Full-Time Philosophy Faculty

Kelly Becker (Ph.D., U.C. San Diego) Associate Professor: Epistemology, Philosophy of Language and Mind, Quine.

Andrew Burgess (Ph.D., Yale) Professor: Philosophy of Religion, Modern Christian Thought, Kierkegaard.

John Bussanich (Ph.D., Stanford) Professor: Greek Philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy and Religion.

Mary Domski (Ph.D., Indiana) Assistant Professor: History of Modern Philosophy, Kant, History and Philosophy of Science.


Barbara Hannan (Ph.D., Arizona) Associate Professor: Philosophy of Psychology, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language.

Richard Hayes (Ph.D., Toronto) Associate Professor: Indian & Tibetan Philosophy, Buddhist Logic and Epistemology, Sanskrit Grammar.

Adrian Johnston (Ph.D., SUNY Stony Brook) Assistant Professor: 19th & 20th Century European Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, Contemporary French Philosophy.

Brent Kalar (Ph.D., Harvard) Assistant Professor: Kant, 19th Century German Philosophy, Aesthetics, Ethics.

Paul Katsafanas (Ph.D., Harvard) Assistant Professor: Ethics, Philosophy of Action, and 19th-Century Philosophy

Paul Livingston (Ph.D., UC Irvine) Assistant Professor: History of 20th Century Philosophy, Phenomenology, Philosophy of Mind and Language

John Taber (Ph.D., Hamburg) Professor and Chair: Classical Indian Philosophy, German Philosophy.

Iain Thomson (Ph.D., U.C. San Diego) Associate Professor: Continental Philosophy since Kant, Critical Theory, Phenomenology and Existentialism.
Graduate Programs in Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy at the University of New Mexico offers programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy. Many areas of concentration are open to students. Both Anglo-American and Continental approaches are well represented and the department has special strengths in Indian philosophy, Continental philosophy, and American philosophy. Because of our small size, students can expect a high degree of personal attention and interaction with the faculty.

The Department of Philosophy maintains an active colloquium series with frequent visiting lecturers. The department also has an endowed lecture series, the Brian O’Neil Memorial Lecture Series in the History of Philosophy, which features eminent philosophers annually. In recent years the department has hosted the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings and the Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy.

The Department is proud of its record in placing Ph.D. students in tenure-track jobs. For more information, see our website.

addition, recent MA graduates have been accepted in strong Ph.D. programs including University of Nebraska, University of Toronto, Florida State University, UC San Diego, Fordham University, and University of South Florida.

Assistantships and Fellowships

Admission to the doctoral program is strongly competitive. All students admitted to the doctoral program will be awarded financial support in the form of Teaching Assistantships or other aid. Normally, each appointment extends for a period of five years, so long as the student makes satisfactory progress toward completion of the Ph.D. Teaching Assistantships include a stipend of approximately $15,600 (2008-2009), with annual increases and tuition waiver. The Gwen J. Barrett Memorial Dissertation Fellowship of $13,000 (with tuition waiver), is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed all coursework and exams for the Ph.D. and has submitted a dissertation prospectus. Limited financial aid is also available to M.A. students. In addition, financial awards are available for minority students, both Ph.D. and M.A.

Carlos Sanchez, Summer 2006
Dissertation: From Epistemic Justification to Philosophical Authenticity: A Study in Husserl’s Phenomenological Epistemology
Currently Assistant Professor, Philosophy
San Jose State University
San Jose, California

Chris Framarin, Summer 2005
Dissertation: Motivation with Renunciation: The Discarding of Desire in Indian Philosophy
Currently Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta

Amy Lund, Fall 2003
Dissertation: Reflective Judgement and Non-Discursive Intelligibility in Kant’s Third Critique
Currently Assistant Professor, Arts and Philosophy
Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus
Miami, Florida