



BOSTON COLLEGE

Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences



GRADUATE PROGRAM

Philosophy

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Boston College's graduate philosophy programs attract talented students from around the world. We offer master's and doctoral degrees, covering all periods in the history of philosophy and with a diversity of philosophical approaches.

The Department of Philosophy is noted for its strength in the history of philosophy, contemporary continental philosophy, and practical philosophy, including ethics and social-political philosophy. In addition, the department offers a master's in philosophy, law, and policy and two interdisciplinary programs: philosophy and law, and philosophy and theology. The program also includes Asian philosophy and diaspora studies.

Each September our doctoral program admits a small group of new students, who are immediately welcomed as research assistants. The experience of working with an established scholar is designed to help the student learn some of the basic skills of philosophical research and establish a mentoring relationship with one or more faculty. The program's flexibility ensures

individualized attention in designing a plan of study. All Ph.D. students have funding through their fifth year in the program, assuming successful completion of requirements. Doctoral students gain experience teaching in the University's two-semester Philosophy of the Person core course. There is a teaching seminar in the first two years of the program to help prepare the doctoral students to design their own syllabi and to provide feedback on teaching; ongoing class visitations take place thereafter.

The M.A. program admits an additional group of students, who share the same faculty, courses, and other resources for the study of philosophy, including language preparation.

Philosophy at Boston College benefits from our location in the Boston area, a rich center of academic life, including universities, libraries, and cultural institutions that aid all aspects of our research and scholarly interchange. There are opportunities for studies abroad at selected universities.

We invite you to consider joining our thriving intellectual community as we continue to investigate philosophy's perennial issues. For more information, visit bc.edu/philosophy.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The department offers a comprehensive program in the history and problems of philosophy, allowing for concentration in the following areas:

- ❖ Continental philosophy: Kant to present
- ❖ Ancient philosophy
- ❖ Medieval philosophy
- ❖ Early Modern philosophy
- ❖ Ethics
- ❖ Social and political philosophy
- ❖ Philosophy of science
- ❖ Philosophy of religion

A significant feature of the program is the extensive and diverse range of courses available to graduate students every semester. Students have considerable flexibility in designing their programs of study and have access to the resources of political science, theology, and other departments of the University as well as to the rich intellectual assets of the Boston area.

Ph.D. Program

Admission to the doctoral program is highly selective; about five students are admitted each year from among over 150 applicants. The requirements for the Ph.D.:

- ❖ 16 courses (48 credits)
- ❖ Proficiency in logic (tested by course or by examination)
- ❖ Proficiency in two foreign languages
- ❖ Preliminary comprehensive examination
- ❖ Doctoral comprehensive examination
- ❖ Dissertation and oral defense
- ❖ One year of full-time residence

Students entering the program with an M.A. in philosophy may be given credit for up to six courses (18 credits) toward the credits requirement, but must take a minimum of 10 courses (30 credits) in the program.

The preliminary comprehensive is a 75-minute oral examination on a reading list in the history of philosophy. It is taken at the end of the student's first year.

The doctoral comprehensive comprises two parts: first, the writing and defense of a qualifying paper (of publishable quality), and second, the writing and defense of a dissertation proposal. It is taken in the student's fourth year.

M.A. Programs

M.A. PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY

The M.A. serves the goals and needs of a variety of students: those who wish to discover whether they should pursue the Ph.D., those who wish to extend and consolidate their knowledge of the field before moving on to work at the Ph.D. level, and those oriented toward careers in business, economics, law, medicine, publishing, and related fields who desire a rigorous and challenging academic program.

Requirements for the M.A. in philosophy:

- ❖ 10 courses (30 credits)
- ❖ Proficiency in one foreign language
- ❖ Qualifying research paper

Students may submit a master's thesis in place of two courses. The master's degree may be pursued on a full- or part-time basis.

M.A. PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

If you have questions and interests that lead you into both philosophy and theology or would like to deepen your understanding of each field by opening it to the other, you might consider pursuing an M.A. in philosophy and theology. This program is designed to address the various interests of students who wish to augment graduate study of philosophy with greater exposure to theology or graduate study of theology with greater exposure to philosophy, consider teaching in private secondary schools, or simply feel in need of intellectual enrichment.

Drawing on the resources of major departments and distinguished authorities in each field, and situated at the heart of a prominent Catholic, Jesuit university, this program is structured around distinct concentrations that address major areas of common concern to the

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two fields and explores their historical, systematic, and disciplinary relations. Students develop a program of study in discussion with an academic advisor and take courses in the standard graduate programs offered by the Philosophy and Theology departments. Concentrations include: Faith, Science and Philosophy; Foundations in Philosophy and Theology; Medieval Philosophy and Theology; and Philosophy and Religions.

