin her doctoral studies this Fall 2014 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. Congratulations, Emily! Wisconsin's PhD program is one of the top-30 ranked programs in the country, with many excellent faculty. We wish Emily the best as she continues on to much bigger and better things!

(04/01/14) Law School Admission, Northwestern University

Philosophy BA student Robert Garsson has been admitted to Northwestern School of Law, beginning FA14. Congratulations, Rob, we wish you the best in this endeavor!

UPDATE: Rob has just graduated from Northwestern in SP17 with the Juris Doctorate. No biggie.

(03/08/14) Dean's List of Graduating Masters Students

The College of Liberal Arts has announced that Philosophy MA student Emily Barrett is one of eight students to receive the Dean's List award for AY13–14. (nb: The number of awardees from each college is limited to 1% of the overall number of students pursuing a Masters degree.) Congratulations, Emily!

(02/21/14) 26th Annual CSULB Student Research Symposium

Kevin Watson was selected to present his paper, 'When is an organism an altruist?', at the 26th Annual Student Research Symposium. Kevin took home second place for outstanding research in Humanities and Letters. Excellent job, Kevin!

(01/24/14) Conference Presentation at the MidSouth

James Cool's paper, 'Doxastic control and the practical/theoretical distinction', was accepted for presentation at the 38th annual MidSouth Philosophy Conference at Rhodes College in Memphis TN on February 21–22. The MidSouth is an important regional professional conference, with hundreds of submissions each year. James will also be giving a dry run of his talk on Thursday March 6th in LA1–308 at 5:00pm for the [Student Philosophy Association](#). Come hear James's talk!

(12/17/13) Law School Admission, University of Southern California

After being admitted to the Law School up at USC, Philosophy graduate student Kristopher Gay has finished his MA thesis and was admitted to the State Bar of California. Kristopher is now beginning his career as a Los Angeles District Attorney.

(05/20/13) Graduate Research Fellowship 2013–2014

Philosophy MA student Emily Barrett has been selected as the recipient of the AY13–14 Graduate Research Fellowship for the College of Liberal Arts. The University awards one GRF per college per year, making this quite an honor for both Emily and the Department of Philosophy (Emily is our program's second GRF winner in the last three years). Emily will be working with Prof. Cory Wright on a project scrutinizing the doxastic conception of delusions in philosophy of psychiatry.

(05/01/13) Phi Beta Kappa

Congratulations to Joshua Feng, a double Honors double major in Philosophy & Biochemistry, who was lauded as an inductee into Phi Beta Kappa, Member in Course.

(04/15/13) Doctoral Admission, University of Connecticut

Congratulations to undergraduate student Emma Björngard, who accepted an offer to start her doctoral studies this FA13 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Connecticut. UConn happens to be one of the strongest doctoral programs in the world for philosophical logic and is among the top-35 doctoral programs in the US, with big plans to grow their faculty and graduate program. Good luck, Emma, and congrats!

(04/01/13) Law School Admission, Loyola

Philosophy MA student Neil Richmond has been admitted to Loyola School of Law, beginning FA13. Congratulations, Neil, we wish you the best in this endeavor.

UPDATE: Neil has now graduated from Loyola, receiving both a J.D. and LL.M in taxation. He graduated in the top 10% of his J.D. class, cum laude and Order of the Coif, and received Honors and High Distinction in the LL.M. Outstanding job, Neil!

(02/22/13) 25th annual Student Research Competition

Congratulations to Antonio Mendoza, a double major in Philosophy & History, who recently won second place in the 'Humanities and Letters' category at the 25th annual Student Research Competition. Antonio was one of 8 students from the College of Liberal Arts to win an award (out of the 34 students who participated in the competition). Great job!

(04/15/12) Doctoral Admission, Purdue University

Congratulations to graduate student Josh Folk, who recently accepted a prestigious Ross Fellowship to begin his doctoral studies this FA12 in the Department of Philosophy at Purdue University. Congratulations, Josh!

(05/17/11) Graduate Research Fellowship 2011–2012

Philosophy MA student Neil Richmond has been selected as the recipient of the AY11–12 Graduate Research Fellowship for the College of Liberal Arts. The University awards one GRF per college per year, making this quite an honor for both Neil and the Department of Philosophy. Neil will be working with Dr. Charles Wallis on a project in Philosophy of Cognitive Science.

