

MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

at Saint Mary's University

FACULTY

Robert Ansell (PhD Glasgow)
Logic, Ethics, and Social Philosophy

Todd Calder (PhD Western)
Moral/Political/Legal Philosophy

Shelagh Crooks (PhD Edinburgh)
Epistemology, Philosophy of Education, and Argumentation Theory

Scott Edgar (PhD UPenn)
History of Modern Philosophy, especially Kant and post-Kantian Philosophy, and History of Philosophy of Science

Lisa Gannet (PhD Western)
History and Philosophy of Science, especially Biology

John MacKinnon (PhD Cambridge)
Philosophy and/of Literature, and Aesthetics

Mark Mercer (PhD Toronto)
Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, and Value Theory

Emma McClure (PhD Toronto)
Feminism, Critical Race Theory, Ethics, and Philosophy of Law

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MA program in philosophy at Saint Mary's University combines course work and a thesis, and is designed to be completed in one academic year (three semesters) of full-time study. The program provides the opportunity to work closely with faculty members who (collectively) have expertise in a range of areas in the discipline including: ethics, philosophy of law, social and political philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of education, aesthetics, some periods in the history of philosophy, and the philosophy of science. The program is well-suited for students seeking additional training in philosophy for a variety of reasons including preparation for further study in philosophy at the doctoral level, intellectual and professional development in preparation for other careers such as law, journalism, or politics, and a deeper understanding of philosophical topics for its own sake.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree and a record of accomplishment in their bachelor's degree that equips them for graduate work in philosophy. Applicants are asked to submit undergraduate transcripts, three letters of reference, two samples of written work, and a statement of philosophical interest. The deadline for international students and for students applying for Durland and SSHRC scholarships is February 1st. The deadline for all other students is March 15th.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The program offers competitive funding to highly qualified applicants, including Faculty of Graduate Studies Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships. Applicants are encouraged to apply for external funding (e.g., SSHRC Master's Scholarships) prior to applying for the MA Program. In addition, students are eligible to apply for the Durland Fellowship, which is a competitive scholarship specific to Saint Mary's University graduate programs.

CITY & PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY

Halifax is an historic seaport city and a centre for arts, culture, and education in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. With three universities and an art college, Halifax has a particularly active philosophical community. Each week a local, or visiting, scholar presents her current research at a Friday colloquium series held at Dalhousie University. Unfortunately, with Covid, the informal gathering has been abandoned. The Marshall Lecture Series at Saint Mary's and the Austin and Hempel Lecture Series at Dalhousie offer additional opportunities to hear prominent philosophers from around the world speak on their current research.

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