M.A. PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY, LAW AND POLICY

For students interested in relating theory and practice, the M.A. program in Philosophy, Law, and Policy offers the opportunity to address policy questions in an integrated way. As a collaboration between the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, the Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the Clough School of Theology and Ministry, and housed in the Department of Philosophy, the program provides students with a foundational core in philosophy, law, and social science. In consultation with a program advisor, students then focus their own paths of inquiry by choosing electives across the participating schools and departments.

In the spirit of Boston College's mission to unite the life of the mind and the life of action, the Philosophy, Law, and Policy program is designed with a diverse student body in mind. Whether they are seeking careers in government, business, or non-governmental organizations, or intending to apply for further graduate study in Ph.D. programs or professional schools such as law school or social work, or coming to Boston College already established in a career and wishing to deepen their understanding, the program welcomes students from any educational background who want to explore interconnected issues in theory and practice that affect their communities, from the local to the global.

LAW AND PHILOSOPHY DUAL DEGREES

The J.D./M.A. program offers a foundation for examining a range of topics, allowing students to put theory into practice. The J.D./Ph.D. program investigates the intersection of law and philosophy, preparing students for academic careers. Students must be separately admitted to each program. Students may apply up to 12 credit hours of BC law classes toward the requirements for the M.A. or Ph.D., and conversely up to 12 credit hours of philosophy classes toward the J.D.

FACULTY PROFILES

RICHARD KENNETH ATKINS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Pragmatism
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of mind

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Peirce's Formal and Material Categories in Phenomenology." In *The Oxford Handbook of Charles S. Peirce*, ed. C. de Waal. Oxford University Press, 2024.
- ❖ "C.I. Lewis's Theory of Ideas: Royce's Problem and Lewis's Solution." *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2023): 1-18.
- ❖ "On Three Levels of Abstractness in Peirce's Beta Graphs." *History and Philosophy of Logic* 44(1) (2023): 16-32.
- ❖ *Peirce on Inference: Validity, Strength, and the Community of Inquirers*. Oxford University Press, 2023.
- ❖ *Charles S. Peirce's Phenomenology: Analysis and Consciousness*. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- ❖ *Peirce and the Conduct of Life: Sentiment and Instinct in Ethics and Religion*. Cambridge University Press, 2016.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- History of modern and contemporary philosophy: Kant, Ricoeur, Jaspers
- Systematic philosophy: metaphysics, philosophy of religion

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed., *Perspectives on Kant's Opus postumum*. Routledge, 2022.
- ❖ Co-ed., *System and Freedom in Kant and Fichte. Festschrift in honor of Günter Zöller*. Routledge, 2022.
- ❖ "Eine Philosophie à deux foyers. Die bipolare Struktur von Karl Jaspers' Existenzphilosophie nach Paul Ricoeur" [A Philosophy à deux foyers. The Bipolar Structure of Karl Jaspers' Existential Philosophy according to Paul Ricoeur]. In *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Karl-Jaspers-Gesellschaft* 31/32 (2018/19).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Das Selbst und die Welt. Beiträge zu Kant und der nachkantischen Philosophie* [The Self and the World. Contributions to Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy]. Königshausen & Neumann, 2019.
- ❖ *Kants Opus postumum und seine Rezeption* [Kant's Opus postumum and its Reception]. *Kantstudien-Ergänzungshefte* 175. De Gruyter, 2013
- ❖ *Transcendence et finitude. La synthèse transcendantale dans la Critique de la raison pure de Kant* [Transcendence and Finitude. The Transcendental Synthesis in Kant's Critique of Pure Reason; preface by François Marty]. L'Harmattan, 2005.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of religion
- Phenomenology and psychoanalysis
- Metaphilosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Ed., *Fragility and Excess. Essays on the Thought of Jean-Louis Chretien*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2023.
- ❖ "The Enigma of Suffering between Phenomenology." *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 5(2)(2023): 143-64.
- ❖ *Philosophy as Prophecy. On the Primacy of the Ethical According to Emmanuel Levinas*. Northwestern University Press, 2022.
- ❖ Co-ed. with A. Brouillette, *Pilgrimage as Spiritual Practice: A Handbook for Teachers and Guides*. Fortress Press, 2022.
- ❖ "Desire and Inertia." In *The Experience of Atheism. Phenomenology, Metaphysics and Religion*, eds. R. Horner and C. Romano. Bloomsbury Press, 2020.
- ❖ Founding Series Co-editor, *Thresholds in Philosophy and Theology*. University of Notre Dame Press.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Augustine
- Hellenistic philosophy
- History of ethics
- History of metaphysics (especially ancient and medieval)
- Ancient Greek philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "'Consubstantiality' as a Philosophical-Theological Problem: Victorinus' Hylomorphic Model of God and His 'Correction' by Augustine." *Scottish Journal of Theology* 75(1) (2022): 12-22.
- ❖ "Love, Will, and the Intellectual Ascents." In *The Cambridge Companion to Augustine's Confessions*, ed. T. Toom. Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- ❖ "Early Christian Ethics." In *The Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, eds. S. Golob and J. Timmerman. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- ❖ "Augustine's Debt to Stoicism in the Confessions." In *The Routledge Handbook of the Stoic Tradition*, ed. J. Sellars. Routledge, 2016.
- ❖ *Perception, Sensibility, and Moral Motivation in Augustine: A Stoic-Platonic Synthesis*. Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- ❖ "The Psychology of Compassion: Stoicism in City of God 9.5." In *Augustine's City of God: A Critical Guide*, ed. J. Wetzel. Cambridge University Press, 2012.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of race
- Alain Leroy Locke
- Africana philosophy
- Pragmatism