(05/01/11) Phi Beta Kappa

Congratulations to Antonio J. Mendoza, a double major in Philosophy & History, who was lauded as an inductee into [Phi Beta Kappa](#), Member in Course.

(04/15/11) Masters Admission, University of California Los Angeles

Congratulations to undergraduate Honors student Rebekah Bonner, who was admitted to the Masters program in Library & Information Science at UCLA starting in FA11. Congratulations, Rebekah, on this accomplishment! We wish you the best in continuing your education.

UPDATE: Rebekah has since graduated from UCLA, and—after working on an NSF grant and receiving the 2013 UCLA Chancellor's Marshall Award—is now a faculty member at the University of Utah working as a Research Data Management Librarian at the J. Willard Marriott Library. Fantastic work, Rebekah! (For more information, see Rebekah's [alumni spotlight](#).)

(04/01/11) McNair Scholarship

Congratulations to Philosophy BA honors student and McNair Scholar Michael Moval, whose paper 'A critique of external world skepticism' appeared in volume 15 of the McNair Scholars Research Journal.

(03/02/11) Dean's List of Graduating Masters Students

Each academic year, 1% of the overall number of students pursuing a Masters degree are awarded the Dean's List award of Graduating Masters Students. For AY10–11, the College of Liberal Arts has announced that Philosophy MA student John Clevenger is one of the awardees. Congratulations, John!

(03/01/11) Law School Admission, Loyola

Philosophy & Criminal Justice double major Edgar Vera has been admitted to Loyola School of Law, beginning FA11.

UPDATE: Edgar graduated from Loyola and passed the California Bar Exam in SU15, and is now an attorney at Karns & Karns.

(05/01/10) Phi Beta Kappa

Congratulations to another of our Honors students in Philosophy, Clinton Packman, who was lauded as an inductee into [Phi Beta Kappa](#), Member in Course.

(03/15/10) Doctoral Admission, University of Wisconsin

Philosophy BA student Clinton Packman accepted an offer to begin his doctoral studies this Fall 2010 in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin, which happens to be one of the top-ranked programs in the world. Clinton was a McNair Scholar while here at Cal State Long Beach, and we wish him the best as he continues on to much bigger and better things!

UPDATE: Clinton defended his dissertation this past SP18, and will be moving to Miami to start as a TT Assistant Professor at Florida International University in FA18. Excellent, Clinton, we're very proud of you!

(04/15/10) Law School Admission, University of California Davis

Philosophy & Political Science double major Samuel Bullock is finishing up his honors thesis, and will Law School this FA10 at UC Davis Law School. Good luck, Sam!

(03/15/10) Doctoral Admission, Rice University

Congrats to Roma Claudia Hernández, who accepted an offer to begin her doctoral studies in Philosophy in FA10 at Rice University. After earning her BA in Philosophy, Roma took some additional classes while studying in the German program for her MA; she was also a recipient of the Sally Casanova Predoctoral Fellowship.

(07/29/09) Gilman Scholarship

Philosophy & German double major Justin Barner was awarded a Gilman Scholarship to study abroad at the University of Tübingen in Germany for AY09–10. Benjamin Gilman International Scholarships are sponsored by the U. S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with the goal of supporting Pell Grant recipients who have been traditionally underrepresented in study abroad.

(04/06/09) 26th Annual CSULB Student Research Symposium

Clinton Packman was selected to present his paper, 'Clearing the confusion on consciousness: a study of the knowledge argument and its implication', at the 21st Annual Student Research Symposium. Clinton took home second place in the category of Humanities and Letters.

(04/15/08) Masters Admission, Virginia Tech

Congrats to undergraduate honors student Johnathan Dixon, who has accepted an offer to begin graduate study in Philosophy at Virginia Tech—a top-tier Masters program. Good luck, Jonathan.

(03/15/08) Law School Admission, Chapman University

Philosophy major Stephane Quinn is graduating cum laude and headed to Chapman University's Fowler School of Law to pursue his J. D. next fall. (Stephane is now a founding partner at Quinn & Dworakowski LLP.)

