

KU Dissertations and Placement

RECENT TIME-TO-DEGREE STATISTICS

The following time-to-degree information was compiled for the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs. From July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2009, nineteen students graduated from KU with a Ph.D. in Philosophy. All nineteen students were full-time students. Their median time to degree was 7.8 years.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS - DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS and ACADEMIC PLACEMENT

With respect to the following placement information, the following (standard) guidelines were followed:

1. The following document lists only the first academic job obtained after the Ph.D. We have not made efforts to list all subsequent jobs (if any) obtained by each candidate.
2. An 'academic job' means the equivalent of a full-time position at a college/university, including two-year community colleges, four year colleges, graduate level colleges/universities, etc. All jobs listed are full-time or tenure-track unless otherwise noted.
3. Excluding those who did not actively seek academic jobs, the success rate from 1976-2001 of our Ph.D. recipients is 80%. Success is measured in terms of having obtained a full-time or tenure-track placement

1967 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Charles Ellis Reagan**, 'Freedom and Determinism: A Critical Study of Certain Aspects of this Problem in the Light of the Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur.' Advisor: Richard De George.

1968 Ph.D. recipient:

- **James Wesley Nickel**, 'On the Notions of Cognitive and Noncognitive Meaning.' Advisor: Richard De George.

1969 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Norton Nelkin**, 'Perception and Language.' Advisor: George Roberts.
- **Nancy D. Simco**, 'A Critical Exposition of Strawson's *Individuals*.' Advisor: Richard De George.
- **C. Ives Waldo III**, 'Concepts, the Self, and Empiricism.' Advisor: George Roberts.

1970 Ph.D. recipient:

- **John Thomas Moore**, 'Locke's Concept of Faith.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1971 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Dan Collins Johnson, Jr.**, 'The Meaning and Justification of Ethical Statements.' Advisor: Richard De George.
- **W. Denver Marbourg**, 'Action and Bodily Motion.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **C. Merrill Proudfoot**, 'God Treated as an Unobservable Entity in Scientific Theory.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1973 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Roger Blaisdell Doudna**, 'The Justification of Poetry.' Advisor: Richard De George.
- **Kenneth L. Helstrom**, 'The Problem of Moral Reasoning.' Advisor: Warner Morse.
- **John Clarence Jamieson**, 'Semantical Theory and Analyticity.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Gerald N. Matross**, 'T. H. Green and the Concept of Rights.' Advisor: Rex Martin.

1974D. recipient:

- **Robert M. Godbout**, 'R. G. Collingwood's Theory of Action and Duty: A Systematic Restatement.' Advisor: Rex Martin.

1975 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Michael A. Grill**, 'Descartes: A Re-Interpretation of His Metaphysics and Science.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Daniel Hughes Wilson**, 'Field-Theoretic Consciousness.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1976 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Robert G. Cronin**, 'Reasons and the Justification of Belief.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Thomas Donaldson**, 'Toward a Theory of Action.' Advisor: John Bricke.
- **Clinton Franklin Dunagan**, 'An Examination of the Possibility of Sensory Experience of an Adequate God.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Deborah G. Johnson**, 'Legal Responsibility, Legal Liability and the Explanation of Action.' Advisor: Rex Martin.
- **Charles Joseph Schlee**, 'Russell's Critique of Complete-Symbol Theories of Definite Descriptions.' Advisor: A. C. Genova.
- **Jim D. Shelton**, 'Verifiability: The Epistemological Foundation of Logical Empiricism.' Advisor: J. Michael Young.
- **Engelbert Ssekasozi**, 'A Comparative and Critical Analysis of the Metaphysical Theories of William of Ockham and Francis Suarez as regards the Principle of Individuation.' Advisor: Alfonso Verdu.

1978 Ph.D. recipients:

- **James E. Cook**, 'Chance and Rationality in the Philosophy of Charles S. Peirce.' Advisor: Gary Shapiro.

- **Ron Smetana**, 'Sartrean Ontology and Authenticity.' Advisor: Gary Shapiro.
- **James Kenneth Swindler**, 'Plato's *Sophist* and Contemporary Analytic Ontology.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1979 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Juan Abugattas**, 'Some Remarks Concerning the General Theory of Social Praxis and its Relation to Ethical Theory.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1981 Ph.D. recipients:

- **William W. Davis**, 'Analogy and Mental Representations.' Advisor: John Bricke.
- **Kenneth E. Gale**, 'Perpetual Peace: A Justification for World Government.' Advisor: Warner Morse.
- **Dorothy A. Haecker**, 'The Historical Way of Knowing.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *University of Missouri*.
- **Philip Wright Whitcomb**, 'Existence and Essence in Scholastic Metaphysics.' Advisor: Alfonso Verdu.

