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 • *University of Miami, Ph.D.*
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 Ray arrived in Fredonia in 1984 after practicing law in New York City. He has published six books on topics that include legal theory, sexual ethics, personal and ethnic identity, Nietzsche, the meaning of life, and human happiness. Belliotti has been honored with The State University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the William T. Hagan Young Scholar/Artist Award, the Kasling Lecture award, and the SUNY Research Foundation Scholarship Recognition Award. A former marathon runner, he still yearns to play shortstop for the New York Yankees.



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 Neil joined the department in 1999, after teaching for two years at Western Washington University. His main research interests are in philosophy of mind, especially the nature of mental representation and the connections between mind and language. Feit has published articles in philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, epistemology, and value theory. He has been honored with the State University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Feit is an accomplished skier who learned his slalom technique by weaving around the horns of philosophical dilemmas.



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 Steve specializes in political philosophy, legal philosophy, and ethics. He also enjoys teaching metaphysics. He has previously taught at Montana State University, Creighton University, and Wayne State University. Kershner has published two books, one on punishment and one on affirmative action and reparations for slavery. He has also published articles on torture, property, immigration, sex, God, and the nature of rights. Kershner has been honored with the State University Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the William T. Hagan Young Scholar/Artist Award. He is also an attorney who is skilled in the martial arts and always prepared to karate chop a brick.



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 A budding pragmatist, Chris specializes in philosophy of language and epistemology. His current research interests are in pragmatist epistemology, theory of democracy, and distributed knowledge in the information age. Pacyga is also interested in philosophical pedagogy and the philosophy of art. He is a powerful advocate of basketball, underground music, and binge eating. But Pacyga disdains shopping malls, poor grammar, and television. He is past president of the Philosophers' Against House Pets Association.

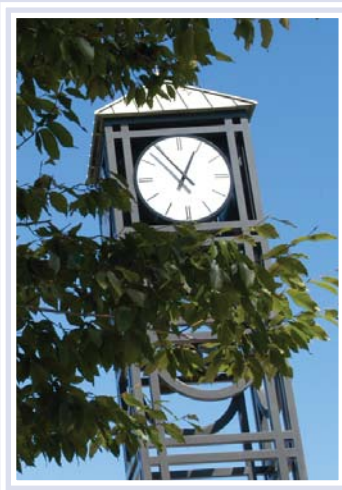


DALE TUGGY, Assistant Professor
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 Dale specializes in philosophy of religion, metaphysics, and the history of philosophy. He has published papers in philosophy of religion, and on the philosophy of Thomas Reid. He also has research interests in open theism, libertarian theories of free will, the nature of time, and other metaphysical issues. Tuggy is the department's czar of technology and webmaster. A noted film critic, Dale enjoys only two kinds of movies: the sublimely good and the mind-bogglingly bad.

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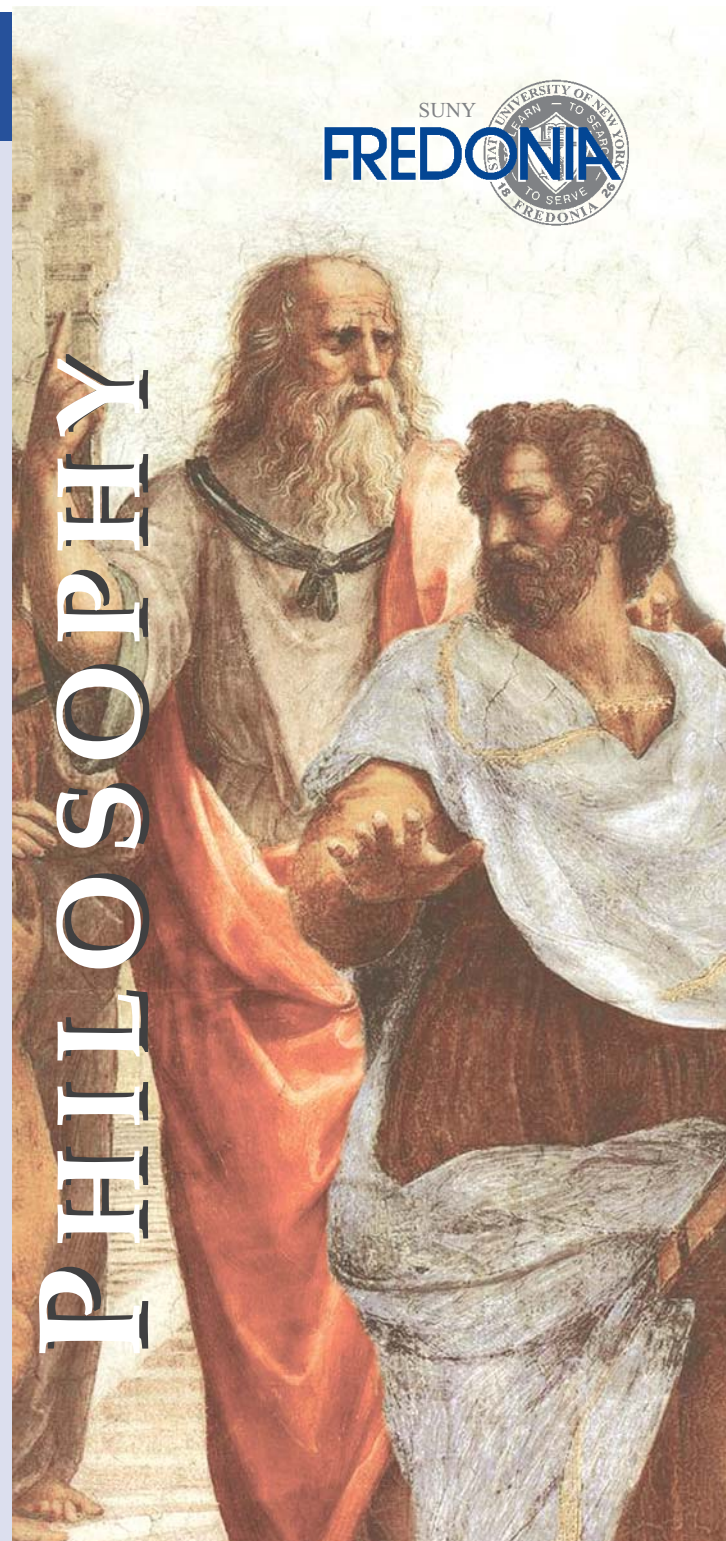