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed. with H.A. Estevez, *Philosophizing the Americas: An Inter-American Discourse*. Fordham University Press, 2024.
- ❖ Co-ed. with D. Scriven, *Insurrectionist Ethics: Radical Perspectives on Social Justice*. Palgrave, 2023.
- ❖ *African American Contributions to the Americas' Cultures: A Critical Edition of Lectures by Alain Locke*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.
- ❖ "Does 'race' have a future or should the future have 'races'? Reconstruction or eliminativism in a pragmatist philosophy of race." *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society* 50(1) (2014): 29-47.
- ❖ "The insurrectionist challenge to pragmatism and Maria W. Stewart's feminist insurrectionist ethics." *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society* 49(1) (2013): 54-73.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Ethics and moral psychology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with M. Jimenez, "Aristotle on Personal and Epistemic Transformation." In *Transformation and the History of Philosophy*, eds. G.A. Bruno and J. Vlasits. Routledge, 2024.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Lonergan
- Phenomenology
- Philosophy of religion

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Critical Realism, Facticity, and Psychic Conversion." In *Intellect, Affect, and God: The Trinity, History, and the Life of Grace*, eds. J. Ogonnaya and G. Whelan. Marquette University Press, 2021.
- ❖ Ed., *The Catholic Reception of Continental Philosophy in North America*. University of Toronto Press, 2020.

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- ❖ “The Sense of Phenomenology.” *Crossing: The INPR Journal* 1 (2020): 162-67.
- ❖ “Between the Old World and the New: Neoscholasticism, Continental Philosophy, and the Historical Subject.” In *The Catholic Reception of Continental Philosophy and Catholicism in North America*, eds. G. Floyd and S. Rumpza. University of Toronto Press, 2020.
- ❖ “Proclamation of the Words: Heidegger’s Retrieval of the Pauline Language of Factual Life.” In *AD FONTES. Studien zur frühen Phänomenologie*. Bautz, 2018.
- ❖ “Between Liberale Theologie and Religionsphilosophie: A New Perspective on Heidegger’s Phenomenology of Religious Life.” In *Perspektiven mit Heidegger. Zugänge-Pfade-Anknüpfungen*. Verlag Karl Alber, 2017.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political philosophy
- Ethics
- Public philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “The Scandal of the Body Politic: Frederick Douglass’s Enactment of a Polemical Ethics.” *The Journal of Continental Philosophy* 4(1-2) (2023).
- ❖ “A Dangerous Alliance: Martin Heidegger and the Decolonization of Reason.” In *Civilization — Nature — Subjugation. Variations of (De-)Colonization*, eds. C. Haar, M. Kaufmann, and C. Müller. Peter Lang, 2021.
- ❖ *Towards a Polemical Ethics: Between Heidegger and Plato*. Rowman and Littlefield International, 2021.
- ❖ “Odysseus on the Beach: Humanity between the Anthropocene and the Hubriscene.” In *The Task of Philosophy in the Anthropocene: Axial Echoes in Global Space*, eds. R. Polt and J. Wittrock. Rowman & Littlefield International, 2018.
- ❖ Co-author with C. Fried, *Because It Is Wrong: Torture, Privacy and Presidential Power in the Age of Terror*. W.W. Norton, 2010.
- ❖ *Heidegger’s Polemos: From Being to Politics*. Yale University Press, 2000.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ancient philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Plotinus
- Spanish philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *From the Alien to the Alone: A Study of Soul in Plotinus*. Catholic University Press, 2022.

