

# MAP

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## MINORITIES AND PHILOSOPHY

## Chapter Updates

As of January 2014, MAP has 19 confirmed chapters. Many chapters have already set up ongoing programs, including reading groups, speaker series, workshops, and semi-regular social events. Undergraduate outreach has been identified as a priority at many chapters, as has the project of gathering internal data about the status of underrepresented groups. While the breadth of events this semester goes beyond what we can outline here, below are selected highlights:

### *Undergraduate Outreach*

- **Binghamton:** Hosted a “Going to graduate school in philosophy” panel, which involved development of an extensive resource base for undergraduate students who are members of underrepresented groups.
- **Florida State:** Hosted an event for undergraduate students on the study of philosophy at the undergraduate and graduate level.
- **Rutgers:** Hosted annual Undergraduate Women in Philosophy Community Dinner, which serves as an open forum for communication between undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty.
- **University of Michigan:** In the process of investigating issues surrounding undergraduate enrollment, especially in upper-level philosophy courses.

### *TA Outreach and Support*

- **CUNY:** (Upcoming) Planning a workshop on "Representation in the Syllabus".
- **University of Southern California:** (Upcoming) Planning a three-part event series on classroom discussion in undergraduate courses (including "Diversity and communication in the classroom" and "Moral controversy in the classroom")

### *Speakers and Panels*

- **Princeton:** Mariska Leunissen (UNC), “Aristotle on the Moral Imperfections of Women”
- **University of Michigan:** Timothy McKay (Physics, Michigan) on "Women in STEM and Philosophy: Data and Models Inform our Response."
- **University of Toronto, Mississauga:** Panel discussion of Quebec's charter of values on banning the wearing of religious symbols in the public sector
- **Yale:** Lawrence Blum (UMass Boston): "Races and Racialized Groups: Perspectives from the U.S., South Africa and Brazil"

A full program of chapter events and reading group topics will be available under “[Events](#)” on the MAP webpage at the year’s end.

## Project Highlight: The MAP Mentor Program

Although departmental chapters form the core of MAP, we also coordinate a distance mentoring program around 50 faculty from across the country have volunteered to provide distance mentorship (via email) to interested graduate students. Potential mentees can search through the [publicly accessible database](#) to identify the mentor who best fits their needs. There's also a [database of graduate student mentors](#) to help undergraduate philosophers. Although we have temporarily stopped accepting faculty mentor volunteers due to overwhelming interest, we encourage interested graduate students to [volunteer as mentors](#)! We also encourage departments to forward this database to graduates and undergraduates who may be interested.

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## New in 2014

### *Support from The Marc Sanders Foundation*

The Marc Sanders Foundation (MSF) is a not-for-profit organization that “aims to stimulate renewed interest in traditional philosophy by encouraging, identifying and rewarding excellent research in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, metaethics, and philosophy of religion.” We're pleased to announce that MSF has joined MAP in 2014 to encourage and advance underrepresented groups in philosophy. With this generous support, we will be able to expand its range of activities and financially support new chapters. For more information, please visit [www.marcsandersfoundation.org](http://www.marcsandersfoundation.org).

### *Apply for Chapter Funding*

Chapters that have operated for at least one semester can now apply for MAP funding if they cannot receive funds from their departments or universities. For details, visit [Applications](#).

### *Board of Academic Advisers*

We're also pleased to announce the formation of an academic board:

- Sarah-Jane Leslie (Chair, Princeton)
- Kwame Anthony Appiah (NYU)
- Tamar Gendler (Yale)

The Board will help oversee MAP projects and ensure continuity from year to year.

Thanks for your continued support in MAP. We encourage you to forward this newsletter to students who may be interested!