1982 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Richard Fleming**, 'Remarks on Reason.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. Bucknell University.

1983 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Tim George**, 'A Study in the Ontology and Explanation of Action.' Advisor: Rex Martin.

1984 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Donald Hatcher**, 'The Philosophical Foundations of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*.' Advisor: Donald Marquis. *Baker University*.

1985 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Laverne Joseph Denning**, 'Wittgenstein and Logical Necessity.' Advisor: Warner Morse.
- **Everett Jay Hilty, Jr.**, 'A Normative Theory of Law.' Advisor: Warner Morse. *Maple Woods Community College*.
- **Dolores Miller**, 'Quine and the Principle of Substitutivity.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. *Lecturer, UMKC*.
- **Daniel R. Wilson**, 'Three Dogmas of Holism.' Advisor: A. C. Genova.

1986 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Karen Reeder Bell**, 'The Concept of a Virtue and Virtue-Based Ethics: Plato, Aristotle, MacIntyre.' Advisor: Richard De George. *California State University, Fresno*.
- **David A. Duquette**, 'Idealism and Materialism: Hegel and Marx On History.' Advisor: Rex Martin.

St. Norbert College.

- **Robert Hadley Hall**, 'J. S. Mill's *On Liberty* and Freedom of Thought.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *No academic job but went on to Law School.*
- **David E. Schmidt**, 'H. H. Price's *Philosophy of Mind*.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Fort Hays State University.*
- **Andrew Clay Ward**, 'Relational Belief and Representationalism.' Advisor: Donald Brownstein.

1987 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Mark T. Brown**, 'Semantic Features of the Identities of Persons.' Advisor: John Bricke. *University of Wisconsin, Marathon County Center.*
- **Peter Paul Cvek III**, 'John Locke and the Theory of Natural Law.' Advisor: Richard De George. *St. Peter's College.*
- **Jon Mark Mikkelsen**, 'The Systematic Unity in Kant's *Critique of Judgment*.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. *Missouri Western State College.*

1989 Ph.D. recipient:

- **David Larson**, 'Objectivity and the Evidence for a Davidsonian Theory of Meaning.' Advisor: A. C. Genova.

1991 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Robert Hull**, 'An Exposition of Nietzsche's Moral and Epistemic Skepticism.' Advisor: Gary Shapiro. *West Virginia Wesley College.*
- **William Martin**, 'Matrix and Line: Derrida and the Possibilities of a Postmodern Social Theory.' Advisor: Gary Shapiro. *De Paul University.*
- **Regina Turner**, 'Kierkegaard's Defense of Reason.' Advisor: James Woelfel. *Butler County Community College.*

1992 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Richard Botkin**, 'Epistemological Skepticism and Its Challenge to Naturalized Epistemology.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. *Lecturer, Humanities and Western Civilization Program, KU.*
- **Michael Hinz**, 'Self-Creation and History: Collingwood and Nietzsche on Conceptual Change.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *Middle Tennessee State College.*

1993 Ph.D. recipients:

- **John Duffield**, 'The Divine Fire of Francis Bacon.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Theodore (Ted) Mehl**, 'Virtue Ethics: Exploring the Foundations of an Ethical Life.' Advisor: Richard De George.
- **Joseph VanZandt**, 'The Notion of Substance in Physical Theory.' Advisor: Richard Cole.

1994 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Theodore S. Zenzinger**, 'Rational Conflict and Rational Agreement.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Regis University*.

1995 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Albert Cinelli**, 'Heidegger's Reading of Nietzsche on Reason, Truth, and Knowledge.' Advisor: Gary Shapiro. *Sierra College and Cosumnes River College*.
- **Susan N. Daniel**, 'Justification of Rights.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *Western Oregon State College*.
- **Akissi Gbocho**, 'Davidson and the End of Difference.' Advisor: John Bricke. *University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast*.

1996 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Paul Fairchild**, 'The Ethics of International Relations.' Advisor: Richard De George.

1997 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Greg Hodes**, 'Foundations and Aporia: The Intellectual Realism of Bernard Lonergan.' Advisor: James Woelfel. *Teaching part time at K.C. community colleges*.

1998 Ph.D. recipients:

- **David Reidy**, 'Justice, Pluralism, and Social Stability: The Political Philosophy of John Rawls.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *University of Tennessee*.
- **Darrell Wheeler**, 'Integrating Mind and Language: An Examination of Donald Davidson's Philosophy.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Towson State College, and University of Maryland, Baltimore County*.

