Masters of Arts In Philosophy
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty
Mark O. Webb, Chair (Ph. D., Syracuse University) Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion.

Edward Averill, Emeritus, (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara), Philosophical Psychology, Metaphysics, Epistemology.

David Boylan (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophical Logic.

Howard Curzer (Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin) Ancient Philosophy, Contemporary Virtue Ethics, Existentialism, Confucian Philosophy.

Francesca di Poppa (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, HPS) History of Early Modern Philosophy and Science, Bioethics.

A. K. Flowerree (Ph.D., Northwestern University) Epistemology, Metaethics.

Christopher Hom (Ph.D., University of California, Irvine) Philosophy of Language, Metaethics.

Daniel Nathan (Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago) Aesthetics, Ethics, Philosophy of Law.

Anna Christina Ribeiro (Ph.D., University of Maryland) Aesthetics.

Walter Schaller, Emeritus (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison) Political Philosophy, Ethics.

Jeremy Schwartz (Ph.D., University of Chicago) Ethics, Metaethics, Kant.

Justin Tosi (Ph.D., University of Arizona) Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Law.

Joel Velasco (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison) Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology.

The Department
The Texas Tech Philosophy Department is ranked among the top 12 masters-only philosophy departments in the nation. Texas Tech is an attractive and congenial place to study philosophy, with a relaxed atmosphere that includes informal social events for both graduate and undergraduate students. In addition to our regular colloquium series which features visiting philosophers of international renown, each year the Philosophy Graduate Student Association hosts the Texas Tech Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. This event is entirely student run and gives students a chance to interact with a keynote speaker of their choosing as well as some of the best current Ph.D. students in the country. Our graduate classes are small, and students can expect to receive a great deal of individual attention from faculty. Members of the faculty mentor both student teaching and individual research projects, including assisting students in preparing papers for regional conferences and for writing samples to Ph.D. programs. Since our faculty specializations reflect a wide range of research interests, programs of study can reflect breadth as well as depth. In all of this, we are committed to preparing students for the profession of philosophy as well as for other professions; and many of our graduates have gone on to top philosophy doctoral programs, law schools, and other professional schools.

The Program
The Masters of Arts program in Philosophy permits students to pursue graduate studies with an emphasis that reflects their particular interests and backgrounds. Students may complete the requirements with their own choice of graduate philosophy courses, and up to one-third of a student’s total coursework may consist of graduate courses in disciplines other than philosophy. Students may choose either a thesis program (30 hours of coursework including the thesis) or a non-thesis program (33 hours of coursework plus a final oral examination).

Financial Assistance
Teaching Assistantships are provided to almost all students admitted to the program. Stipends range from $13,000--$14,000 per year plus a waiver of most tuition and fees. The principal duties of first-year TAs consist of grading and tutoring students, or leading small discussion sections. Second-year TAs may be given full responsibility for teaching a class.

Information and Applications
Please send application materials both to the Graduate School and the Department of Philosophy; please see their respective web pages for further instructions and applications: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/admissions/howtoapply.php and https://www.depts.ttu.edu/philosophy/degrees/gradprogram.php

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