(04/15/07) Law School Admission, University of California Davis

After finishing his Honors thesis and graduating cum laude, Philosophy major Errol Daus will be headed to UC Davis School of Law to pursue his J. D. next fall.

UPDATE: Errol graduated from the UC Davis School of Law in 2011, where he served as the Editor in Chief of the UC Davis Law Review, and was admitted to the State Bar of California. He has served as an Adjunct Lecturer at UC Davis School of Law, and is currently [an associate at Boutin Jones law firm.](#))

(04/01/04) Summer Internship with NEH

Chhunny Chhean was one of 18 students selected, out of more than 200 applicants nationwide, for a 10-week summer internship with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The Internship Program introduces promising students to the programs, policies and operations of the federal agency charged with promoting scholarship, education and public programming in the Humanities in the United States. Interns were selected based on their interest in and commitment to the Humanities, and the conception, clarity, and execution of writing samples, two of which were submitted for the application process. Each intern will receive a \$4,000 stipend.

Graduate Placement:

The table below provides a complete record of graduate placement outcomes beginning in AY09–10. Data are for any/all students who have applied, successful or not, for further academic study based on their MA degree. (Unless otherwise indicated, results are for doctoral admissions in Philosophy, and included full funding.) Not listed are students that opted not to pursue academia beyond the MA. A note about placement from 1988–2008 follows. For additional information, see our [Alumni page](#).

Year	Thesis or Writing Sample	Placement
2018-2019	tbd	PhD, University of Cincinnati
2017-2018	The Basis of Moral Values	PhD, University of Connecticut

2016-2017	Absence Causation in Mechanistic Explanation	PhD, University of Colorado
2016-2017	An Empirical Look at the Transparency of Perceptual Experience	PhD, University of California San Diego
2016-2017	Scientific Realism and the Geometric Structure of Physical Theories	PhD, University of Minnesota
2014-2015	Overcoming the Present	PT Lecturer, Cal State San Bernardino
2014-2015	Tracing and Offloading: A Neo-Lockean Reply to Johnston	PhD, University of Kansas
2013-2014	The Doxastic Conception of Delusion	PhD, University of Wisconsin
2013-2014	Comprehensive Exams	PT Lecturer, Long Beach City College
2012-2013	Comprehensive Exams	JD, Loyola Marymount
2012-2013	O'Connor's Agent-Causation Theory of Free Will	PhD, University of California Davis
2011-2012	Blameworthiness and Manipulation	PhD, Purdue University
2011-2012	Dirty Hands, Virtue Ethics, and Consequentialism	PhD, Syracuse University
2010-2011	Nietzsche as Cultural Physician	JD, University of Southern California
2010-2011	The Role of Intuition in Philosophical Theory Construction	PhD [Psychology] University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2009-2010	World-Making, Exemplification, and Film Adaptations	PhD [Cinema] University of California Los Angeles
2009-2010	A Defense of Mackie's Error Theory	PhD, University of Western Ontario
2008-2009	A Defense of Donal Davidson's Dissolution to the Problem of Global Skepticism	PhD, University of Utah
2007-2008	Back to the Future: A Modern Natural Law Understanding of the Alien Tort Claims Act of 1789	PhD, University of California Irvine

2005-2006	Explanation in Biology	PhD, University of Minnesota
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A review showed that 127 MA degrees were awarded during the period 1988–2008. Although some data is incomplete, a (conservative) review revealed the following results:

- 58 of the 127 graduates chose to apply to doctoral programs.
- 53 (or 91%) of these 58 were admitted to a doctoral program.
- 45 of these 53 were admitted to a PhD program in Philosophy, and 7 were admitted to doctoral programs in other disciplines (e.g., Law, Education, Film Studies).
- 30 of the 45 admitted to a PhD program in Philosophy (67%) were admitted to one (or more) of the top-fifty PhD programs in the United States (as ranked by The Philosophical Gourmet Report).
- Of the 69 graduates that chose not to apply to PhD programs, at least 21 (or more than 30%) went on to teach Philosophy as Full- or Part-time Adjunct Professors or Lecturers at various universities and community colleges around the United States and Canada.