- ❖ “Plotinus on Light and Vision.” *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 12 (2018): 151-62.
- ❖ “Transformations: Platonic Mythos and Plotinian Logos.” In *Plato’s Statesman: Dialectic, Myth, and Politics*, ed. J. Sallis. SUNY Press, 2017.
- ❖ “The Relentless Pursuit of Justice.” In *Defining Platonism: Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of John M. Dillon*, eds. J. Finamore and S. Wear. Catholic University Press, 2017.
- ❖ *Plotinus Ennead IV.4.30–45 and IV.5, Problems Concerning the Soul*. Translation, Introduction and Commentary. Parmenides Press, 2015.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Contemporary Japanese philosophy
- Hermeneutics and phenomenology
- Cross-cultural philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Phenomenology and the Impersonal Subject: Between Self and No-Self.” *Philosophy East and West* 73(2) (2023): 286-306.
- ❖ “Word as Image: Gadamer on the Unity of Word and Thing.” *Continental Philosophy Review* 55(1) (2022): 101-18.
- ❖ “Enneads IV and V: A Puzzle about Perception.” *Dionysius* 38 (2020): 22-35.
- ❖ “The Limits of Language: Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Task of Comparative Philosophy.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 34(3) (2020): 378-89.
- ❖ *Watsuji on Nature: Japanese Philosophy in the Wake of Heidegger*. Northwestern University Press, 2019.
- ❖ “The Anonymous Subject of Life: Some Philosophical, Psychological, and Religious Considerations.” *Research in Phenomenology* 49(3) (2019): 385-402

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Existentialism, phenomenology, hermeneutics
- Philosophy of narrative and aesthetics
- Psychoanalysis and trauma studies
- Ethical and political philosophy
- Philosophy of religion and hospitality
- Environmental philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Touch: Recovering Our Most Vital Sense*. Columbia University Press, 2021.
- ❖ *Imagination Now: The Richard Kearney Reader*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2020.

- ❖ *Reimagining the Sacred: Richard Kearney Debates God*. Columbia University Press, 2016.
- ❖ *Anatheism*. Columbia University Press, 2011.
- ❖ *Strangers, Gods and Monsters*. Routledge, 2002.
- ❖ *Poetics of Imagining*. Edinburgh University Press, 1998.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of religion
- C.S. Lewis
- Aquinas
- Ethics
- Philosophy in literature
- Pascal

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Professor Kreeft has published 85 books, including *Summa of the Summa* and a four-volume history of philosophy.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ethics
- Political philosophy
- Meta-ethics
- Ancient philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with J. Lockhart, "Are life forms real? Aristotelian naturalism and biological science." *Synthese* 203(71) (2024).
- ❖ Co-author with W. Hasselberger, "Where Lies the Grail? AI, Common Sense, and Human Intelligence." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (2023).
- ❖ "After Virtue, Narrative, and the Human Good." In *MacIntyre's After Virtue at 40*, ed. T. Angier. Cambridge University Press, 2023.
- ❖ "The Knowledge of Human Dignity." In *The Oxford Handbook of Elizabeth Anscombe*, ed. R. Teichmann. Oxford University Press, 2022.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Hegel
- German Idealism
- Phenomenology and existentialism
- Contemporary phenomenological philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with P. McQueen, *Critical Phenomenology: An Introduction*. Polity, 2022.

- ❖ Co-ed., *Empathy, Intersubjectivity, and the Social World. The Continued Relevance of Phenomenology*. DeGruyter, 2022.
- ❖ "Social Sensitivity and the Ethics of Attention." *European Journal of Philosophy* 30(2) 2021: 725-39.
- ❖ "Sedimentation, Memory, and Self in Hegel and Merleau-Ponty." In *Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Phenomenology*, ed. C. Coe. Palgrave, 2021.
- ❖ "Towards a Phenomenological Account of Social Sensitivity." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (2020).
- ❖ "Inhabiting the Ethical Life. Habit and Trust in Hegel's Philosophy." *Teoria. Rivista di Filosofia* 34(2) (2019): 33-50.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Plato
- Sophists and ancient Greek rhetoric
- Philosophies of incarnation
- Environmental ethics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Socratic Midwifery and the Feminine in Plato's Theaetetus." In *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Ancient Greek Philosophy*, eds. S. Brill and C. McKeen. Routledge, 2024.
- ❖ "Forgiveness and Self-Knowledge in the Case of Hoss's Confession." In *Auschwitz and Absolution*, ed. J. Bernauer. Orbis Press, 2023.
- ❖ "Love and Soul leading in Plato's Phaedrus." In *A Handbook on Platonic Love from Antiquity to the Renaissance*, eds. J. Dillon and C.S. O'Brien. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- ❖ *Image and Argument in Plato's Republic*. SUNY Press, 2020.
- ❖ *The Ignatian Guide to Forgiveness: Ten Steps to Healing*. Loyola Press, 2020.
- ❖ "Myth and Argument in Glaucon's Account of Gyges' Ring and Adeimantus' Use of Poetry." In *Logoi and Muthoi*, ed. W. Wians. SUNY Press, 2019.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of science
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of biology
- Philosophy of religion

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author with D. Howard-Snyder, "The Problem of Faith and Reason." In *The Cambridge Handbook of Religious Epistemology*, eds. T. McNabb, J. Fuqua, and J. Greco. Cambridge University Press, 2023.
- ❖ Co-author with J. Bishop, "Faith." In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. E.N. Zalta (2022).

