

Toronto Metropolitan University – Department of Philosophy

2021-2022 News Stories

- Congratulations to the following student award-winners for 2021-2022:
 - Elena Hudson - Gold Essay Prize for "Descartes' Meditations on God"
 - Michael Knox - Silver Essay Prize for "The Metaethical Implications of Aristotle's Eudaimonia"
 - Maya Katz - Bronze Essay Prize for an untitled meditation on a meaningful life
 - Matthew Lu - Top CGPA Year 1
 - Alexander Casucci - Top CGPA Year 2
 - Michael Knox - Top CGPA Year 3
 - Shayevard Omidshafiei - Top CGPA Year 4

Finally, this year's Community Service Award goes to Danice Masaba, the president of the Philosophy Course Union, who has done a stellar job of leading the PCU and building community among our program students this past academic year.

- The Graduate Student Union's Annual Conference took place on March 19-20, 2022. [\[Program\]](#)
- Congratulations to Harold Barrett (MA Class of 2020) on being accepted into the doctoral program in philosophy at the University of Birmingham.
- Congratulations to MA student Ron Buenaventura on winning a [Canada Graduate Scholarship](#) from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada! The title of Ron's project is "On the Misconstrual of the Epicureans as the Progenitors of Atheism".
- Congratulations to Prof. Sasa Stankovic, for winning the Faculty of Arts' [Slobodan Drakulic Cross-Disciplinary Teaching Award](#) for 2021-2022!
- Prof. Michael Milona's [research on hope was featured in the Wall Street Journal](#).
- [The Society for Women of Ideas](#) held a [conference entitled "What Would Arendt Say"](#) on November 19-20, 2021.
- The department invites applications for a tenure track position with an **Area of Specialization in Kant** and an **Area of Competence in Early Modern** philosophy, at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective July 1, 2022 (subject to final budgetary approval). [Here is the official posting](#).
- The department is co-sponsoring a conference on the music of carnival in partnership with the Instituto de Etnomusicologia at Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal). This virtual symposium will feature two days of scholarly presentations on a wide variety of carnival music traditions and theoretical topics. It will also include a keynote presentation by ethnomusicologist, Prof. Gage Averill (University of British Columbia), and a musical workshop by musician/academic/bandleader, Thaís Bezerra. This virtual symposium will take place on **October 2-3, 2021**, and the program can be accessed in this [Google Doc](#). Anyone who wishes to attend and engage the presenters during the many Q&A sessions is welcome to do so. Attendance is free. To register, please send an email

to asnyder@fcsh.unl.pt with "Carnival music registration" in the subject line. Sending that email will suffice for you to receive a program with relevant Zoom links soon before the conference.

- Prof. [Kym Maclaren](#) is an invited speaker at the [Concrete Intersubjectivity Workshop](#) in Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 29-30, 2021.
- [Bernard D. Katz](#) worked in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto from 1976 until his retirement in 2021. A [conference to celebrate his legacy](#) will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, October 12th and Wednesday, October 13th, 2021. It will feature eight presentations by Bernard's former students, including Ryerson's own [David Checkland](#) and [Bob Murray](#).
- Workshop: "**Graduate School (MA, PhD) in Philosophy: Whether and How to Apply**". This two-part workshop aims to help you decide whether to apply to graduate school in philosophy and how to prepare your application. The workshop is primarily intended for 3rd and 4th year students in Philosophy and ACS, and MA students in philosophy who are thinking about going on to do a PhD. Organizers: Profs. [Elizabeth Jackson](#), [Michael Milona](#), [Katharine O'Reilly](#), and Rohan Sud. Tuesday, October 5, 3:10pm-5:00pm (Toronto Time) Where: on Zoom [[Link](#)]
- The [Reasons, Action, and Mind Group](#) has organized three visiting speakers for Fall 2021. [Details are here](#), and for more information contact [David Hunter](#).
- Welcome to all our incoming BA and MA students, and welcome back to our returning students! We wish you all the best for the academic year ahead!