History Department

Graduate Students in PhD programs:

- Alan Parkes (University of Delaware)
- Stephen Moore (University of California Riverside)
- Megan Jeffreys (Cornell)
- Mark Benton (Princeton)
- Sean Khalifian (Yale)
- Marissa Jenrich (University of California, Los Angeles)
- John Haberstroh (University of California, Riverside)
- Daniel Chung (University of California, Riverside)
- Alan Alvarez (University of Kentucky)

Other Graduate Student Accomplishments:

- Matt Brown had a FLAS language study fellowship last summer to study Uzbek at Arizona State. This June he is presenting research at the 100th annual meeting of the Agricultural History Society this June in Washington DC, he has been awarded a FLAS scholarship to study 2nd year Uzbek at UW Madison this summer, and he is a finalist for

an English Teaching Assistant Fulbright for Uzbekistan (10 months assignment) (I think he'll get this—he should hear any day).

- Frank Lopes presented a paper "*Finding Alaimo: People, Puppets, and the Transfer of Meaning Across Space*" at the Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at Texas A&M in Spring 2018.
- Emma Spatharos, Paige Shakeri and Ben Huntsinger are all presenting work at the Teaching History Conference at UCLA in May—Eileen is involved and knows more details.
- Tim Trevor presented a paper at the California American Studies Association conference in San Diego this month.
- Nicole Buehlmeier won the CLA best M.A. thesis award this year.

Film and Electronic Arts Department

Student Highlights 2019 & HFPA Award:

Hollywood Foreign Press Association (Responsible for Academy Awards) Awarded FEA for 2019-20, \$60,000 for student Production Scholarships and added \$5,000 for HFPA FEA Endowed Scholarship.

Recent Alums (last two years):

- Jalmer Carceres - AFI Graduate Screenwriting Program
- Moriah Dobos - Netflix (Post-production doc series)
- Moris Montoya - California Angels Broadcasts (Camera team)
- Ariel Tafel - Netflix (Corporate)
- Brandee Wyse - Panavision
- Keleigh Kaliher - Executive Assistant to Jerry Bruckheimer (formerly with Scott Free)
- Michelle Morte - Production Coordinator (Netflix, Hulu, etc.)
- Mizuki Araki - Bang Zoom Studios (Post-production)
- Tiana Chun - Netflix (Post-production team - Julie and the Phantoms)
- Kylie Louthan - NBC Digital (Post-production)
- Cristal Arriola - Character Media
- Izzy Mattox - Production Designer (Independent film - title TBD)

- D'Naja Gates -accepted for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program.
- Laura Odermatt - she's worked at a ton of places-please see link:
<http://voyagela.com/interview/life-work-laura-odermatt/>
- Aaron Haro was selected as film student jury member at the 2018 COLCOA Film Festival (French International Film Festival in Los Angeles). He was part of the jury who gave the 2018 American Students Choice Award at the festival.
- Victoria Sanchez, FEA CIN class of 2019 has been accepted into Panavision's highly competitive internship program.
- 2018 FEA CIN graduate Conor Bailey has recently accepted a job as dailies colorist at prestigious Company 3 in Santa Monica.
- Andrew Jackson, is currently an Assistant Editor at Warner Bros. Russel Parks, after being an apprentice on the feature *THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES*, has achieved a permanent position at 20th Century Fox.

Five of our alums (graduated this past spring 2019!) selected for and graduated from, the highly competitive and prestigious Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences Academy Gold Program representing their new professional homes including The Walt Disney Company.

Jobs/Internships - many more, but here is good sample:

- Oscar Vasquez (graduated May 2016) - currently assistant editor (AE) on a series for Netflix (currently in production; secret topic); His first internship lead to numerous jobs including serving at a AE the Orson Welles documentary that premiered at the Venice Film Festival (on Netflix now, directed by Oscar winner Morgan Neville)
- Charley Watson (May 2018) and Taylor Vrancin-Harrell (May 2019) now working as Production Assistants on documentary programming for Emmy-winning Peter Jones Productions
- Jessica Hurtado (May 2019) now working as Assistant Editor on documentary feature about Gustavo Dudamel that will be distributed by Participant Media (edited by Kate Amend, one of the most illustrious editors in documentary)
- Isa Aceves (May 2019) now intern at ABC News in NYC
- Samantha Hernandez (May 2018) has had several internships for award-winning companies including Tripod Media.
- Jocelyn Ramirez (May 2019) - PA, DreamWorks (paid job after 2 semesters as intern during her senior year at CSULB)
- Abby Victor (May 2019) - Full-time paid Intern, MTV Studios (paid job after a semester as intern at Paramount)