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- ❖ Co-author with D. Howard-Snyder, “How Does Trust Relate to Faith?” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52(4) (2022): 411-27.
- ❖ Co-author with D. Howard-Snyder, “Faith and Resilience.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 91 (2022): 205-41.
- ❖ Co-ed. with H. Vande Wall, *History and Philosophy of Science: A Reader*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.
- ❖ “On the Value of Faith and Faithfulness.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (Special Issue: Approaches to Faith) 81(1) (2017): 7-29.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Phenomenology
- Medieval philosophy (especially Christian Neoplatonism)
- Philosophy of the person, consciousness and embodiment

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed. with A. Daly, F. Cummins, and J. Jardine, *Perception and the Inhuman Gaze. Perspectives from Philosophy, Phenomenology, and the Sciences*. Routledge, 2020.
- ❖ Co-ed. with M. Jorba, *Conscious Thinking and Cognitive Phenomenology*. Routledge, 2018.
- ❖ “Husserl and the Greeks.” (Special Issue: Phenomenology in Dialogue with Ancient Philosophy) *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 52 (2020).
- ❖ “Husserl and Gurwitsch on Horizontal Intentionality. The Gurwitsch Memorial Lecture 2018.” *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology* 50 (2019): 1-41.
- ❖ “What is the Phenomenological Approach? Revisiting Intentional Explication.” (Special Issue: The Methods of Philosophy, eds. F. Boccuni and S. Bacin) *Phenomenology and Mind* 15 (2018): 72-90.
- ❖ “Eriugena on the Five Modes of Being and Non-Being: Reflections on his Sources.” *Studia Patristica CIII—Including Papers Presented at the XVIII Oxford Patristics Conference, August 2019. Eriugena’s Christian Neoplatonism and its Sources in Patristic Philosophy and Ancient Philosophy*, Proceedings of the XVIII Oxford Patristics Conference, ed. I. Ramelli. Brepols, 2021.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Søren Kierkegaard
- History of philosophy
- German romanticism
- Philosophy of psychoanalysis

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Kierkegaard and King on Passion: In the Narrow Straits of Time.” In *Taking Kierkegaard Personally: First Person Responses*, eds. J. Lorentzen and G. Marino. Mercer University Press, 2020.

- ❖ “Why Moriah? On Weaning and the Trauma of Transcendence.” In *Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling: A Critical Guide*, ed. D. Conway. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- ❖ Editorial board member and co-translator, English language critical edition of *Kierkegaard Journals and Notebooks* [11 volumes]. Princeton University Press, 2007-2020.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ancient philosophy
- Kant and German idealism
- Philosophy of art
- Recent continental philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Kant and the Spirit of Critique (The Collected Writings of John Sallis)*. Indiana University Press, 2020.
- ❖ *Songs of Nature: On Paintings by Cao Jun (The Collected Writings of John Sallis)*. Indiana University Press, 2020.
- ❖ *The Logos of the Sensible World: Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenological Philosophy (The Collected Writings of John Sallis)*. Indiana University Press, 2019.
- ❖ *Elemental Discourses (The Collected Writings of John Sallis)*. Indiana University Press, 2018.
- ❖ *The Figure of Nature*. Indiana University Press, 2016.
- ❖ *The Return of Nature*. Indiana University Press, 2016.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Medieval and early modern metaphysics and natural philosophy
- Medieval theories of cognition
- Early modern ethics
- Modern scholasticism and its influence on 17th-century thought
- Pierre Bayle

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Durand of Saint-Pourçain’s Refutation of Concurrentism.” *Religions* 15(5) (2024): 558.
- ❖ “Bayle, les notions communes, et les silences de la raison.” In: *L’Esprit Critique dans l’Antiquité. La Naissance de la Théologie comme « Science »*, eds. O. Boulnois, P. Hoffmann, C. Lafleur, and J.-M. Narbonne. Les Belles Lettres, 2023.
- ❖ “La théodicée de Pierre Bayle.” In *Dieu d’Abraham, Dieu des philosophes : Révélation et Rationalité*, ed. O. Boulnois. Vrin, 2023.