1999 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Michael Cormack**, 'Virtue, Knowledge, and Happiness in Plato's Early and Middle Dialogues.' Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo. *Western State College; currently Information Specialist, KU Paleontological Institute*.
- **Martin Henn**, 'From Ontology to Theology: A Study in Aristotle's Metaphysics.' Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo. *Temporary position, Auburn University*.
- **Stephen Mathis**, 'Criminal Attempts and the Formal Requirements of Criminal Liability.' Advisor: Russ Shafer-Landau. *Wheaton College, Massachusetts*.
- **John McClendon**, 'Consciencism: The Philosophy of Nkrumaism.' Advisors: Ann Cudd, Julie Maybee. *Michigan State University*.
- **Jeanna Moyer**, 'Kant on Nature, Beauty, and Women.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. *Iowa State University*.

2000 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Richard Buck**, 'The Logic of Political Constructivism.' Advisor: Rex Martin. *Mt. St. Mary University.*
- **Christopher Foster**, 'Logical Truth and Consequence.' Advisor: Art Skidmore. *Teaching part-time in Utah Valley University.*
- **Dawn Jakubowski**, 'Social Justice and the Ethics of Multiculturalism.' Advisor: Tom Tuozzo and Cynthia Willett. *Central Arkansas University.*
- **Xiufen Lu**, 'A Critical Examination of the Marxist Theory of Alienation.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Wichita State University.*
- **Terry Sader**, 'Time as a Condition of Assertability.' Advisor: A. C. Genova. *Butler County Community College, Eldorado, KS.*

2001 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Justin Hernandez**, 'John Stuart Mill and the Epistemic Status of Theism.' Advisor: Jim Woelfel. *Director of Financial Aid, Conception Seminary College.*
- **Charles Richards**, 'Ralph Cudworth and the Power to Know.' Advisor: Richard Cole.
- **Ted Vaggalis**, 'Hermeneutics and the Horizon of Political Philosophy.' Advisor: Richard De George. *Drury University, Missouri.*
- **Kirk Wolf**, 'Nietzsche and Foucault on the Genealogy of Ethical Subjectivity.' Advisor: Fred Rush. *Delta College.*

2002 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Olivia Ceesay**, 'Moral Conflict, Irrational Behavior, and African Women.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone.*
- **Kae Chatman**, 'Seeing Reason: Incest, Ideology, Institutions.' Advisor: James Woelfel. *Arkansas State University-Beebe.*
- **Harvey McCloud**, 'The Causal Efficacy of Consciousness.' Advisor: John Bricke.

2003 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Sanghyuk Park**, 'The Normativity of Morality.' Advisor: Russ Shafer-Landau. *Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea.*

2004 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Christopher M. Caldwell**, 'Motivating Ethical Pluralism.' Advisor: Richard De George. *Virginia State University.*
- **Delilah R. Caldwell**, 'Language and the Objectivity of Value.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Western Governors University.*
- **Curran Douglass**, 'On Freedom and Rationality.' Advisor: John Bricke.
- **Stephen Ferguson**, 'Racial Contract Theory: A Critical Introduction.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina.*
- **Jorge A. Muñoz**, 'International Distributive Justice.' Advisor: Richard T. De George. *Adjunct*

positions at colleges in Los Angeles region.

- **Larry Waggle**, 'Just Friends: Justice and Friendship in the Social Theories of Aristotle and Epicurus.' Advisor: Tom Tuozzo. *Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois.*

2005 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Eric B. Berg**, 'A Philosophical Introduction to Norman Maclean by Way of Kierkegaard's Distinction between Fear and Anxiety.' Advisor: James Woelfel. *MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois.*
- **Yancy Hughes Dominick**, 'En Eikosi Skopein, Studying in Images: Plato's Phaedo and the Role of Images in Philosophy.' Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo. *Temporary position, Seattle University.*
- **Samuel Evans Kreider**, 'John Stuart Mill: "Utility, Liberty, and Eudaimonia".' Advisor: Ben Eggleston. *University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, Menasha, Wisconsin.*

2006 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Pinfei Lu**, 'Citizens and Gender Justice: Toward Equality in a Pluralistic Democracy.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Tung Hai University, Taiwan.*

2007 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Tamela Ice**, 'Rethinking the Paradox of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Sexual Politics: From Woman's Alienation, Psychological Oppression and Bad Faith to Liberty.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Kansas City Kansas Community College.*

