Philosophy PhD and MA Completions and Placements

The list below was last updated in September 2013 and indicates Philosophy MA and PhD completions from 2000. The list also includes information about *initial* employment/placement after completion of their postgraduate degree. Names are suppressed for reasons of privacy. This information is not complete and may be inaccurate. If you are aware of any inaccuracies or can fill in any gaps, please email Stuart.Brock@vuw.ac.nz.

2000:

MA: The Development of Philosophical Psychology. Supervisor: Mares, passed

Initial Placement/Employment: Direct Payment Solutions

MA: Names and Descriptions. Supervisor: Mares, passed

Initial Placement/Employment: Unknown

MA: Practical Considerations: An Examination of Psychological Realism and a Proposal for Psychological Realism and a Proposal for Psychological Realism as a Tie Breaker. Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Graphic Design, WelTec

MA: Analysis of Jerry Fodor's Theory of Modularity and Select Post-Fodor developments.

Supervisor: Sterleny, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Graphic Design, WelTec

2001:

N/A

2002:

PhD: Natural Kinds, Evidence, and Randomness in Health Outcomes Research. Supervisor:

Initial Placement/Employment: Otago Medical School

MA: Consciousness as the interface between affect and cognition?. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed

Initial Placement/Employment: Retired

2003:

MA: Wittingstein vs Quine: This Time It's Behavioural. Supervisor: Barwell, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry of Social Development

MA: Memory and the Experience of the Passage of Time. Supervisor: Perszyk, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry for Economic Development

MA: The Scope and Limits of Biological Explanations in Archaeology. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Australian National University

2004:

PhD: Moral Relativism and Moral Universalism: A Coherentist Approach. Supervisor: Agar Initial Placement/Employment: Tertiary Education Commission

MA: From Chance to Responsibility: Reproductive Freedom and the Obligation to Genetically Engineer Your Child. Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry of Transport

2005:

MA: Equivocation and the Paradox of Fiction. Supervisor: Brock, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry of Transport

MA: Why Sentimentality Matters. Supervisor: Barwell/Bacharach, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry of Transport

MA: Computing Coherency Theory: The Case for a Computational Theory of Coherence. Supervisor: Mares, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Computing) Charles Sturt University

MA: Non-combatant Immunity and 'Just War'. Supervisor: Das, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: Ministry of Social Development

MA: Unreliable Intuitions: Teleosemantics and the Swampman. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Unknown

2006:

MA: Coherence and Belief Revision: Models for Revision Functions without Preservation.

Supervisor: Mares, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Deloittes, Auckland

MA: Probability: Myth or Reality? An Overview of the Theories of Probability. Supervisor: Mares, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Secondary School Teacher

2007:

MA: The Problems of Moral Demands. Supervisor: Das, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Princeton University

2008:

MA: Human Culture and Cognition. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Victoria University of Wellington

MA: Dignaaga's theory of perception - between ordinary and extra-ordinary. Supervisor: Shaw, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Religious Studies) Victoria University of Wellington

MA: A Contemporary Interpretation of Mayavada: Advaita Vedanta and the Affirmation of the Material Universe. Supervisor: Shaw, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) University of Melbourne

2009:

MA: Saussure and Evolution. Supervisor: Mares, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Sociology) Victoria University of Wellington

MA: The Case against Cognitive Enhancement: Responding to the Reversal Test. Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Barclaycard, UK

MA: The Role of Responsibility in Global Distributive Justice: An Appraisal of the Responsibility Argument. Supervisor: Das, passed with merit Initial Placement/Employment: Immigration New Zealand

MA: Reviving Hedonism about Well-Being: Refuting the Argument from False Pleasures and Restricting the Relevance of Intuitive Evidence. Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Victoria University of Wellington

MA: Quasi-Empirical Fictionalism as an approach to the Philosophy of Geometry. Supervisor: Mares, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Secondary School Teacher, Westminster City School, London UK

PhD: Logic-based Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Supervisor: Mares Initial Placement/Employment: Treasury

2010:

PhD: The Evolution of Moral Cognition. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed Initial Placement/Employment: Tertiary Education Commission

MA: Artefactualism as an Ontology of Art. Supervisor: Brock, passed with merit Initial Placement/Employment: Internal Revenue Department

MA: Post-Modern Cosmopolitanism and Discourse Ethics. Supervisor: Shaw, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) McMaster University, Canada

MA: Ethnographical Neutrality and Nation-Building, A critical evaluation of Will Kymlicka's fairness based argument for minority cultural rights. Supervisor: Das, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Victoria University of Wellington

2011:

MA: Experimental Philosophy on Free Will and Determinism. Supervisor: Perszyk, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Teaching English, South Korea

MA: The Role of Analogy in Adaptive Explanation. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with merit Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Australian National University

MA: Cave Art and the Evolution of the Human Mind. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with merit Initial Placement/Employment: Retired

MA: The Triggering Track-ways Theory. Supervisor: Sterelny, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Australian National University

MA: Do Androids Dream of Electric Shocks? Utilitarian Machine Ethics. Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Monash University

PhD: As We Build our World We Build our Minds: The Casual Role of Technology in the Development and Evolutions of Human Psychological Traits. Supervisor: Sterelny Initial Placement/Employment: Auckland Medical School

2012:

MA: A Theory of Human Flourishing For Company Decision-making. Supervisor: Keller, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Secondary Teacher, Finland

MA: Aquinas on the Trinity: Faith, Reason and Method. Supervisor: Perszyk, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Sentia Media, Media Analyst

MA: Time to Conceive: An Argument for the Possibility of Time Travel. Supervisor: Keller, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Rice University

MA: The Just Allocation of Climate Burdens. Supervisor: Das, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: Oxfam

MA: Truthmaking and the World-time Parallel. Supervisor: Cresswell, passed with distinction

Initial Placement/Employment: Tertiary Education Commission

MA: Abstract Objects in the Causal Order. Supervisor: Brock, passed Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Victoria University of Wellington

MA: We do not have an adequate conception of art until we have one that accommodates Gardens. Supervisor: Barwell, passed with distinction Initial Placement/Employment: PhD (Philosophy) Victoria University of Adelaide

MA: Maori values can reinvigorate a New Zealand philosophy. Supervisor: Shaw, passed with merit

Initial Placement/Employment: Manager, Access Radio (Wellington)

PhD: A Two-Dimensional Approach to Modal Logics Containing an Actuality Operator. Supervisor: Mares

Initial Placement/Employment: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Groningen, NL

PhD: and Restricting the Relevance of Intuitive 'Evidence.' Supervisor: Agar Initial Placement/Employment: Postdoctoral Fellow, Victoria University of Wellington

2013

MA: Should Oscar Pistorius be allowed to compete in the Olympic Games? Supervisor: Agar, passed with distinction

Not Yet Placed

MA: The Social Foundations of Normative Judgement. Supervisor: Joyce, passed with distinction
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