- ❖ “Thomas d'Aquin, l'étiologie proclusienne, et la théorie du concours de Dieu à la causalité naturelle.” In *Reading Proclus and the Book of Causes* (Vol. 3), ed. D. Calma. Brill, 2022.
- ❖ “From Invincible Ignorance to Tolerance: Arriaga, Vázquez, and Bayle.” In *Summistae: The Commentary Tradition on Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae from the 15th to the 17th Centuries*, eds. L. Lanza and M. Toste. Leuven University Press, 2021.
- ❖ “Giles of Rome on the Intensification of Forms.” *Quaestio. Journal of the History of Metaphysics* 20 (2021): 217-38.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Kant's natural philosophy
- Leibniz and Newton in the 18th century
- Philosophical foundations of Enlightenment science

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Kant's Phenomenology and Newtonianism: The Riddle of Rotation.” In *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, Volume XIII. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Kant's Third Mechanical Law: The Long Shadow of Leibniz.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 44(3) (2013): 493-504.
- ❖ Co-author with E. Watkins, “Kant's Philosophy of Science.” In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. E.N. Zalta. Metaphysical Research Lab, Stanford University, 2013.
- ❖ “Newton and Wolff: The Leibnizian Reaction to the *Principia*, 1716-1763.” (Special Anniversary Issue: Newton and Newtonianism) *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 50 (2012): 459-81.
- ❖ “Kant's Early Theory of Motion: Metaphysical Dynamics and Relativity.” *The Leibniz Review* 19 (2009): 29-60.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Medieval philosophy
- Philosophy of language
- Theories of the passions

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “The Rhetoric of Medieval Speculative Writing.” In *The Cambridge History of Rhetoric (vol. II, The Middle Ages)*, eds. J. Ross and F. Woerther. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Ethics and Social Relations.” In *A Cultural History of Ideas in the Medieval Age*, ed. D.G. Denery. Bloomsbury Academic, 2021.

- ❖ “The Tradition of Affective Spirituality: Love and Friendship from Anselm's Prayers to the 12th c.” *The Saint Anselm Journal* 16(1) (2020): 41-56.
- ❖ “Late Scholastics and Renaissance Humanists on the Passions in Moral Action.” In *Philosophy of Mind in the Late Middle Ages and Renaissance (The History of the Philosophy of Mind: Vol. 3.)*, eds. R. Copenhaver and C. Shields. Routledge, 2018.
- ❖ Podcast: “Eileen Sweeney on Anselm.” *History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps* (Episode 206, January 2015).
- ❖ *Anselm of Canterbury and the Desire for the Word*. The Catholic University of America Press, 2012.

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- Kant
- Analytic philosophy
- Philosophy of religion

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- ❖ “Why God Hides: Pascalean Reflections on Divine Hiddenness.” In *Wort und Wahrheit: Fragen Der Erkenntnistheorie*. Kohlhammer, 2019.
- ❖ “The God of Both Testaments?” In *Passionate Mind: Essays in Honor of John M. Rist*. Baden-Baden Academia, 2019.

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- Modern philosophy
- Africana philosophy
- Latin American philosophy

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Cugoano on Redressing Slavery: The Demands of Liberty.” *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Hobbes and Leibniz on the Nature and Grounds of Slavery.” *Hobbes Studies* 36 (2023): 51-73.

COURSES

The combined and varied interests of the faculty, as indicated in the faculty profiles, ensure that the department offers a wide variety of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following list is illustrative of the range of courses offered.

FALL 2024

Aquinas and the Classics

Modern Philosophy

Philosophy of Law

Philosophy of Existence

Philosophy of Language

Metaphysics

Environmental Ethics: Value of Nature/Nature of Value

Aristotle on Action, Virtue, and Happiness

The Problem of Suffering

The Concept of the Tragic in 20th Century Philosophy

Social-Political Philosophy

Medieval Christian Mystical Philosophy: Eriugena, Eckhard, Cusanus

Plato I

Engaged Philosophy: Ethics, Law, Policy

Ancient to Renaissance Views of the Passions

Medieval Ontology

Phenomenology of Desire

SPRING 2025

Symbolic Logic

Medieval Philosophy

Philosophy of the Imagination

Selected Readings in Phenomenology

Plato's Republic

Augustine

The Art and Thought of Terrence Malick

Karl Jaspers Reading the Great Philosophers

Critical Realism and the Philosophy of Religion

Phenomenology of Perception

Natural Law and the State of Nature

Platonic Cosmology

Ecological Hospitality

Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

Soren Kierkegaard

Early Modern Metaphysics

Phenomenology of the Self as Cross-Cultural Philosophy

Plato II

OUTCOMES

Recent Dissertations

2024

Highlen, Jared, "Hermeneutics of the Polis: Arendt and Gadamer on the Political World"