2008 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Roksana Alavi**, 'Race and Oppression: Philosophical Issues.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *South Texas College.*
- **Keith Coleman**, 'The Logical Problem of Identity.' Advisor: Teresa Robertson. *Adjunct Professor, Johnson County Community Collge.*
- **Pelle Darota Danabo**, 'From Africa of States to United Africa: Towards Africana Democracy.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.*
- **Monica Gerrek**, 'Normative Sentimentalism and Animal Ethics.' Advisor: Ben Eggleston. *Research Associate, Bioethics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.*
- **Hyun Chul Kim**, 'Mental Causation, Intentional Action and Explanatory Practice.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Chodang University, South Korea.*

2009 Ph.D. recipients:

- **H. David Carillo**, 'Dialectical Humanism: An Ethic of Self-Actualization.' Advisor: Richard De George.
- **Anne Morgan**, 'An Ethic of Freedom.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Metropolitan (Kansas City) Community College-Longview.*
- **Kara Tan Bhala**, 'Fortifying Virtue Ethics: Recognizing the Essential Roles of Eudaimonia and Phronesis.' Advisor: Richard De George.

2010 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Clark Sexton**, 'Arguments for an Alternative Account of Analyticity.' Advisor: Teresa Robertson. *Various part-time positions in the New York City area.*

2011 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Nathan Colaner**, 'Other Than Omniscient: An Interpretation and Defense of Kant's Rejection of Aristotle's Notion of Finite Reasoning.' Advisor: Scott Jenkins. *Temporary position, Seattle University.*
- **Nathan Cox**, 'Substance and Skepticism in Hume's Treatise.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Lecturer, University of Kansas.*
- **Aaron Dopf**, 'Slave Morality and the Revaluation of Values.' Advisor: Scott Jenkins. *Clayton State University.*
- **Mario Garitta**, 'Illuminating the Meaning of *Being* in the Later Heidegger through Aspects of the Theologies of Pseudo-Dionysius and Meister Eckhart." Advisor: James Woelfel.
- **William Simkulet**, 'What Moral Responsibility Requires.' Advisor: Dale Dorsey. *Temporary position. University of Texas, Pan American.*
- **Matthew Waldschlagel**, 'Apology, Forgiveness and Revenge.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Lecturer, University of North Carolina, Wilmington.*

2012 Ph.D. recipient:

- **Micah Baize**, 'Bernard Williams's Internalism: A New Interpretation.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Lindenwood University.*

2013 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Nicholas Simmons**, 'Why Sensations Must Be Neurological Properties: A Defense of the Identity Theory.' Advisor: John Bricke.
- **Russell W. Waltz**, 'Hybrid Accounts: Uncovering the Philosophical and Psychological Foundations of the Distortion of Information via News Presentation.' Advisor: Ann Cudd. *Miami Dade College.*

2014 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Andrew McFarland**, 'Metaphysics and Natural Kinds: Slingshots, Fundamentality, and Causal Structure.' Advisor: John Symons. *Visiting Assistant Professor, Kansas State University.*
- **Huei-Rong Li**, 'Davidson on Actions: Reason, Rationality, and Irrationality.' Advisor: John Bricke.
- **Sean Meseroll**, 'Happiness and Welfare.' Advisor: Dale Dorsey.
- **Brad Musil**, 'The Utility of Religion: Mill, Nietzsche, and James.' Advisor: James Woelfel. *Adjunct Associate Professor, Johnson County Community College.*
- **Meredith Trexler**, 'Aesthetic Experience and Becoming Good: An Examination of the Connection between Aesthetics and Ethics in Plato, Kant, and Iris Murdoch.' Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo. *Director of Experiential Learning (Wesleyan Journey), The Center for Global Service Learning, Kansas Wesleyan University.*

2015 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Micah Bailey**, 'Kant's Knowledge of Unknowable Things in Themselves: An Examination of the Doctrine of Ignorance and the Non-spatiotemporality Thesis.' Advisor: Scott Jenkins.
- **Justin R. Clark**, 'The Primitive Thesis: Defending a Davidsonian Conception of Truth.' Advisor: John Bricke. *Adjunct position at Ottawa University.*
- **Benjamin Keil**, 'Philosophical Methodology and Its Implications of Experimental Philosophy.' Advisor: Ben Eggleston. *Illinois State University.*
- **Ian McDaniel**, 'Life and Death Issues in Bioethics: Abortion, Persistent Vegetative State, and the Definition of Death.' Advisor: John Symons. *Lecturer, University of Kansas.*

2016 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Jeremy DeLong**, 'Parmenides' Theistic Metaphysics.' Advisor: Thomas Tuozzo.
- **Jennifer Kittlaus**, 'The Natures of Pride and Shame.' Advisor: John Bricke.

2017 Ph.D. recipients:

- **Nicholas Schroeder**, 'The Harmony Thesis and the Problem of Continence in Contemporary Virtue Ethics.' Advisor Erin Frykholm.