- Aspen Ramsdell (May 2019) - PA at Skydance Media (paid job after a semester as intern for another company)
- Patrick Kane (May 2019)- Content Coordinator, Revry Media (paid job after a semester as intern for this company)
- Jake Winn (May 2019) - Production Team, BeachVision (paid job after two semesters as intern for this company)
- Jess Kung (May 2019) was intern for KCRW/NPR's podcast *The Document* in Spring 2019
- Gina Householder and Sophia Warren (May 2019) had internships at Aquarium of the Pacific
- Nicole Gomez (May 2018) - worked as PA for the Academy Awards

Currently we have interns at IMAX, Sony Music, Soul Pancake (owned by Participant Media), Straw Hut (podcast creation company), Muck Media (award-winning indie doc company w/ series on Netflix) and more.

2019 CSU Media Arts Festival Nominees for Documentary (Festival in November 2019):

- I DON'T LOVE YOU ANY LESS
<https://vimeo.com/337011117> // Password: idlyal383
 Logline Three years after her mother's death, a young filmmaker confronts the truth about her mother's life as a cancer survivor and opioid addict.
- FAITH ALONE
<https://vimeo.com/336958311> // Password: Faith19
 Logline: A critical examination of the church as an institution, told through the dual perspectives of the queer director and their mother, an unconventional minister

And Experimental:

- “Experimental” nominee for 2019 Awards (Patrick Kane, “It Takes Two”)

In addition to many other CSULB nominees for Fall 2019.

CSU Media Arts Winners Fall 2018 (Many more and here are two):

Fall 2018 CSU Media Arts Documentary Festival Winners:

- FOR VIVIAN
<https://vimeo.com/271416495> // Password: fea383student

An intimate portrait of a woman with intellectual disabilities and the child she helped to raise.

- LURKER

<https://vimeo.com/271508717> // Password: Banana123

Logline: Using the streets as his canvas, photographer Billy "Captain Soncho" Williams explores what it means to be an aspiring young artist in Southern California.

ORSP Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance - FY 2018-2019 Year-End Report

Internal Research Funding:

The campus continues to invest heavily in the research infrastructure to revitalize Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity (RSCA) and the competitiveness for external funding opportunities that align with our mission and with faculty interests and expertise. This effort has included the investment of approximately \$1.7 million allocated to colleges toward RSCA; \$200,000 from the Chancellor's Office for mini-grants and summer stipends; \$100,000 for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) Multidisciplinary Research Award; and \$200,000 for the Summer Student Research Assistantship. Other ongoing investments and incentives made by Academic Affairs and ORSP to RSCA on campus include: the Scholarly Writing Institute to provide an intensive workshop to support scholarly writing; the Responsible Conduct of Research training for faculty and students in compliance with the NIH and NSF regulations; and faculty professional development workshops in grant development.

ORSP Internal Grants Obtained (2017-2019)

2017-2018: 1 Discipline-specific grant

- Emily Berquist of History Department "The Atlantic Slave Trade in the Rise and Fall of the Spanish Empire"

ORSP Summer Student Research Assistantship (2017-2019): An increasing trend for humanites

2017-2018: 1 Graduate Student; **1 total**

- G: Political Science Faculty Mentor Richard Haesly "Contours of American Nationalism"

2018-2019: 2 Graduate Students and 1 Undergraduate Student; **3 total**

- G: History Faculty Mentor Patricia Cleary
- G: History Faculty Mentor Marie Kelleher
- UG: Philosophy Faculty Mentor Cory Wright

2019-2020: 3 Graduate Students and 3 Undergraduate Students; **6 total**

- G: English Faculty Mentor Norbert Schurer

- G: RGRLL Faculty Mentor Alicia Del Campo
- G: Philosophy Faculty Mentor Nellie Wieland
- UG: International Studies Faculty Mentor Barbara Grossman-Thompson
- UG: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Faculty Mentor Abraham Weil
- UG: International Studies Faculty Mentor Richard Marcus