Pope, Michael, "The Conditions of Trust"

2023

Barry, Lydia Winn, "A Lacuna in the Self: Foresight and Forgetting in Plato's Protagoras"

Lehman, Joshua, "'At Home in the Cosmos: A Thomistic Personalist Account of the Family"

Porter, Nicholas, "Aquinas on Motion"

Sobrak-Seaton, Michaela, "Spirit, Expression, and Community in the Philosophy of Edith Stein"

Westberg, Nicholas, "Descartes and the Metaphysics of Causality in the Material World"

2022

Ferguson, Magnus, "On Responsibility for Others' Harm: Wonder, Regret, and Accountability"

Otte, Marcus, "The Mind-Body Problem for Thomas Aquinas and for Thomists"

Park, Damian Sungho, "The Relational Teleology of Francis Mayronis"

Rivera, S.J., Juan C., "Schopenhauer and the Question about the Immortality of the Self in Idealism"

Rogers, Chandler, "Descending the Animal Slope"

Tran, Quang, "From Human Dignity to the Common Good. A Study of Jacques Maritain's Integral Humanism"

2021

Agbaw-Ebai, Maurice Ashley, "Relating with the Supernatural in Living Subjectivity in Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855) and Maurice Blondel (1861–1949)"

Bagby, John, "Aristotle's Theory of Dynamics: Examining the Ancient Greek Roots of Process Philosophy"

Berger, Christopher, "Method in Legitimation: Exploring Lonergan's Political Thought"

Brown, Ryan, "Soul-Leading in Plato's Phaedrus and the Iconic Character of Being"

Mendelsohn, Stephen, "The Place of Trust in Plato's Republic"

Mohorovich, Matthew S., "Améry and the Twilight of Being: A Tale of Resentment, Protest, and Forgiveness"

Montes, Alexander, "Freedom as Self-Donation: A Hildebrandian Account of the Cooperative Structure of Personal Freedom"

Muñoz-Reja, Vicente, "Phenomenology and Ontology (1923–1929)"

Willcutt, Zachary, "Prolegomena to an Ethics: Ontologizing the Ethics of Max Scheler and Emmanuel Levinas"

2020

Corbin, Ian, "Standing at the Very Edge of the Infinite: Beauty, Transcendence and the Modern Kalliphobic Rebellion"

Dehghani, Hessam, "Topology of Community in Aristotle: A Phenomenological Approach"

Driscoll, Sean, "Linguistic Correctness in the Cratylus: From the Literary Tradition to Philosophy"

Horton, Sarah, "Rethinking Friendship: Fidelity Within Finitude"

Joyce, Sharon, “A Phenomenological Study of the Three Dimensions—Verticality, Horizontality, and Depth—and Their Role In Orientation”

2019

Bernales Odino, Martin, “Towards a Genealogy of Poverty in Latin America: The Birth of the Police of the Poor”

Clemente, Matthew, “Eros Crucified Sex and Death at the Intersection of Philosophy, Theology, and Psychoanalysis”

Fitzpatrick, Melissa, “Disruption, Conversation, and Ethics: A Study on the Limits of Self-Legislation”

Littlejohn, Murray, “Contemporary Confessions: Philosophical Engagements with Saint Augustine’s Confessions”

Marren, Kevin, “Re-centering the Heideggerian Ontology to Focus on Psyche in Aristotle’s *De Anima*: An Essay in Fundamental Psychology”

Turnbull, Margret Greta, “Uncovering the Roots of Disagreement”

2018

Frost, Michael, “Loneragan and Oedipus”

McCarthy, John, “Aristotle’s Sophistical Refutations: A Translation with Introduction, Commentary, and Appendices”

Ray, Matthew Brian, “What We Do When We Recognize”

Rumpza, Stephanie, “The Phenomenology of the Icon: Finite Meditation of an Infinite God”

Viale, Tyler, “Eros as First Philosophy: The Amorous Foundation of Ethics”

Ph.D. Recent Placements

Central College, Iowa

College of Mount Saint Vincent (N.Y.)

Creighton University

Colorado State University-Pueblo

Dalhousie University (Canada)

Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Gannon University

Gonzaga University

Gwangju Catholic University (South Korea)

Harvard University

The King’s University (Canada)

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University of Maryland

Northeastern University

The Pennsylvania State University

Pontifical Xavierian University (Bogotá, Colombia)

Regis University

Saint John’s University (N.Y.)

