



Wominjeka! (Welcome)

Indigenous students at Melbourne go on to do great things. Our culture of reconciliation aims to give Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples equal opportunity for achievement.

We're committed to reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Australia that recognise the profoundly important contribution that Indigenous staff, students and communities make to this University, and society as a whole.

Find out more about our Reconciliation Action Plan and the opportunities available to Indigenous students at Melbourne.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Philosophy

Major Information Session

Faculty of Arts

Prof. Greg Restall



Who?

What?

Why?

How?

Who?

Greg Restall

Margaret Cameron

Chris Cordner

Dana Goswick

Karen Jones

Daniel Halliday

Emily Hulme Kosey

Klaus Jahn

Holly Lawford-Smith

Knox Peden

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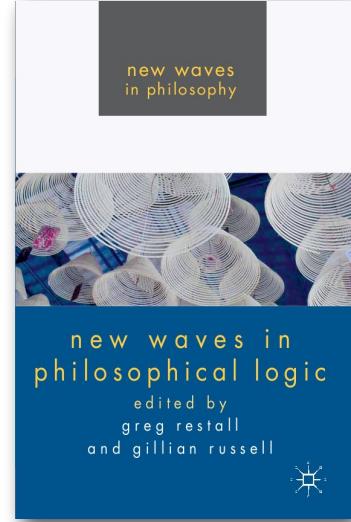
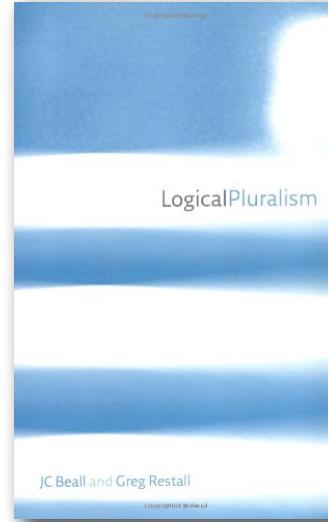
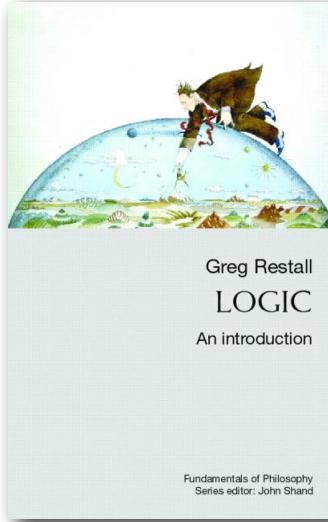
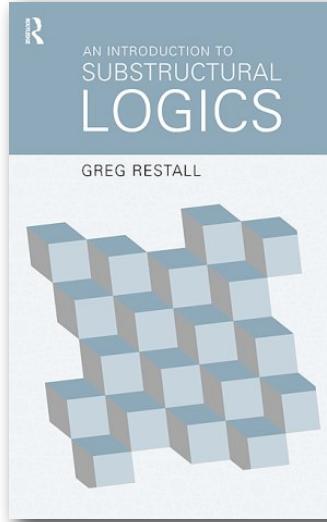
Howard Sankey

Shawn Standefer

François Schroeter

Laura Schroeter

Garry Young



Professor Greg Restall

I teach Logic, Language, Metaphysics,
and other areas of Philosophy.

I came into Philosophy from Mathematics

I have taught at Melbourne for 17 years

many students

some students are **philosophy** majors

some students do **a few philosophy subjects**
related to their area of study

and some students take
just one or two philosophy subjects

how about *you*?

