

/r/philosophy 2016-2017 AMA Series Recap + Survey!

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Abstract

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September 26	Kenneth Ehrenberg	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Alabama	Philosophy of Law	Link Link
October 12	Geoff Pynn	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University	Epistemology, Early Modern, Philosophy of Language	Link Link
October 24	Wi-Phi Team	Wi-Phi Directors	Wi-Phi free online philosophy videos, public philosophy	Link Link
November 14	Stephen Puryear	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Affiliate, Classical Studies, North Carolina State University	History of Philosophy	Link Link
November 29	Roy T. Cook	Professor of Philosophy and Scholar of the College, University of Minnesota	Philosophy of Logic & Mathematics, Comics Studies	Link Link
December 12	Carrie Jenkins	Canada Research Chair in Philosophy, University of British Columbia	Epistemology, Philosophy of Love	Link Link
January	Amie L.	Professor of Philosophy & Cooper Fellow, University of Miami	Metaphysics,	Link Link

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I wrote something to this effect on the survey, but I think it also deserves to be said publically. You, the mod team of [/r/philosophy](#), clearly put a lot of work and effort into making these AMAs a success. This goes for both the behind the scenes work of finding philosophers for the AMAs, as well as the moderation work in the AMA threads. This is a largely thankless and under-appreciated job—CVs don't have a "how much time I spent removing comments by trolls on reddit" section—but the AMAs wouldn't have achieved the high quality they did without your efforts.

Thank you so much for doing this.

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Thanks a ton!

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