Saint Thomas University (Canada)

Seton Hall University

State University of New York-Cortland

State University of New York-Oneonta

Thomas Aquinas College

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

Trinity College Dublin

University of British Columbia

The University of Chicago

University of Hawaii, Manoa

University of Houston

University of Minnesota

University of Oslo (Norway)

University of Washington

University of Western Ontario (Canada)

Xavier University

M.A. Recent Placements to Ph.D. Programs

Baylor University

Boston College

Brown University

DePaul University

Duquesne University

Emory University

Fordham University

Loyola University Chicago

Marquette University

New School for Social Research

The Pennsylvania State University

Saint Louis University

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

State University of New York, Stony Brook

Trinity College Dublin

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

University of Kentucky

University of Memphis

University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon

University of Western Ontario

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The oldest and largest of the University's eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 900 graduate students and more than 500 full-time faculty, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

Academic Resources

THE INSTITUTE OF MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

Boston College's Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology unites the teaching and research efforts of faculty members in the Theology and Philosophy departments. The focus of the institute is on the relationship between medieval philosophy and theology and modern continental philosophy and theology.

The concentration of the Philosophy and Theology departments at Boston College lies in modern continental thought, so the context for carrying on a dialogue between medieval and modern philosophy and theology is well established. To foster this dialogue and encourage the scholarly retrieval of the great medieval intellectual tradition, the institute offers fellowships and assistantships and sponsors speakers programs and a faculty-student seminar to investigate new areas of medieval philosophical and theological research. The institute also runs a research center to assist in the publication of monographs and articles in the diverse areas of medieval philosophy and theology, and encourages the translation of medieval sources and the editing of philosophical and theological texts. For more information, call 617-552-0436.

THE LONERGAN CENTER

The Lonergan Center at Boston College fosters studies related to the work of the Jesuit theologian and philosopher Bernard Lonergan (1904-1984). Inaugurated in 1986, the center houses a growing collection of Lonergan's published and unpublished writings, as well as secondary materials and reference works; it also serves as a seminar and meeting room. The center is located in Bapst Library. Boston College sponsors an annual Lonergan Workshop, which provides resources, lectures, and discussion groups. For more information, call 617-552-8095 or visit bclonergan.org.

BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University, and Tufts University.

BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing nearly 3 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art, and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O'Neill Library, Boston College's main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest, and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.

THE GRADUATE CONSORTIUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies (GCWS) brings together scholars and teachers at nine degree-granting institutions in the Boston area: Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Simmons University, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts Boston. The GCWS is devoted to graduate teaching and research in Women's Studies and to advancing interdisciplinary Women's Studies scholarship. Students can engage in the community and cross-disciplinary study promoted by the GCWS in myriad ways. Through courses, attending events, and organizing conferences, these initiatives provide a learning environment unlike any other.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

Boston College is located on the edge of one of the world's most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research, and education.

Home to some of New England's most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music, and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country's greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, and, of course, Fenway Park's beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England's best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city's intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures, and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

The University

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 15,000 students, 880 full-time faculty, and more than 190,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston's largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 36th among national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers more than 4,300 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid, and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work, and Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

General Resources

HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates, and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings, and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni, and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher learning, and academic life; assists graduate students in developing teaching portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER

The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga and fitness classes, and so much more.

BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals, and online databases.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Admission Requirements

The application deadline for fall admission is December 20 for the Ph.D. program and February 1 for the M.A. programs. Please visit bc.edu/mcgs for detailed information on how to apply.

Application requirements include:

❖ Application Form:	Submitted online, via the MCGS website.
❖ Application Fee:	\$75, non-refundable.
❖ Abstract of Courses Form:	A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
❖ Official Transcripts:	Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.
❖ GRE General Test:	Official score report (recommended).
❖ Three Letters of Recommendation:	From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
❖ Statement of Purpose:	A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant's preparation, motivation, and goals for their proposed course of study.
❖ Writing Sample:	A sample of an applicant's best work (usually a course paper or equivalent) related to their proposed field of study.
❖ Proof of English Proficiency: (international only)	Official TOEFL/IELTS reports accepted.

Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Doctoral students are generally admitted with financial aid in the form of research assistantships. These awards include a competitive stipend and a full-tuition scholarship toward all courses related to the program. Doctoral students generally serve as teaching fellows after the first year. Funding is renewable for up to five years contingent on satisfactory progress toward degree completion.

Ph.D. candidates are expected to pursue the degree on a full-time basis and to maintain satisfactory progress toward the completion of degree requirements.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at bc.edu/gradaid or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

OFFICE FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists both faculty and graduate students in finding sources of external funding for their projects and provides advice in the development of proposals. OSP maintains a reference library of publications from both the public and private sectors listing funding sources for sponsored projects. In the recent past, graduate students have received research support from prominent agencies, corporations and organizations such as the Fulbright Commission, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Political Science Association, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association of University Women.

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