What?

questions

freedom

God

morality

science

traditions

Ancient Greece

Asia

The European Enlightenment

The Analytic Tradition

The American Pragmatists

Continental Philosophy

texts



PENGUIN CLASSICS

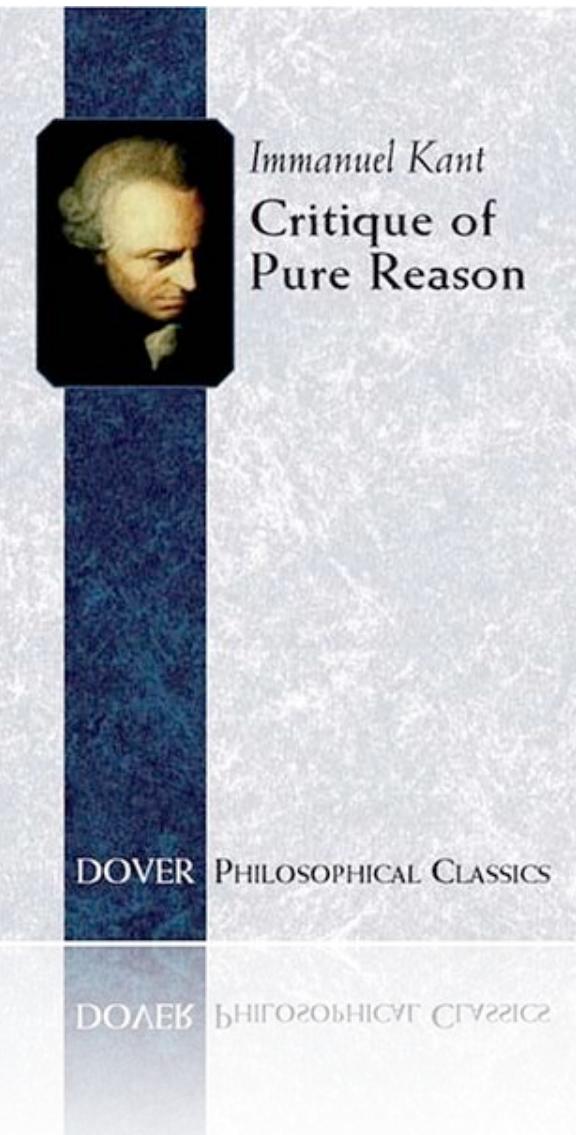
ARISTOTLE

The Nicomachean Ethics

The Nicomachean Ethics

ETHICA

ПЕЧЕРСКИЙ СВЯТІЙ



THE FUNDAMENTAL WISDOM OF THE MIDDLE WAY



Nāgārjuna's *Mūlamadhyamakakārikā*

TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY BY JAY L. GARFIELD

INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY BY TAI JI CHEN

Nāgārjuna's *Mūlamadhyamakakārikā*

Why?

important

fun

useful

useless

The **BA (Philosophy)** is not
a professional qualification

in itself...

...but it's a great preparation
for many different activities

analysis
clarification
explanation
evaluation
arguing a case
articulating possibilities
searching out reasons
disambiguating
finding analogies
and so on...

These skills are useful in **many places**.

