

2021

The University of
Wisconsin-Madison

Department of Philosophy

Celebration of Graduates
and Award Winners



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May 7, 2021
7:30 pm Central
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CEREMONY PROGRAM

WELCOME

Michael Titelbaum, Professor
And Department Chair

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT
SPEAKERS

Natnael Shiferaw
and
McKenzie Maccaux

KEYNOTE

James Messina, Professor

AWARD
PRESENTATION

Michael Titelbaum, Chair

PRESENTATION
CLASS OF 2021

Michael Titelbaum, Chair

2021

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STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

Undergraduate Awards

Charles Manthey Winter Scholarship
Hannah Bounds

Col. Jerome Goodrich (Ret. USMC) Scholarship
Julia Tuttle

Temkin Undergraduate Essay Prize
Olivia O'Brien
for her essay
“French Existentialists Versus Anti-maskers:
A Lesson in the Real Meaning of Freedom”



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STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Awards

The W. Donald Oliver Graduate Student Prize Essay

"Weakness of Political Will"

Camila Hernandez Flowerman

Larry Temkin Graduate Essay Prize in Value Theory

"Against Moral Individualism: Special Relations and the
Agent-Neutral/Agent-Relative Distinction"

Elizabeth Bell

William H. Hay II Summer Fellowship

Hubert Marciniac

and

Danielle (Dani) Clevenger

Richard W. McHugh Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie Sheintul

Charles Manthey Winter Graduate Summer Scholarship

Meryem Keskin

Marcus G. and Blanche L. Singer Graduate Fellowship

Emma Prendergast

Berent Enc Graduate Teaching Award

Elizabeth Bell

and

Camila Hernandez Flowerman

Philosophy Department Graduate Scholarship

Mandi Peck

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STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate School

Summer Fellowship Recipients

Joel Ballivian

Michael Bruckner

Patrick Cronin

Katie Deaven

Stephanie Hoffmann

Paul Kelly

Alexander Pho

Marcos Picchio

Jonathon VandenHombergh

The University of Wisconsin- Madison

MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

Joel Ballivian

Michael Bruckner

Danielle (Dani) Clevenger

Andi Sirokman

Alexander Pho



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Megan Fritts

*“Actions and Causes: A Methodological Inquiry into the
Explanation of Action”*

Co-Advisors: Professor Dan Hausman and
Professor Sarah Paul

Josh Mund

“Essays on Human Obligations to Animals”

Advisor: Rob Streiffer



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BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Wendy Yaneli Alvarez
Aksel Balkir
Henry Barford
Nicholas Bartschat
Emily Beyer
Nicole Beyler
Kristin Brandenburg
Chenyu Bu
Mason Buss
Han Cao
Jefferson Chiqui
John Chlystek
Cole Cimoch
Kyle Davis
Michael DeLeers
Jenny Deng
Zhuoran Ding
Thomas Durnil
Jonah Edelman
Nathan Eichten
Emily Bixby Epstein
Ruby Guinther
Brian Hinrichs
Matthew Hodson
Weiran Jiang
Makayla Johnson
Nicholas Lasecki
Zoe Levine
Jessica Lipaz
McKenzie Maccaux **
Hope Mahon

Patrick McEligot
Sean McKibben
Thomas McDevitt III
Peter Meyers
Dillon Moore
Ethan Moua
Bailey Nandory
Alexander Pletsch
Tressa Rasmussen
Benjamin Reas
Max Rettler
Emma Schlager
Natnael Shiferaw
Zhiyuan Shu
Daniel Sincere
Emily Smith
Yichen Sun
Geneva Swager
John Swindle
Jonathan Talberg
James Thomason
Berit Thorson
Xiaoduo Wang
Leo Warman
Samantha Williams
Tianze Wu (吴天泽)
Xuanyu Zhu
Yulu Zou

** Honors in the Major

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GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Michael Bruckner

*“Extended or Embodied? Questioning a Conventional
Alliance in Cognitive Science”*

Annual Conference of the British Society for the
Philosophy of Science July 2021,
Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology
June 2021 (Poster Session)

“The Reason to Be Angry Proportionally”

Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy
University of Minho, Portugal June 2021,
Workshops in Political Theory
Manchester Centre for Political Theory
University of Manchester, UK September 2020

*“Is ‘Moral Judgment’ Like ‘Game’ or ‘Jade’?
A Metasemantic Challenge for Moral Thought Pluralism”*

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference
Adrian College and Siena Heights University
Adrian, MI April 2021

*“What’s ‘Inside’? An Argument for Dispositional Identity
as Mark of the Internal”*

Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
New Orleans, LA February 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

(continued)

Katie Deaven

"Relative Significance Controversies in Evolutionary Biology"
presented at the APA-Pacific,
NMTX Philosophical Society 2021 Meeting, and CSHPS 2021

Paul Kelly

"How do Functional Models in Cognitive Science Represent and Explain?"

Rotman Institute of Philosophy Graduate Conference
"Complexity & Explanation" (May 2021),
Newcastle University Philosophy Across Disciplines
Conference (June 2021)

"Does Methodological Adaptationism Presuppose a False Dichotomy?"

Philosophy of Science Association (January 2021)
[Poster Presentation],
American Philosophical Association,
Central Division (February 2021),
University at Albany Philosophical Association Graduate
Conference in Philosophy of Biology (April 2021)

"On the Scientific Legitimacy of Animal Beliefs"
New School Graduate Conference
"Animalhouse: Animals and Their Environs" (April 2021)

"On the Plausibility of a Dispositional Analysis of Intrinsic Value"
New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society (May 2021)

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

(continued)

Shiying Li

"Stigma, Justice and Personal Relationships"

Presented at a symposium session
at APA Central (February 2021)

Alexander Pho

*"Moral Fixed Points: A Fully General Solution to the
Immorality Objection to Non-Naturalist Moral Realism"*

Presented at the
2021 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference

Elise C. Whatley

*"Virtual Selves in Full Body Ownership Illusions:
Implications for Embodied Approaches to the Mind"*

Presented at the Society for Philosophy and
Psychology 47th Annual Meeting, 2021

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

John Bengson

Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

Harry Brighthouse

Awarded Spencer Foundation grant
to run the Center for Ethics & Education Graduate
Institute in Philosophy 2022-23

Paula Gottlieb

Aristotle on Thought and Feeling
(Cambridge University Press, published in January 2021)
and was also featured in the CUP blog

Steve Nadler

Think Least of Death: Spinoza on How to Live and How to Die
(Princeton University Press, published in September 2020)

Russ Shafer-Landau

Elected President of the
American Philosophical Association (Central Division)

Anat Schechtman

Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers
Two-Year Vilas Associate

Elliott Sober

Elected as Corresponding Fellow of
the British Academy in 2020