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PHILOSOPHY



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Where Does Philosophy Come From ?

Philosophy arises from awe and wonder. The word "philosophy" is of Greek origin and means "the love of wisdom." Philosophy is a fundamental discipline because it explores issues that underlie other disciplines. We continue to ask pressing questions: Why am I here? How should I live my life? What is the nature of my surroundings? What is my destiny? How, if at all, can I gain knowledge and discover truth?

Studying philosophy exposes students to traditional issues that emerge from core concerns all human beings share, develops analytic and evaluative skills, encourages critical understanding of ourselves and others, fosters independent and enduring contemplation of fundamental questions, and reveals the practical value of philosophical reasoning -- its role in exercising and improving mental powers and in enhancing the meaning of life.

The SUNY Fredonia Department of Philosophy is dedicated to helping students learn how to become their own best teachers, to view education as a continuing process, to reason effectively, to write persuasively, and to speak articulately. The department offers a wide variety of courses, including: The Meaning of Life, Philosophy of Mind, Theory of Knowledge, Current Moral Issues, Logic, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of the Arts, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Law.



Did You Know?

- That in scores in abstract/mathematical reasoning for the graduate school boards (GREs), Philosophy majors outscored most science and math majors - even though they had studied no mathematics or science in college?
- That in the same tests, Philosophy majors outscored almost all other liberal arts majors in writing and verbal ability?
- That on the LSAT tests (law boards), Philosophy majors scored the highest of all majors - except mathematics and theoretical physics?
- Among the countless famous people who have majored or minored in Philosophy are George Carlin, Pope John Paul II, John Elway, Dennis Miller, Woody Allen, Susan Sarandon, Rudolph Guiliani, Phil Jackson, Bruce Lee, Juan Williams, Judge Wapner, Tony Snow, Jimmy Kimmel, Chris Hardwick, Steve Martin, John Cleese, Richard Gere, William F. Buckley, George Will, Mario Cuomo, Bill Clinton, and Joan Rivers?



The Big Picture

The image of Philosophy majors held by employers and graduate schools today is highly positive: someone who can think for himself or herself, who can calculate risks and make decisions, and who knows the "big picture" - not just the little details.

A major in Philosophy requires 30 hours, with enormous freedom to design your own center of interest; a minor requires 18 hours. If you are considering majoring in Philosophy, or if you want to know more about the opportunities or requirements, drop in at the Philosophy department office, 2110 Fenton Hall, or call 673.3495.

Students often ask, "What can I do with a major in Philosophy?" The answer is, almost anything. SUNY Fredonia Philosophy graduates, responding to a survey, reported the following careers:

- Philosophy Professor
- Investment Banker
- Lawyer
- Paralegal
- Law Librarian
- Litigation Assistant
- Regional Circulation Manager
for *New York Times*
- Multi-Media Coordinator
- Social Worker
- College President
- Nurse
- Newspaper Editor
- Book Editor
- Human Resources Manager
- Computer Service and Support
- Real Estate Broker
- Client Delivery Executive
- Administrative Director
- Sales Manager
- Video Producer
- Pastor
- High Risk Intervention
- Physical Security Analyst
- Manager, Florist Shop
- Truck Driver
- Musician
- Business Administrator
- Police Officer
- Information Management Specialist