public service policy development

NGOs & non-profits advocacy

consultancies audit and problem-solving

defence analysis

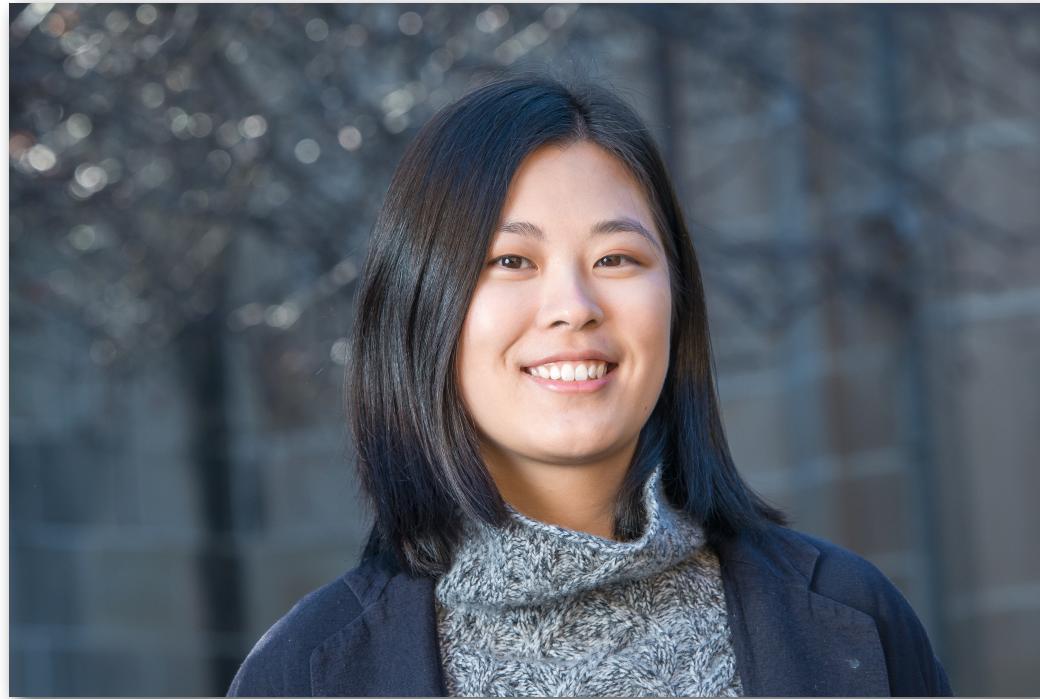
teaching reasoning, creative and critical thinking

law arguing a case, pursuing evidence

software development data analysis and design

creative industries creatively developing ideas

and many more...



Carrie Liu
BA, Major in Philosophy
going into the Melbourne JD

Philosophy is like the foundation of all other disciplines; it is so fundamental to all the aspects of inquiry into the world and ourselves. Many skills that I have learned in philosophy, such as critical thinking, communication and problem solving, will be transferable not only to my future studies in law but to other endeavours as well.

Philosophy really *challenges my worldview*, in that it forces me to critically re-examine the values and assumptions in ethics, the nature of the world and the self that I once assumed to be true. Studying philosophy has been *intellectually stimulating* and *thought-provoking*.



Shari Blanck
Student Programs Coordinator
BA 2014

I am a *project manager* at the university, working on transition, engagement and employability. Being a philosophy graduate, I've taken a different route to normal project managers and don't have traditional marketing and management training. *It didn't even occur to me that I was already a project manager* until I looked carefully at my job description and realised I could transfer this to industry if I wanted to.

I use philosophy skills in this role every day...

Analytic & strategic skills: There are hundreds of disparate programs in this space and part of the job here is streamlining and prioritising them, which takes *research, analysis, connection and interpretation*.

Communication skills: I'm able to be *concise* and *summarise ideas* well because of the way writing is structured in philosophy. I'm able to *synthesise* and *feed back ideas quickly*, which makes me great at *project plans, meeting notes* and *comms work*.

Open-mindedness: There were a lot of ideas I *hated* in philosophy and views I *didn't agree with*, but I have a better *appreciation for where people come from* now that I've had to give weight to different perspectives.

...I've also learned to be pretty chilled out about having my views and opinions deconstructed in a room full of people (mainly men).

It used to get to me quite a lot, but I'm able to form responses quickly and hold my weight in policy and strategy arguments and discussions.



Hugh White
Professor of Strategic Studies, ANU
Senior Advisor to the Defence Minister and the Prime Minister
BA 1970s

Philosophy teaches the power and pleasure of argument with friends and colleagues in a way that is both *competitive* and *collegial*. Philosophy is an activity as much as a discipline and you do it with others.

Studying philosophy is a great training in the social art of conducting *civilised*, *gracious*, *courteous* but still *engaged* and *committed* argument.

How?

first year

Philosophy: *Big Questions*

Philosophy: *Great Thinkers*

Planning a Philosophy Major?

Choose at least **one**

Non-Arts students can do Philosophy as **breadth**

second & third years

Level 2 and 3 subjects come in four **streams**

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sociology**

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linguistics
mathematics
psychology**

Focus on one stream to complement another area of study,
or **take subjects from each stream** to get a good overview of philosophy.

How about you?

any questions?

more information?

Arts West Level 3

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